

SEEK FIRST the **KINGDOM**

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INTRODUCTION

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OUR VISION:

To raise up anointed disciple-makers who are empowered to change their world for Christ.



**2021 IS OUR
YEAR OF
KINGDOM ADVANCEMENT**

Luke 12:32 (NIV)

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

DEFINITION OF KINGDOM OF GOD

The kingdom of God is where the sovereign rule of God is acknowledged and submitted to which was inaugurated by Jesus earthly ministry and will be consummated at His second coming.

DEFINITION OF SEEK

To seek is to attempt to find (something). It is to attempt or desire to obtain or achieve (something).

Oxford Dictionary

DEFINITION

To seek the Kingdom of God is to make every effort by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to bring FIRST and foremost the reign and rule of God in every area of your lives and influence.

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What are these five areas we need to put God first and how can we do it?



FINANCES

Put God first in your Finances

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Exodus 13:11–13 (ESV)

11 “When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, 12 **you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb**. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord’s. 13 Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

Proverbs 3:9-10 ESV

9 Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits
of all your produce; 10 then your barns will be filled with
plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Genesis 4:3-5 ESV

3 In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, 4 and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, 5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

Matthew 23:23 NIV

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices--mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law--justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

Tithe:

Responding to God with a grateful heart by returning a tenth of my income to Him the moment it is credited to my account.



INDUSTRY

Put God first in your Industry

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Understand that your work
is a calling from God

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Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

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Colossians 3:24 (NIV)

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RELATIONSHIPS

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You put God first in your **FAMILY**
by deciding to serve Him

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Joshua 24:15 (NIV)

15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. **But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.**”

You put God first in your **MARRIAGE**
by making Jesus the **HEAD** as you
submit to one another in purity

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Ephesians 5:23 (NIV)

23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)

21 Submit to one another **out of reverence for Christ.**

Hebrews 13:4 (NIV)

4 Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

You put God first in your **FRIENDSHIPS**
by choosing right

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Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

33 Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”



SCHEDULE

Put God first in your Schedules

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You put God first in your schedule
by giving Him the first hour of your day

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Psalm 63:1 (NKJV)

1 O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.

Psalm 5:3 (NIV)

3 In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

Mark 1:35 (NIV)

35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

You put God first in your schedule
by giving Him the first day of the week

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Acts 20:7 (NIV)

7 On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)

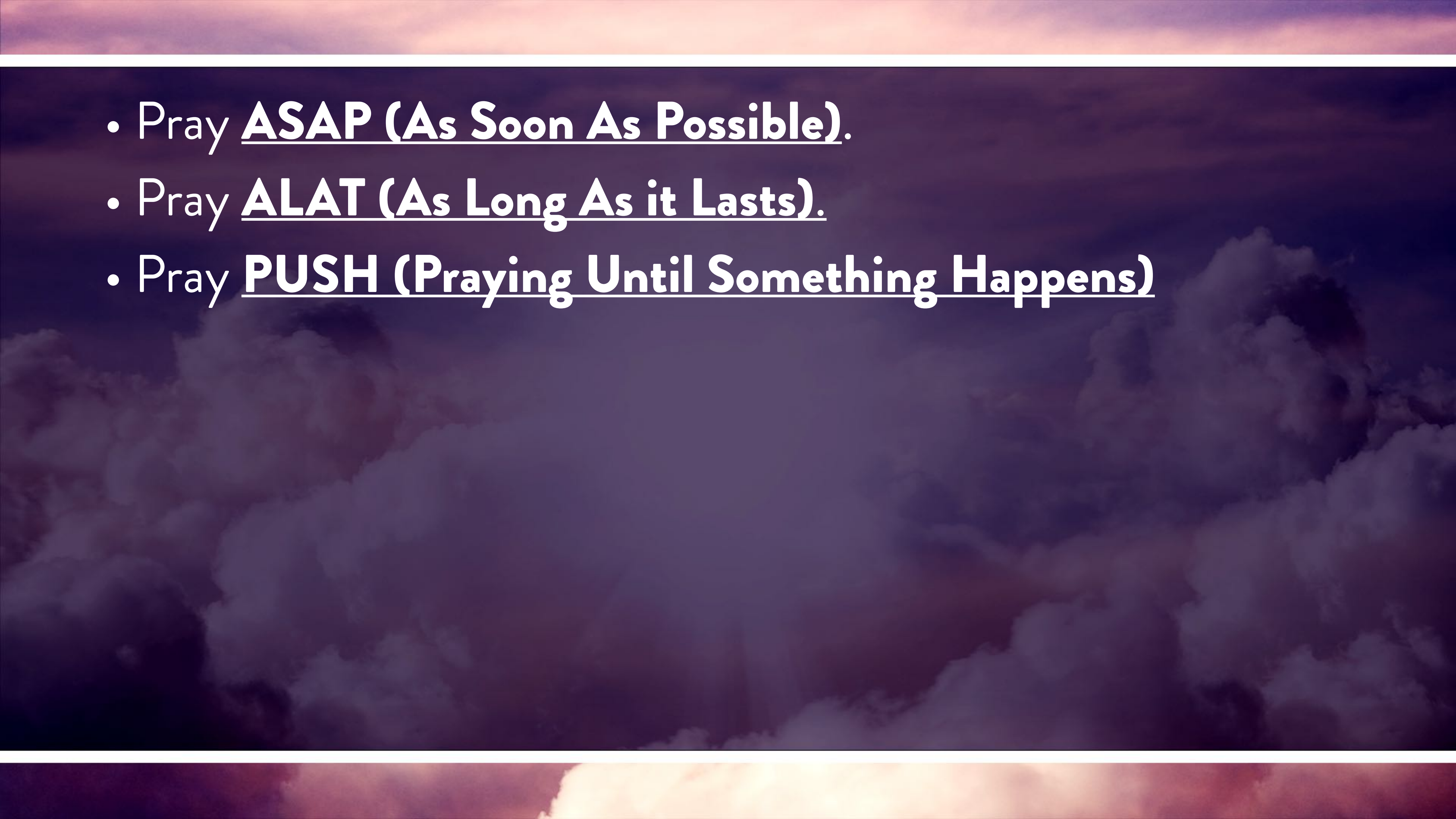
25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching

TRIALS & TRIUMPHS

Put God first in your Trials & Triumphs

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- Pray **ASAP (As Soon As Possible).**
 - Pray **ALAT (As Long As it Lasts).**
 - Pray **PUSH (Praying Until Something Happens)**

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (NIV)

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 71:15 (NIV)

15 My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long— though I know not how to relate them all.

Psalm 66:16 (NIV)

16 Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you
what he has done for me.

CONCLUSION

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Quote

Are you seeking after healing instead of the healer?
Are you seeking after miracles instead of the miracle worker?

Are you seeking after wealth instead of the wealth giver?
The choice is yours. Choose to seek the kingdom of God!

(Dr. Favour Ibom #DFI)

Quote

The pursuit of wealth by Christians is a misunderstanding of kingdom principles. When you seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, all these things will be added unto you including wealth, joy, peace, goodness and mercy. In fact, goodness and mercy shall follow you wherever you go. You become a magnet of the goodness of God.

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