



# Son Rise Community Church

Sunday, January 8, 2006

This Week's Message Given by Pastor Carl Kadolph

## Are First Things First in Your Life?



### Weekly Services & Bible Studies

Sundays, 8:30 AM  
Sunday School\*

Sundays, 9:45 AM  
Worship Service\*

Sundays, 5:30 PM  
Youth Drama

Sundays, 6:30 PM  
Youth Group

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM  
Wednesday Night  
Bible Study

1st Sunday of the Month  
Communion

\*Meeting at The Fit Club,  
196 North Industrial  
Drive in Orange City

The New Year is a time of renewing, reevaluating, and reprioritizing. It is a time to start over again. But if you are like me, the best intentions for a new exercise regimen or a new improved devotional plan seem to fade as quickly as they are made. Mid-course changes are normal and essential. So before you begin another no-fail round of self-improvements, it's a good idea to make sure your priorities are on target. No one wants to develop discipline in one area of life, only to discover you've missed something much more important somewhere else.

To that end, we'd like to offer the following quiz, extracted from the first message of the series, "Biblical Priorities." Find a pen and take 60 seconds right now to do a quick inventory on your present priorities. At the end, see how you scored. Who knows, you may need to make a few of those "mid-course adjustments" to make this your best fall ever.

Six Symptoms of Misplaced Priorities

### 1. Excessive Busyness

How to know: People who love you are saying "slow down" (1 point). You feel held hostage by time; your clock has become the enemy (2 points). Your kids are clinging to your leg right now (2 points).

### 2. Stress/Burnout

How to know: You are upright, experiencing chest pains, having trouble sleeping (2 points). You are restless, uneasy (2 points). It's hard to make decisions (1 point). You're not very happy (3 points). You have a feeling of being totally worn out (4 points).

### 3. Low Grade, Nagging Guilt

How to know: You feel bad about yourself, unfulfilled. There are a lot of things you know are important (that you even tell others to do), that you're not doing. It's getting to you, robbing

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## Practices This Week...

There will be dance practice this evening at 4:30 p.m. and drama practice at 5:30 p.m.

## Youth Group...

Our Annual Youth Christmas Party will be this evening at at 6:30 p.m.

## Women's Prayer Group...

The Women's Prayer Group meets the second Saturday of the month (next Saturday!) at 8:30 a.m. at the home of Diane Kalata.

## Men's Breakfast & Bible Study...

The men also meet the second Saturday of the month for their monthly Men's Breakfast. Locations change so stay tuned for where the next breakfast will be held.

## Sunday Morning Bible Study...

Please join us for our Sunday Morning Bible Study starting at 8:30 a.m. right before church services.

## Mission Trip Fundraisers

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| January    | <b>Recycling Drive</b> for newspapers. <i>Dates to be announced.</i>   |
| January 28 | <b>Car Wash.</b> Location to be announced. Possibly Wendy's by the Sanford Mall. Alternate date March 4th. <i>Tentative.</i> |
| February   | <b>Daytona Races for 3 weeks.</b> Everyone's help is needed for the team.  |
| March 25   | <b>Paint addresses on driveways.</b> Donation of \$5-\$6. <i>Must obtain permission of owner first!</i>                      |
| March 26   | <b>Begin selling tickets for raffle.</b> Winners to be announced at outreach for Easter in April.                            |
| April      | <b>Car wash.</b> <i>Location and date to be announced.</i>   |

## Ongoing Fundraisers

**Wednesday Farmer's Market.** Beginning in March. Sell t-shirts, candy, possibly jewelry from Arizona.

**Ink Jet Cartridge Drive.** We can earn up to \$3.00 per cartridge. Ask friends, neighbors, family and teachers to save.

**Cell Phone Drive.** We can earn up to \$33.00 per phone (phones no older than 2-1/2 years). Ask friends, neighbors, and family to donate their old phones. We may also make this a drive at our outreaches.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

We will NOT be meeting at the Fit Club on January 29th.  
We hope to meet at Gemini Springs this day. More details to come!

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you of peace, and you're feeling like a hypocrite (5 points).

#### 4. Mounting Financial Pressure

How to know: Money's tight for you. Credit card bills are piling up, and debt continues to rise (5 points). There always seems to be too much "month" left at the end of the money (3 points). A budget, to you, is a "good idea," not something you're practicing right now (3 points). You're doing research on the difference between Chapter Eleven and Chapter Thirteen (8 points). You're not giving your first portion to the Lord, and you can't see any way in the world to do it? which adds to your guilt (5 points).

#### 5. Spiritual Leakage

How to know: Your prayers consist mostly of quick, one-sided conversations in the shower or the car (5 points). You pray mostly with others, but not much alone (4 points). You don't feel close to God (3 points), you feel like you're on a spiritual roller coaster (3 points). Your Bible reading is hit and miss - more miss than hit (5 points). You feel like you're drifting

spiritually, but can't find time to turn things around (5 points).

#### 6. Escapism Behavior

How to know: You find yourself finding ways to "get away," not to relax, but to escape responsibility. You're developing habits of impulse buying (2 points), thrill seeking (1 point), purposeless driving (1 point), lots of eating out (3 points), excessive television (4 points). You recently took a vacation you couldn't afford, just because you couldn't "take it" anymore (7 points).

Scoring: Add your total from each category:

- Excessive Busyness \_\_\_\_\_
- Stress/Burnout \_\_\_\_\_
- Low Grade/  
Nagging Guilt \_\_\_\_\_
- Mounting  
Financial Pressure \_\_\_\_\_
- Spiritual Leakage \_\_\_\_\_
- Escapism  
Behavior \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

0-3 points: Congratulations! You should teach a seminar.

6-15 points: You're off to a good start, with only some minor mid-course correc-

tions to make.

16-30 points: It's time to make some major changes in your life. Get ready!

31-50 points: The trends in your life have you headed for disaster, and you need to make radical changes.

51 + points: Danger Zone! Do not proceed without getting immediate help.

As you can see, misplaced priorities can be destructive in multiple areas of our lives. Symptoms that may seem "temporary" concessions on the front end, appearing as minor aberrations, are the gateways to disaster. But don't be discouraged! God has given us clear directives on how to find genuine peace, fulfillment and productivity in our lives.

**New Book  
Club Book  
to Read**

The Book Club will now begin reading *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger* by David Gregory.

It's a small book, so hopefully everyone can participate! It is available in the religion section at Wal-Mart, as well as at Books A Million.

## Weekly Sermon Notes

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### *January Birthdays*

Marianne Otto (1/15)

Courtney Gossett (1/24)

Ronnie Jones (1/25)

### *January Anniversaries*

Charles & Tammy Small  
(1/8)

Ronnie & Kelly Jones  
(1/18)

## **PRAYER LIST**

*Please remember to keep the following in your prayers and also check out our Prayer Board online, which is updated on a daily basis for more prayer requests and praise reports!*

- Dave & Terri Owens
- Courtney Gossett
- Jay Baumgartner
- Chas Lemmon
- Jon Raiker
- Sonny
- Sharon Crawford
- Ryan Miranda
- Diane Kalata
- Tina Weiss
- Kelly Jones
- Courtney & LouAnne
- Ericka & Ben
- Donlevy Family
- Jesse (heart condition & headaches)
- Joyce (lymphoma treatment)
- Carrie (has MS)
- Teresa's parents (deciding on move)
- Betty's cousin, Lil Bourne
- Betty's daughter, Stacey, pregnant
- Tina Weiss' Mom
- Ed, Mike D.'s dad, failing health
- JoAnn Hardin
- Judy Woodward
- Stacy & Lacey and their family
- Kelli's friend, Mary
- Tyler Hamilton
- Debbie Weston's sister, Rose (health)

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*The membership directory user name is: sunrise and the password is churchfriends.*

***Need to reach Pastor Carl? You can call him at 407-970-7448.***