

## UNIT IV THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A NEW PERSON

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Now that you have come to know Christ and have begun to understand more who He is and who you are from His perspective, it is very important that your special relationship with Him continues to grow. This means that your life-style, your way of living, will need to reflect that new relationship.

*Remember, you are in the process of becoming a new person and you need to live like it!*

### STUDY 17

#### WHAT ARE MY PRIORITIES?

#### IV. THE PROCESS - A. Priorities

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Probably one of the most basic and recurring struggles in a Christian's walk with Christ is the determining of priorities. Life is filled with many things to do and important relationships that make demands on your time. In the midst of this, it is often difficult to discern the right priorities—to determine how God would have you live and use your time.

As you study God's Word, the Bible, you'll discover three main priorities for the Christian life. These include:

1. Growing in your commitment to Jesus Christ
2. Growing in your commitment to the body of Christ—other Christians
3. Growing in your commitment to the work of Christ in the world

It is important to understand the importance of these three priorities and continually keep them in balance. Otherwise your perspective can become confused and you will experience more pressure than God intended in deciding what to do and where you are going in life.

Let's take a look in Scripture at one place Jesus talks about these priorities.

1. Ask God to help you understand His priorities for your life. Then read John 17:1-26.
2. What does Jesus ask of the Father? Write out the different requests in your own words. List as many things as you can.

3. Of first importance is your relationship with Christ. (See especially verse 26.)  
What kind of relationship does He want to have with you?
4. Describe the relationship Jesus wants His family (Christians) to have among themselves.
5. What impact can the unity of the body of Christ, the love between Christians, have on those who don't know Christ?
6. Think about how your life could demonstrate these three priorities this week. Christ says this was His life-style and is to become our life-style.

When will you be alone with Christ? (priority 1)

When will you develop relationship with other Christians? (priority 2)

When will you be Christ's person with those who don't know Him? (priority 3)

7. Now fill out a schedule of the coming week. Because this takes time, you may need to do it later. However, be sure you do it before the day is over.

First, fill in when you will be alone with Christ in reading the Bible & praying. Now, further think through your week and plan with the priorities in mind. For example, you might

- pray as you read a newspaper (priority 3)
- eat meals with other Christians (priority 3)
- enjoy the Lord in your shower (priority 1)
- pray for lost people at work (priority 3)
- pray with other Christians at work (priority 3)

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TODAY'S DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>TIME</b>	<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>
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