The ONE Voice

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Thread: Choosing Jesus as our highest goal of thought and action brings breakthrough clarity.

1. Have a <u>GODLY PERSPECTIVE</u> to live from.

¹² And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. **Philippians 1:12 NLT**

"And we know that in ALL things God works for the good of those who love Him..." Romans 8:28 NLT

Lesson: God has a purpose behind every one of my PROBLEMS.

2. Have a Godly **<u>PRIORITY</u>** to live by.

¹⁵ It's true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives. ¹⁶ They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to defend the Good News.¹⁷ Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me. ¹⁸ But that doesn't matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice.

Lesson: Focus on what <u>REALLY COUNTS</u>.

3. Have a Godly <u>PURPOSE</u> to live out.

²⁰ For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die. ²¹ For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. ²² But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better. ²³ I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. ²⁴ But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live. ²⁵ Knowing this, I am convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith.²⁶ And when I come to you again, you will have even more reason to take pride in Christ Jesus because of what he is doing through me. Philippians 1:20-26 NLT

4. Have a Godly **<u>POSITION</u>** to live into.

²⁷ Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. ²⁸ Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself. Philippians 1:27-28 NLT

Lesson: My circumstances don't DETERMINE my position.

Challenge:

- 1. When do you make time to listen to The ONE Voice?
- 2. What are you doing in your life that is others-centered?

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