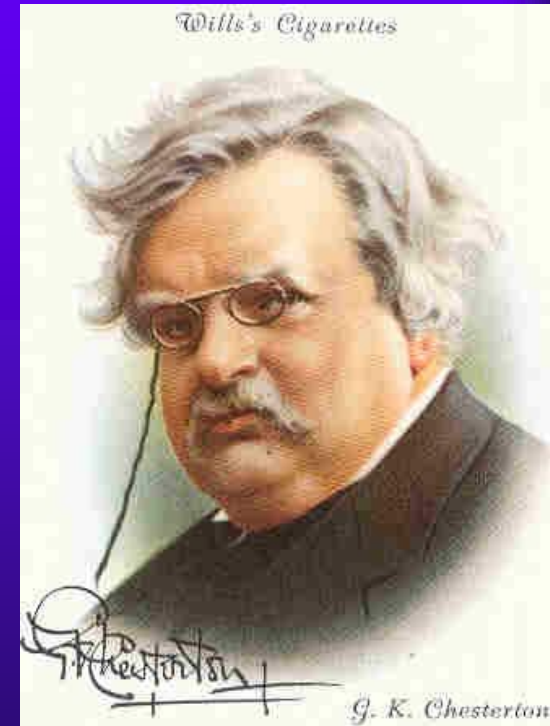


G.K. Chesterton, English journalist 1874-1936

“Christianity has not been tried and found wanting, its been found difficult and therefore rarely tried.”



Setting Priorities is a Challenge!



goals
priorities day every
make exactly others main activities aware easily
working sure important
know things need one order everything fully else energies ensure moment
priority right tasks done focus always
time number daily life today
first



To change
your life, you
need to
change your
priorities.

Setting Priorities and Living the Balanced Life



Romans 13:7 *“Render unto
all their **dues** and tribute to
whom tribute is due, custom to
whom custom, fear to whom
fear, honor to whom honor.”*

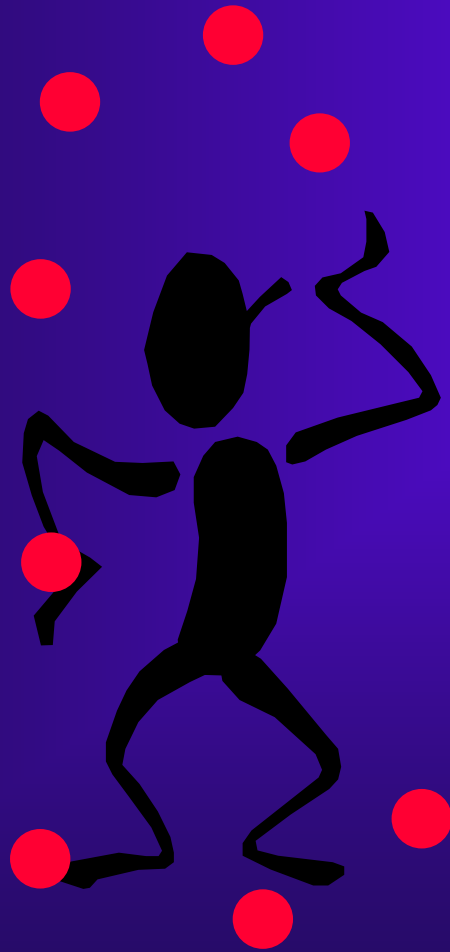
Setting Priorities



- ◆ All of us are “Christian jugglers”
- ◆ *Must deal with conflicting priorities that can be overwhelming.*



Setting Priorities



- ◆ If we do not give **all** of them **adequate attention** . . .
- ◆ Things are neglected and sometimes ***irreparable damage*** is done.

Setting Priorities



**“Our life is the
sum total of our
commitments.”**



God



The Key is to
have a *spiritual*
center with
God and His
word as the
outer circle so
that
everything else
fits within His
will.

Setting Priorities

- ◆ Not a matter of *proportion*.
- ◆ May spend **15 minutes a day praying** yet be the most important!





Setting Priorities

What is most important?

God & the Kingdom

Matt 6:33

- **The Word** - Jn 6:35, Lk 4:4.
- **Prayer** - I Thess 5: 17.
- **Emotional & Physical Health**
I Tim 4:8.



Setting Priorities

“What we are at birth is God’s gift to us – what we make of ourselves throughout life (the kind of person we become) – is our gift back to God.”



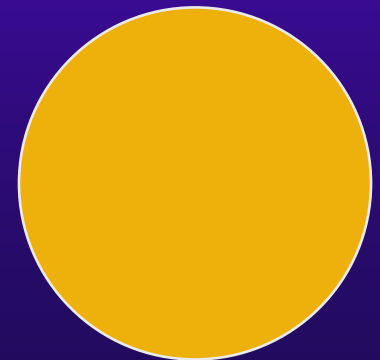
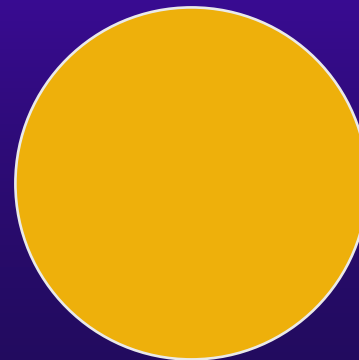
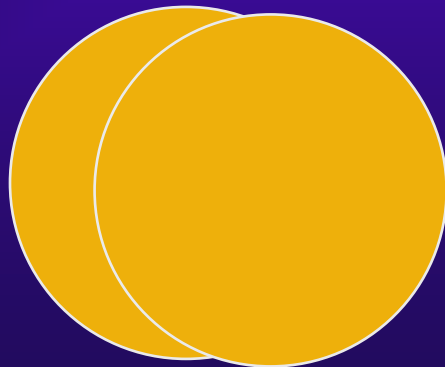
REMEMBER THE 5 P'S

- ◆ The Best **PERSON** before God
- ◆ The Best **PARTNER**
- ◆ The Best **PARENT**
- ◆ The Best **PROVIDER**
- ◆ The Best **PUBLIC SERVANT.**

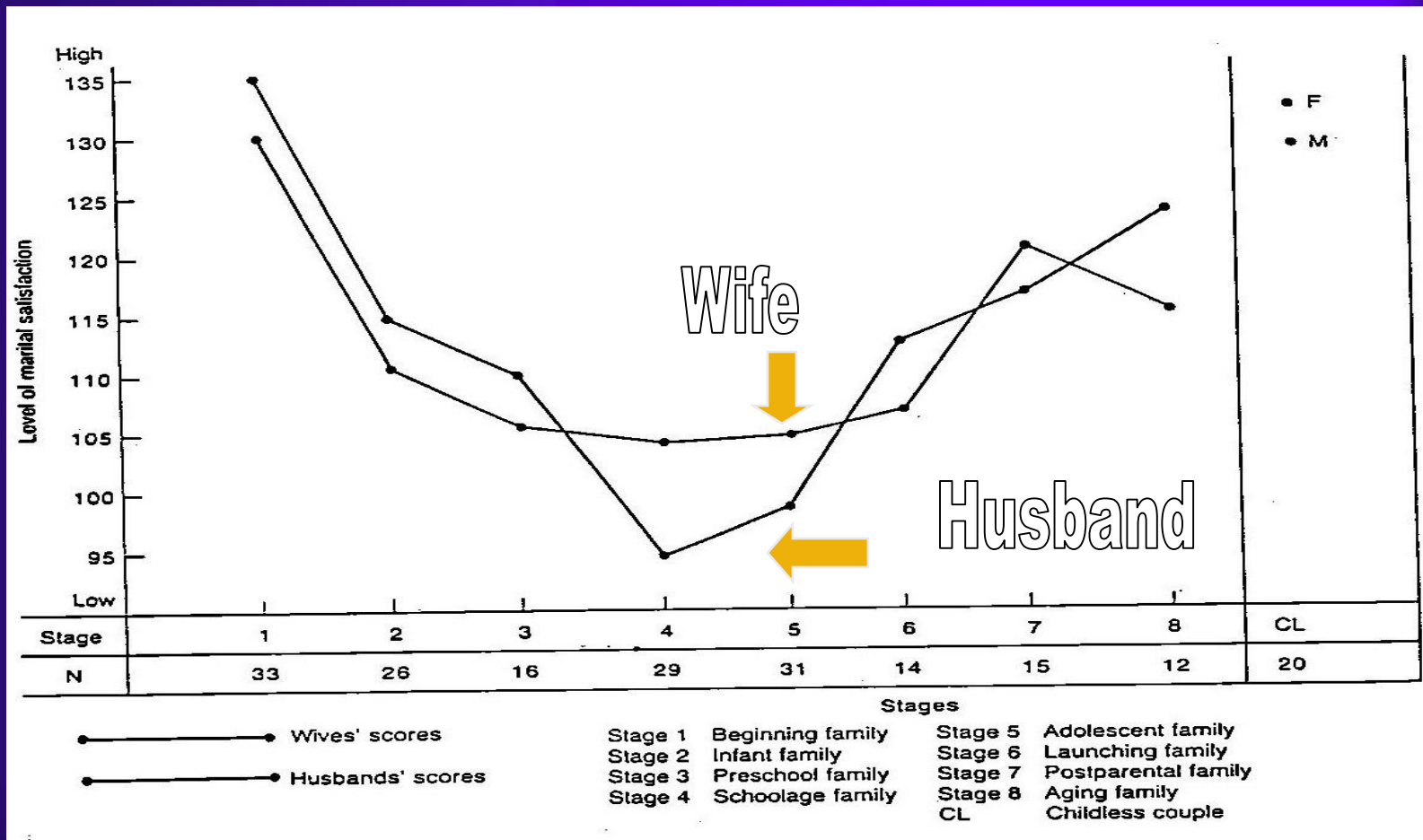
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II. Time with your Spouse

- Real danger that when children arrive you **fail to grow together ..and**
- **Grow apart!**



The "U-Shaped Curve" of Marital Happiness



Setting Priorities

III. Time spent with Children...



Prov 29:15



Grandchildren

Titus 2:4-5

Setting Priorities

IV. Time for Vocation

- Prov 22:29
- Col 3:23
- Ecc 9:10



Setting Priorities

V. Ministry to Others . .

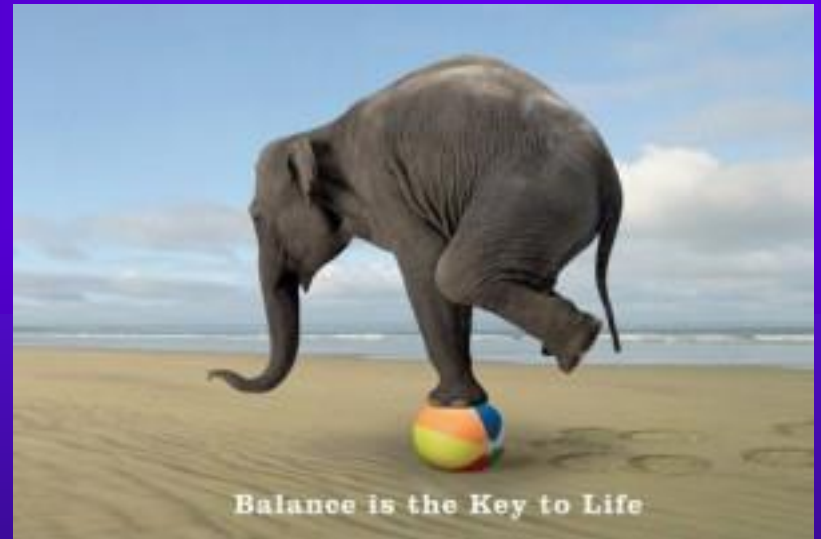
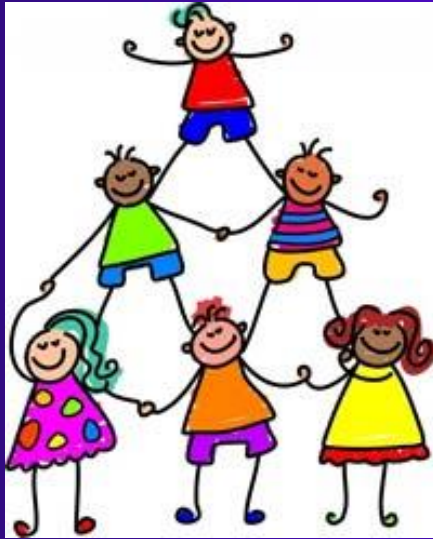


– Matt 25:40

Gal 6:10

– Mk 16:16

The Challenge: Remain balanced!



- ◆ Preachers
- ◆ Breadwinners
- ◆ Must constantly readjust- Phil 4:5

The Challenge: Remain Balanced!

- ◆ Center your life on God and produce beautiful, harmonious music.

