

“The Blessings of Kingdom Priorities”

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3. **A disciple is to pursue righteous choices:** Shining Christ’s righteousness.

II. The success of right priorities:

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