

THE MAIN THING

Text: Matthew 22:36-40 + 28:18-20

I. _____ IS THE MAIN THING FOR THE INDIVIDUAL BELIEVER AND THE CHURCH?

- We have elevated certain *convictions, programs* and *methods* to the _____ status of our immutable *mandate* and *message*.
- Loving God wholeheartedly will lead us to a genuine _____ for our neighbors.
- The Great Commandment _____ into the Great Commission.

II. _____ DO CHRISTIANS AND CONGREGATIONS GET AWAY FROM THE MAIN THING?

- First, our primary instinct is to _____ the status quo.
- Second, the “main thing” is _____ to do!
- Third, we are hesitant to confront powerful individuals, families, or groups who push for their own _____.

III. _____ CAN BELIEVERS AND CHURCHES RETURN TO AND STAY FOCUSED ON ‘THE MAIN THING?’

- First, we must carefully _____ everything we are doing in the light of our mission statement.
- Second, we must lovingly _____ those who are creating diversions and divisions.
- Third, we must keep ‘The Main Thing’ _____ before the church.
- The Great Commission and Commandment of Jesus Christ isn’t *everything*—it’s the _____ thing that really matters in this world!