

What is Your Main Thing?

The superstar pro basketball player sits in his multi-million dollar home, gazing out to the driveway at his collection of expensive cars. There is a swimming pool in the back yard of his massive, gated estate. He has a membership at an exclusive country club. He has got it all. None of these would be possible without his “main thing” – being one of the best basketball players on the planet. The superstar realizes everything he has hinges around his success on the court, so he works hard to perfect his craft.



How about your craft? We all lead busy lives. We dedicate untold hours to be successful at work. We have family that counts on us for leadership and financial security. If we want a nice house and a late model car, they only happen because of hard work. So, is the job the “main thing?” Is the job what enables success? What is the root of all you have? Do you honor that source?

To put it simply -- God is the source of all we have. God gives us the ability to do what we do to support and lead our family. God gifts us with family and friends. God instills in our hearts the motivation to be not only all we want to be, but to exceed our expectations and strive toward the potential He made us to be.

If one of the world’s best athletes thinks the “main thing” is his or her ability on the basketball court they is short-sighted. The game can be taken away by injury at any time, and age will eventually take him or her off the court. While they may work hard to improve talents and condition the body for outstanding play, the main thing is to acknowledge and thank almighty God for the opportunity. Without God’s blessing they would have nothing. But, God blesses those who honor Him. Make God the Main Thing and then other things will fall into place. God isn’t into mansions, but He is into success – His definition of success, not necessarily ours.

Our role in life may change over time. Nothing earthly is permanent. The Bible tells us only three things will endure – faith, hope and love (1 Corinthians 13:13). And, as we know, the greatest of these is love. Our job, our car, our home and sometimes tragically, even our families can be taken away from us at any time. But, if we have shared our faith through love, the lives of our families will be eternal too. Jobs, home and possessions are only temporary rewards, and they never leave with us as we move from this life to the next.

So, as you recount what enables your success, know that God gives you everything, including the things you love, and the things you are good at. All that we have comes from Him. Make your “main thing” a relationship with Jesus Christ. He is the root of your success, your hopes and your dreams. Work hard to enhance that relationship, and let God be the “main thing.”

Question: How has God gifted you? How do you thank God for those gifts?

Scripture: *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well (Matthew 6:33).*

Prayer: Heavenly Father. All that we have comes from you. We give you the credit and all the glory for what we are able to accomplish. We pray we can use these gifts to help and serve others. Amen.