



# WILMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Newsletter

Our Lord Jesus Christ issued a warning to His disciples in Matthew 10:37: ***“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me”***. In Luke 14:26,27: ***“If any man come to me and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple”***

Satan will do his best to confuse the priorities of Jesus Christ, family, and His church. Christians cannot be lured to disobedience, so Satan suggests a change to Christ’s priorities: “family (time, money, devotion) should come first”. After all, I Timothy 5:8 states ***“He that provides not for his own household is worse than an infidel”***. Satan encourages us to assume that family comes ahead Christ and everything else: working long hours to support the family’s needs and spending time with family activities, home maintenance, etc.

Butt Jesus commanded ***“more than me”***. Would I miss a church service if a relative came for a visit, or if a grandchild’s graduation ceremony was scheduled, or if we are on a family vacation?? Is that putting family ahead of Christ? We can see if a man would do that but a few times, his walk and fellowship with Christ would be weakened. It’s a matter of doing what I want against what He wants. Self-interest first, that’s how Satan does it.

Jesus declared ***“not worthy of me”***.

If Christ is not Lord above all – our family included, He is not Lord at all. Jesus Christ must come first. When He is first in our life, we may see the whole family placing Christ first. When we all get caught up in the thrill of putting Christ first and serving Him – we will be more united than ever!

### Upcoming Events

Men’s Patriot Prior – Each Saturday 9:00 AM  
Ladies’ Fellowship - TO BE RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER  
Annual Marriage Retreat - Feb 25,26 Sign-up sheet in Church Foyer