

CHILDREN'S CORNER



J.O.Y

Have you ever heard of **J.O.Y**? We know it spells the word joy, but it also stands for **J**esus first, **O**thers second, and **Y**ourself last. The Bible teaches us to put the Lord Jesus first, others second and ourselves last. Matthew 6:33 says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." If we put God first, then we will always receive His blessing and never lose out. And by putting others before ourselves we bring honour to God's name and His blessing upon us. (Mark 9:41)

Back in 1924 a man called Bill Haven dropped out of the U.S.A. Olympic canoeing team because his wife was due to give birth to their first little baby. Bill's wife insisted that he should go. She knew how he had trained, and that competing in the Olympic Games was his lifelong ambition, but Bill said, "No" and that was that. Well, Bill's stand-in and the other members of the team each won a gold medal. His wife was also late in giving birth to their

child, so late in fact, that Bill could have competed and been back home again with plenty of time to spare. Many thought the way things turned out was an awful pity for the Haven family. Bill, however, had no regrets and was glad to have put others first. It's always better to say "No" to something that you simply want, in order to say "Yes" to something that really matters. Bill Haven got it right. He took his God-given duties as a husband and a father very seriously. He knew what was important in life.

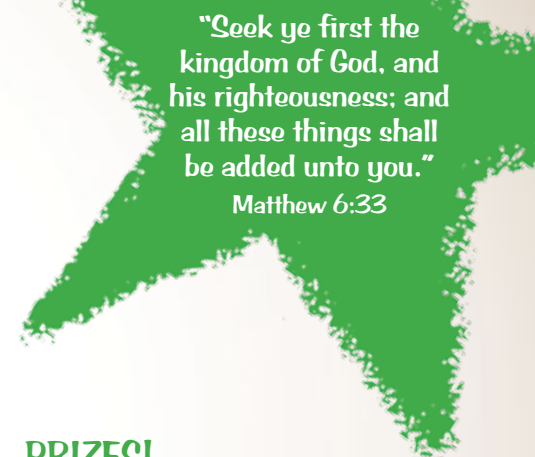
I wonder, do you have a measure of this same wisdom? Do you realise the importance of putting the Lord **J**esus first, **O**thers second and **Y**ourself last? I hope you do, because if so you will have the key to unlocking real and lasting **J**OY throughout life's journey.

By the way, Bill's story had an interesting ending. The child born was a little boy called Frank. Twenty-eight years later, he won a gold medal canoeing in the 1952 Olympics... for his dad.

Quiz:

Add the number of Old Testament books there are in the Bible to the number of the disciples that the Saviour had . Take this number and multiply it by the number of days Jonah spent inside the belly of the fish . Then take away the number of chapters there are in the book of Mark . Add on the number of windows in the Ark . Add on the number of words found in John 11v35 . Finally add on the number of the Commandments . Finally, what book in the Bible has the same number of chapters as your answer?

Answer:



"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:33

PRIZES!

Are you 12 or under? Send your answer, name, address and church to:

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KEEP TRYING - MAYBE NEXT TIME!