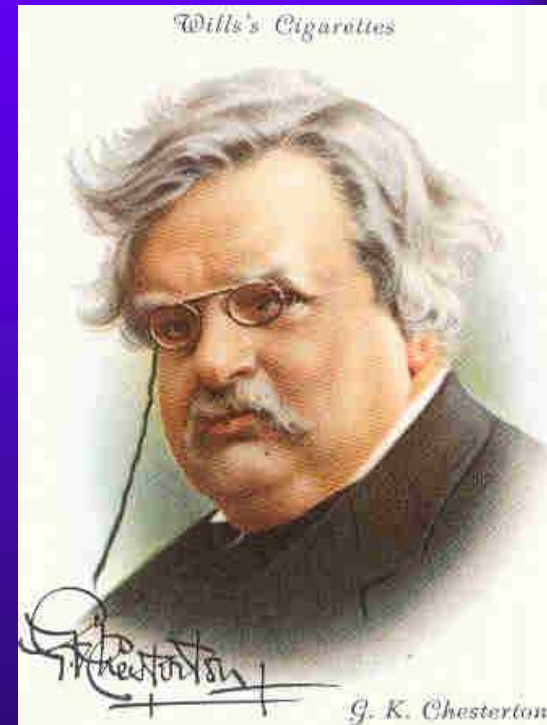


G.K. Chesterton, English journalist 1874-1936

“Christianity has not been tried and found wanting, its been found difficult and therefore rarely tried.”



Setting Priorities is a Challenge!

goals
priorities day every
make exactly others main activities aware easily
working sure know important
things need one right priority order everything fully else energies ensure take work always
priority tasks done focus life today
time number daily essential work life today



To change
your life, you
need to
change your
priorities.

Setting Priorities and Living the Balanced Life



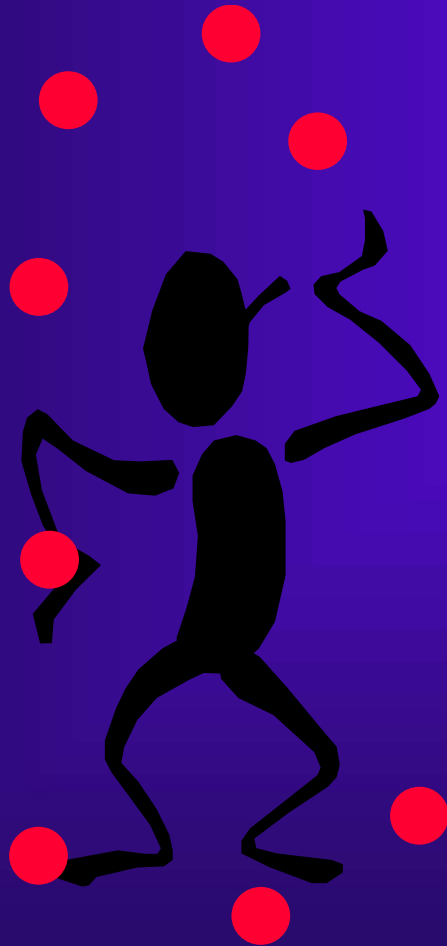
Romans 13:7 “Render unto all
their *dues* and tribute to whom
tribute is due, custom to whom
custom, fear to whom fear,
honor to whom honor.”

Setting Priorities



- ◆ All of us are “Christian jugglers”
- ◆ *Must deal with conflicting priorities that can be overwhelming.*

Setting Priorities



- ◆ If we do not give **all** of them **adequate attention** . . .
- ◆ Things are neglected and sometimes *irreparable damage* is done.

Setting Priorities



“Our life is the sum
total of our
commitments.”



God



The Key is to
have a
spiritual
center with
God and His
word as the
outer circle
so that
everything
else fits
within His
will.

Setting Priorities

- ◆ Not a matter of *proportion*.
- ◆ May spend **15 minutes a day** praying yet be the most important!





Setting Priorities

What is most important?

God & the Kingdom

Matt 6:33

- The Word - Jn 6:35, Lk 4:4.
- Prayer - I Thess 5: 17.
- Emotional & Physical Health
I Tim 4:8.



Setting Priorities

*“What we are **at birth** is God’s gift to us – what we make of ourselves throughout life (the kind of person we become) – is our **gift back to God.**”*



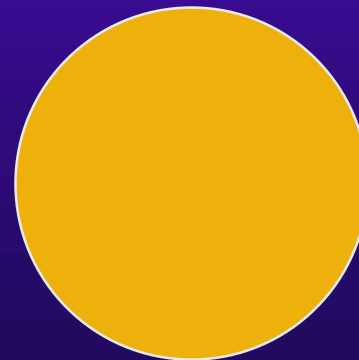
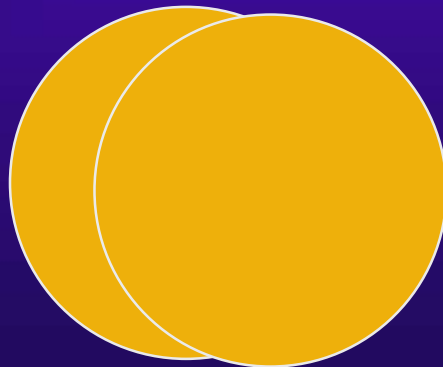
REMEMBER THE 5 P'S

- ◆ The Best **PERSON** before God
- ◆ The Best **PARTNER**
- ◆ The Best **PARENT**
- ◆ The Best **PROVIDER**
- ◆ The Best **PUBLIC SERVANT.**

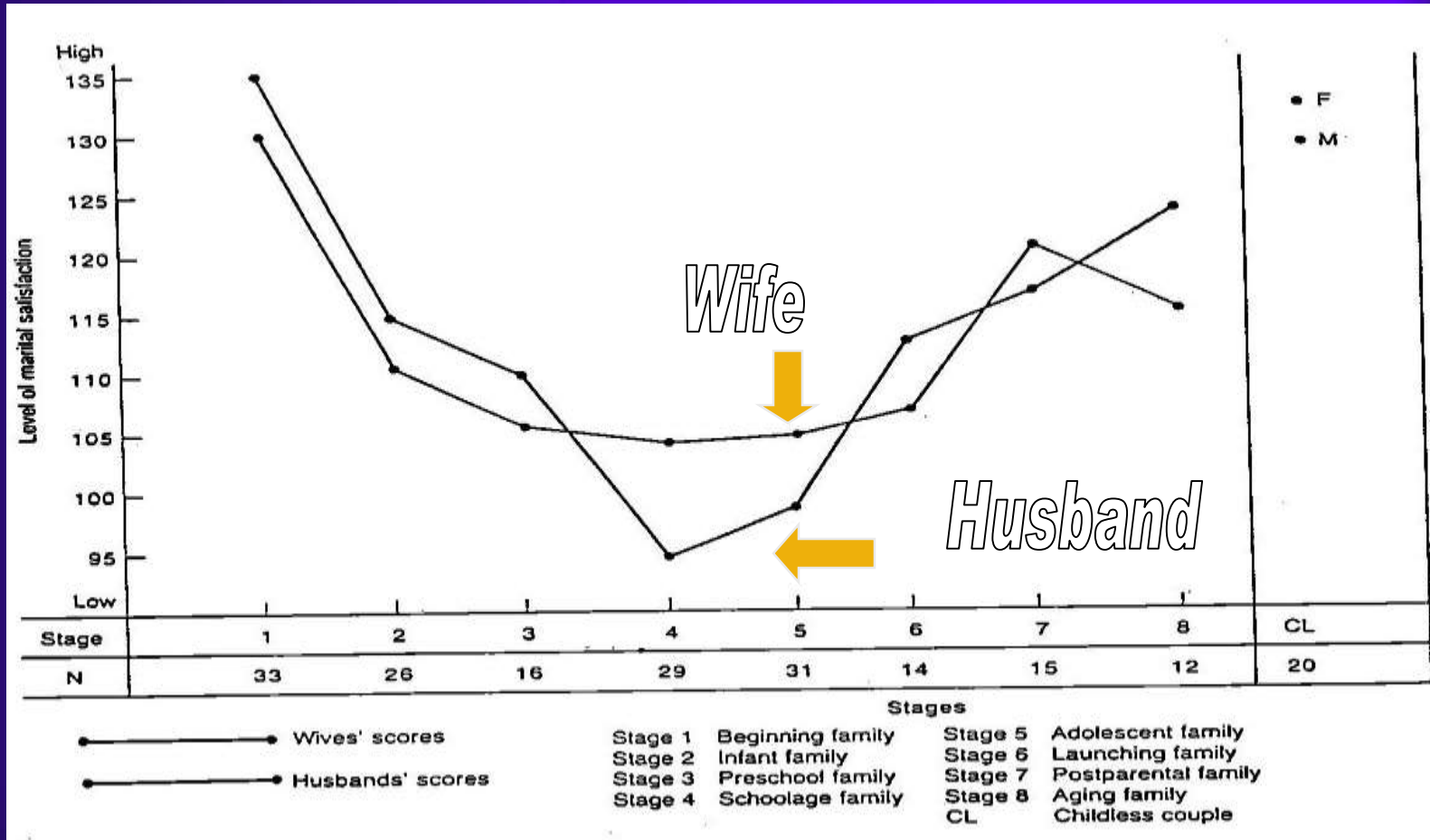
Setting Priorities

II. Time with your Spouse

- Real danger that when children arrive you **fail to grow together ..and**
- **Grow apart!**



The “U-Shaped Curve” of Marital Happiness



Setting Priorities

III. Time spent with **Children...**



Prov 29:15



Grandchildren

Titus 2:4-5

Setting Priorities

IV. Time for Vocation

- Prov 22:29
- Col 3:23
- Ecc 9:10



Setting Priorities

V. Ministry to Others . .



- Matt 25:40
- Mk 16:16

Gal 6:10

The Challenge: Remain balanced!



- ◆ Preachers
- ◆ Breadwinners
- ◆ Must constantly readjust- Phil 4:5

The Challenge: Remain Balanced!

- ◆ Center your life on God and produce beautiful, harmonious music.

