

The priority of Lent.

**“And he was teaching them and saying to them, “Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.””
(Mark 11:17)**

Who or what is your priority?

The Temple was a house of prayer for all the nations, but the moneychangers and livestock salesmen had converted it into a den of robbers. I have a suspicion that some of the priests, Sadducees, scribes and Pharisees may have received some of the profit from these business men. It says in Mark 11:18 that when the chief priests and scribes heard of this incident that they were looking for a way to destroy Jesus of Nazareth. Sadly, these men of the cloth had changed their priority; it was no longer the righteousness of God, but their own selfish greed that was far more important than God.

In the Church, here I mean the body of Christ and each one of us who are individual members of the Church, need to be very wary - who or what is our priority. There are times that we use the Church as a platform to bring harm to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As Christians we always must be very aware of our motives and priorities.

We need to remember as the children of God that the Church is a house of prayer for all nations. We need to love and care for one another, just as Jesus Christ loves and cares for His Church! We need to be very aware of our motives and priorities - the Church is not a club where we establish our own priorities and rules. Then we deprive the unbeliever of an opportunity to hear and believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, always be aware of your priorities and make God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit your top priority. May the Centurion West Presbyterian Church become known as a house of prayer for all nations!