Mission—Matthew 6:33
WWT Board of Directors Devotion
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During our last board meeting devotion, we discussed *vision* and studied Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." As you may recall, this type of vision comes from God, and it is revealed by Him and His Word. To be clear, this is not human thinking or creative insights, but Heavenly wisdom! Frankly, our vision is often too short-sighted, rooted in the here and now, the tangible.

Likewise, when pursuing our *mission*, which is our devotion topic today, we tend to aim too low. However, a God-given mission causes us to look beyond the tangible to the eternal. In Matthew 6:33, Jesus says, "But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these other things will be added unto you."

Context always matters in Scripture, so let's set the scene. In Matthew's Gospel, chapters 5, 6, and 7 are referred to collectively as the Sermon on the Mount. In these three chapters, Matthew is capturing the essence of a sermon, which Jesus delivered in the mountainous area near the Sea of Galilee. In the verses leading up to Matthew 6:33, Jesus addresses a very important concern of His audience then, as well as now, anxiety! Not much has changed in 2,000 years, has it?

These people were physically oppressed and financially taxed by the occupying Roman army. Jesus knew that they were anxious about having food to eat, water to drink, and clothes to wear. Jesus speaks directly to their concerns in verses 25 through 32, encouraging them with the knowledge that God not only understands their needs, but He will provide for them as well. Therefore, instead of chasing these temporal things, Jesus calls them to a higher purpose or mission: to seek *first* God's Kingdom and His righteousness.

Again, as we learned in our devotion on Vision, Scripture elevates our perspective, looking beyond the temporal and tangible, to focus on the eternal. Jesus is teaching them and us that our mission, or why we exist, is not about food or clothing, though these are clearly practical needs. Rather, our mission is about a much higher calling and purpose. In Colossians 3:2 the Apostle Paul writes, "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

Here at Word Wide Technology, our mission is to create a profitable growth company that is also a great place to work. There is an important parallel here to Matthew 6:33, which we should highlight. Market data indicates that being a great place to work results in companies, like WWT, outperforming their peers as much as two to one in the profit and growth metrics over the long run.

When World Wide Technology's core values and culture reflect and harmonize with Kingdom principles and values, not only are our team members blessed by their work environment, but they are also able to provide for their families' and their communities' practical needs. We must continue to invest in the development of WWT's culture and leadership, so that WWT continues to be a great place for people all across the world to reach their full potential and pursue their highest calling!

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for calling us to a higher purpose and mission. Help us to seek first your Kingdom and all your righteousness; so that we may be a blessing to all the families and communities served by World Wide Technology. We pray this in Jesus name. AMEN.