I. The Lord and His work deserve priority of place in our lives
a – We must not allow life's hardships to make us indifferent
b – We must not allow lesser priorities to

make us indifferent

II. While engaged in the Lord's work, we must not judge our success by appearances

a – We must remember that God's work is sometimes invisible

b – We must remember that God's unwavering intention is to bring glory to himself

III. For sake of the Lord's work, we must forsake all sins and embrace his holiness

- a Sin produces loss
- b Faithfulness produces gain

IV. When doing the Lord's work, remember that the consummation is yet to come