



## Living As Kingdom Citizens

### What questions do you have about the Kingdom of God?

*You cannot know anything about Jesus, anything, if you miss the kingdom of God. . . . You are zero on Jesus if you don't understand this term. I'm sorry to say it that strongly, but this is the great failure of evangelical Christianity. We have had Jesus without the kingdom of God, and therefore have literally done Jesus in. – Gordan Fee*

### Why is this so hard to hear?

*Matt. 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

## KINGDOM LIVING IN ALL OF LIFE

### In our personal lives:

*Matt. 6:19 ¶ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,*

*Matt. 6:20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

*Matt. 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

*1Pet. 2:11 ¶ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.*

*Phil. 3:7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.*

*Phil. 3:8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ*

### Notes:

**In our homes:**

- Why do you think we have a disconnect from our citizenship with God and how we run our homes?
- What would a kingdom home look like?
- How much does the bible say about our homes?

**Husbands:**

*Eph. 5:25 ¶ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,*

*Col. 3:19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.*

*1Pet. 3:7 ¶ Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.*

**Wives:**

*Eph. 5:22 ¶ Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*

*Eph. 5:24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.*

*1Pet. 3:1 ¶ Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives,*

*Col. 3:18 ¶ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.*

**Children:**

*Eph. 6:1 ¶ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.*

*Col. 3:20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.*

**Question: What should be driving the purpose and function of the home?**

**Notes:**

**In our vocations:**

- What is the kingdom purpose of our vocation?
- Why should we have a “Wartime mentality”?

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- We “budget” for the sake of others:

*1John 3:16 ¶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*

*1John 3:17 But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?*

*Acts 20:32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.*

*Acts 20:33 I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel.*

*Acts 20:34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me.*

*Acts 20:35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”*

*Heb. 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

*1Tim. 6:17 ¶ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.*

*1Tim. 6:18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,*

*1Tim. 6:19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.*

**Notes:**

**In our church:**

- What is the primary function of the church?
- Is the American church kingdom-focused or self-improvement focused?

*2Cor. 5:20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

*Eph. 4:11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,*

*Eph. 4:12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,*

*Eph. 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,*

*Eph. 4:14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.*

*Eph. 4:15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,*

*Eph. 4:16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

**Notes:**

**In our country:**

- Dominionism
- Theonomy
- Biblical view?

*Titus 2:11 ¶ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,  
Titus 2:12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,  
Titus 2:13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,*

*Titus 2:14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

*Titus 2:15 ¶ Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.*

*Titus 3:1 ¶ Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work,*

*Titus 3:2 to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.*

*Titus 3:3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.*

*Titus 3:4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,  
Titus 3:5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,*

*Titus 3:6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,*

*Titus 3:7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

*Titus 3:8 The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.*

*Titus 3:9 But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.*

*Titus 3:10 As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him,*

*Titus 3:11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.*

*Rom. 13:1 ¶ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.*

*Rom. 13:2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.*

*Rom. 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,*



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*Rom. 13:4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.*

*Rom. 13:5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.*

*Rom. 13:6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.*

*Rom. 13:7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.*

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