

THE KINGS ROYAL SUBJECTS

"Impacting Our Communities"

Matthew 5:13-16

INTRODUCTION:

1. "What's Missing?" - Matthew 28:19-20

a) The answer is - **DISCIPLES**

2. As the King's Royal Subjects we are to exercise **INFLUENCE AND AUTHORITY** in our **COMMUNITIES**.

3. As the Kings Royal Subjects we are to consistently apply the **PRINCIPLES** of **HEAVEN** to the **CONCERNS** and **NEEDS** of the **CULTURE**.

4. The King's Royal Subjects are indeed **KINGDOM DISCIPLES** on earth, anticipating the **COMING KINGDOM OF CHRIST** on earth.

5. **Matthew 5:13-16**

a) Jesus tells His disciples that they are to be "**The Salt of the Earth**" and "**The Light of the World**".

6. **VERY IMPORTANT:** As "**SALT of the Earth**" Kingdom Disciples can use their influence to slow down the spread of **DECAY** in our culture.

a) We are to do this in the same way **SALT** was used in Bible times as a preservative to keep bacteria from decaying meat.

b) If our communities are decaying around us, **IT IS BECAUSE BELIEVERS ARE NOT FUNCTIONING AS THE KINGDOM DISCIPLES** God has called them to be.

7. As the "**LIGHT of the World**" Kingdom Disciples are to be **VISIBLE, VERBAL, FOLLOWERS** of Jesus Christ, dispelling the darkness around us.

a) The evidence to convict us, is found in our **INFLUENCE** and **IMPACT** the **WORLD**.

8. **Ephesians 1:22-23**

a) King Jesus is Lord over all things through the Church.

9. **WHATEVER** it is that you do, you must be ready to **WITNESS FOR CHRIST**.

a) **1 Peter 2:9**

b) **1 Peter 3:15**

AS THE KINGS ROYAL SUBJECTS WE ARE TO.....

I. SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

A. SERVE THROUGH GOOD WORKS

1. The primary way Jesus says that we are to influence and impact our communities in which we live is through our **GOOD WORKS**.

2. **FACT IS** You don't have to be a Christian to do good deeds.

3. **HERE'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DOING GOOD DEEDS AND DOING GOOD WORKS.**

a) **GOOD WORKS** are divinely authorized activities that benefit others for which **GOD GETS THE GLORY**.

b) This is where the **SPIRITUAL** is directly connected to the **SOCIAL**.

4. **HERE ARE EXAMPLES:**

a) **A doctor** who represents Christ is not just a doctor...

1) ...but rather God's representative in the medical field so those who are hurting can see what God looks like when Drs help people.

b) **A contractor** who represents Christ, is not just a Contractor...

1) but rather God's representative in the construction business.

c) **A schoolteacher** is more than a school teacher...

1) He or she represents God in the classroom, demonstrating what God looks like when He impacts knowledge.

5. **QUESTION:** Have you ever prayed **WITH** a struggling coworker?

6. **QUESTION:** *Have you ever protested a social injustice?*

a) Like abortion?

b) *It's not merely by what we say, but by we do to improve the lives of people in the name of Jesus.*

B. DO RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

1. **QUESTION:** How often do you do, **Random acts of Kindness** for someone you know is not a believer?

2. Our job is to be looking for people who are truly hurting, have compassion, and seek to meet that person's needs.

3. Our primary responsibility as a Kingdom minded church is to disciple and develop, Kingdom Disciples who will make a positive difference in society through Good Works.

4. When that is not done, we experience the rampant spread of evil in our land.

5. We are to act like who we are: Citizens of the Kingdom who are to impart and influence our communities.

a) *Matthew 5:13-16*

C. BE VISIBLE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

1. The Kings Royal Subjects are VISIBLE, VERBAL followers of Jesus Christ who consistently applies the principles of Heaven to the concerns of the culture.

2. *Genesis 1:26-28*

a) It has always been God's plan for humanity to influence society.

3. God is not merely speaking to replenishing the human race, but to REPLICATE His image through the expansion of the human race in history.

4. *Deuteronomy 4:5-8*

a) WOW!!! The Great Commission is simply the continuation of God's Kingdom agenda to the world through the Church.

II. IMPACTING THE CULTURE

A. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN

1. **CULTURE** is a broad concept that shapes how people live, think, and interact with one another.

a) "**Culture**" - encompasses tradition, beliefs and values, that influence our personal values.

2. In a nutshell we must engage our culture in conversation.

3. We are to seek the welfare of the communities in which we are living to improve the conditions of those around us.

a) *Jeremiah 29:6-7*

B. THE CAUSE OF SOCIAL TURMOIL

1. *2 Chronicles 15:5-6*

2. During the reign of King Asa, the nation of Judah found itself in the midst of widespread social chaos.

3. **Vs 6**

a) We would like to say that Satan must be the culprit behind all the turmoil.

4. **Vs 6**

a) *"for God troubled them with every sort of distress"*

5. **WOW!!! LISTEN UP AMERICA!!!!!!!**

a) We still have abortion in this country.

b) Much like the culture written about the time of 2 Chronicles, we are experiencing CHAOS in our society today.

B. WITHOUT THE TRUE GOD

1. **2 Chronicles 15:3**

a) *"Israel was without the true God"*

2. That doesn't mean there was no religion, worship, or Bible reading @ the Temple.

3. What it does mean is that the culture did not recognize the one true God, because there were no teaching priests to point them in that direction.

4. Judah had many priests, yet they were not communicating truth about God.

5. **WOW!!!** If the VISIBLE, physical realm of social chaos and upheaval is to be corrected, the "invisible, spiritual realm" has to be addressed.

a) That means God's Word must be proclaimed and applied.

6. **2 Chronicles 7:14; 15:4**

7. **WOW!!!** The absence of Kingdom disciples in the culture inevitably leads to social decay.

a) **Genesis 18:20-23**

CONCLUSION:

1. **Matthew 16:18-19**

a) The Church has been given the keys to the KINGDOM