

***The New Normal  
Kingdom Giving  
Matthew 6:19-24***

***Jesus – Sermon on the Mount***

- ***This is Jesus' teaching on Kingdom living here on earth...***

***In Chapter 6 He gives us the Lord's Prayer then teaching on fasting...***

***He then moves to handling money here on earth...***

***He shows us how following His Kingdom's way regarding money will result in rich rewards in heaven!***

***The way Jesus teaches about Kingdom giving is that He starts out by telling us to do it and then concludes by helping us see why we either give generously or are stingy with our money...***

***For us to better understand how we can become Kingdom Givers I am going to begin with Jesus' conclusion and work our way backwards...***

***Kingdom Giving ...***

***1. Begins by IDENTIFYING your MASTER***

***Matthew 6:24 (ESV) – No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.***

➤ ***You cannot serve God AND money, but you can serve God WITH money!***

***1 Timothy 6:17 (ESV) — 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.***

***When the Lord is your Master, giving will not be seen as a chore, but as a delight!***

***2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV) — Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.***

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***Kingdom Giving ...***

***2. Believes by ILLUMINATING your MINDSET***

***Matthew 6:22–23 (ESV) – The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!***

***In these two verses Jesus is pointing out the difference between SEEING and PERCEIVING...***

***Seeing means to “look at.”***

***Perceiving means “to become aware of, know or identify, to recognize, discern, or understand.”***

***2 Corinthians 4:18b (ESV) – ...For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.***

***When Jesus is Lord of your life, He begins teaching you a new way of thinking... His Spirit begins transforming your mind...***

***Romans 12:2 (ESV) — 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.***

➤ ***The best way to TEST your true VISION is in where you TRUST your PROVISION***

***Proverbs 19:17 (ESV) – Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.***

***The Wave Offerings in the Festivals...***

→ ***PASSOVER*** ←

***They would bring sheaves of their BARLEY HARVEST and wave them before the Lord***

***The SHEAVES OF BARLEY were UNLEAVENED***

→ ***This is fulfilled through Jesus on the Cross and through His resurrection...***

***1 Corinthians 15:20 (ESV) — But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.***

→ ***PENTECOST*** ←

***At Pentecost they would do something a little different...***

***They would take the FIRSTFRUITS of their WHEAT HARVEST and BAKE BREAD***

***They would bring TWO LOAVES of bread and WAVE THEM before the Lord...***

***They brought these FIRSTFRUITS asking the Lord to BLESS THE REST...***

***The TWO LOAVES of bread were LEAVENED...***

***Matthew 13:33 (ESV) — He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”***

***At PENTECOST, the Holy Spirit came upon the 120 disciples filling them...***

***This is a picture of the LEAVEN that permeates the whole loaf...***

***It also signifies that all who follow these FIRSTFRUITS of the Spirit will also be filled and blessed with the Spirit!***

***2 Thessalonians 2:13 (ESV) — But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord,***

**because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.**

**The TWO LOAVES I believe signify that now the two (Jews and Gentiles) are brought together as ONE HARVEST!**

**Ephesians 2:14 (ESV) — For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility**

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**3. Blesses through INVESTING in your FUTURE**

**Matthew 6:19–21 (ESV) – Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

**The word translated, “lay up” means, “to keep safe that which is of great value”**

**Ecclesiastes 2:24–25 (NLT)**

**24 So I decided there is nothing better than to enjoy food and drink and to find satisfaction in work. Then I realized that these pleasures are from the hand of God. 25 For who can eat or enjoy anything apart from him?**

**What Jesus IS saying is that we must FOCUS on a longer term INVESTMENT!**

**Every investment focused selfishly here is transient**

**1 Timothy 6:18–19 (ESV) – They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 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.**

➤ **Those who INVEST in God’s WAYS will live BLESSED by Him ALWAYS!**

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