



## Foundations of the King's Culture

Matthew 5:17-20 (NIV)

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

In the Kingdom culture:

1. We stand on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture.

John 5:39 (NIV)

“You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me...”

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2. Our right standing before God is not achieved by the \_\_\_\_\_ of our hands but by the \_\_\_\_\_ of our hearts.

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Matthew 23:25 (NIV)

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.”

Matthew 23:26 (NIV)

“Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.”

Matthew 23:27-28 (NIV)

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.”

2 Corinthian 5:21 (NIV)

“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

Philippians 3:9 (NIV)

“(I am) found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.”