



The Kingdom Perspective

Setting Your Own House in Order

Hello! This is Pastor Don of Christ Redeemer Church. Welcome to The Kingdom Perspective!

As chaos grows in our world, increasingly people look for someone to blame. We cry out:

“It’s the government’s fault!”

“It’s the public schools that have caused our problems!”

“It’s the church’s fault for why my family life is a mess!”

“It’s society or the culture’s fault!”

Now, social forces “out there” are indeed important. There are many layers to social cohesion, and an integrated, well-functioning society involves multiple institutions of our public and private life. It is a structure made with interlocking building blocks. However, the most basic building blocks are always self-management/discipline and your home life management. You and your family are what society is made of.

So, unless you are humbly seeking to get your own house (and self) in order, to shift blame to others (or other institutions), simply avoids the one root issue for which you have a fundamental responsibility.

In my engagement with public school teachers, I am stunned to hear of the level of chaos they are forced to deal with—much of which should be managed on the home level. Yet, more and more is expected of them, while less and less is expected of the individual and family. This can only go on for so long till there is a collapse or a massive social reordering. Like an automobile bridge, our public institutions have a “weight limit”. They can hold only so much before they collapse.

We can pass the buck of blame only so far before the bill is returned to our doorstep for “insufficient funds”.

Something to think about from The Kingdom Perspective.

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them. Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

~ Colossians 3:17-21 (NASB95)

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