

Kingdom Advancement

The kingdom of God is an advancing kingdom. It's not in neutral. It's not apathetic. It's not complacent. The King over the kingdom wasn't voted in by a popular vote, or a majority vote. The functions of the kingdom of God are sovereign.

If you're a part of the kingdom of God, you need to prepare yourself for advancement that no man can initiate, facilitate, replicate, or legislate. Our king has been anointed and appointed.

And, since the Bible clearly declares that the anointing flows from the head down, then we should be seeking an anointing to come into our lives that also appoint us for advancement.

Some of us have been through a desert of disappointment, denial, detour, delay, dismay, and defeat. But I believe that it's in those seasons where God shows us the type of kingdom we are in and it's also where He confirms his word and His anointing upon us.

Let's be reminded of the pattern that Jesus went through in the desert.

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE KINGDOM BEGINS WITH REPENTANCE

John 18:36

My kingdom is not of this world.

THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE KINGDOM IS REFLECTED THROUGH SUPERNATURAL PROVISION

Romans 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

We are not made righteous by ourselves.

Peace is not the absence of chaos, it's the presence of faith in the midst of the chaos.

Happiness is my flesh being pleased. Joy is my spirit pleasing God.

THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE KINGDOM IS ESTABLISHED WHEN MY FLESH STARVES AND MY SPIRIT IS FILLED

Hebrews 12:28

Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe.

THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE KINGDOM IS ACCELERATED BY GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

Matthew 11:12 (NKJV)

12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

Suffers violence = rapidly advancing

If chaos is trying to corner you, the kingdom of God is advancing a plan of peace for you!

If depression is trying to deflate your faith, the kingdom of God is advancing a strategy of freedom over you!

If addiction has you in shackles, the kingdom of God has already advanced a breakthrough for you!