



High Level Functioning In The Kingdom Of God

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Luke is known as the beloved physician

- He was a traveling ministry partner of Paul
- He wrote about those journeys in the book of Acts

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Luke's Gospel Is An Orderly Narrative Of The Life Of Christ

- It Emphasizes The Heart Of Jesus For Humanity & The Needy
- In Luke We Find The Most Complete Picture Of The Life Of Jesus

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Jesus Taught The Blessings Of His Kingdom And The Woes To Those Who Live Only For The Kingdom's Of This World

- *He taught them about love, grace, giving, and mercy*
- *That there was a difference between being wise and foolish*
- *And about what you should build your life on*
- *About faith and the keys to Kingdom power & life*

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Jesus Answered The Question Of John The Baptist “Are You The One?” Luke 7:20–23

- *He Forgave The Sins Of One Who Had Anointed His Feet*
- *He Told The Parable Of The Sower & The Seed*
- *The Soil In The Heart Determines The Harvest & Increase*
- *He Instructed His Disciples To Let Their Light Shine*

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Jesus' disciples were seeing, hearing and experiencing something different from anything that they had ever experienced before.

Jesus was teaching a new way of life

- *a new order in life*
- *the order of the Kingdom*

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Luke 9:1: the Kingdom of Christ is one of power, dominion & authority it is aligned against demons & diseases

Luke 9:2 : He told them to do 2 things:

1. *Preach the Kingdom*
2. *Heal the sick*

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Luke 9:3-5: *This Is No Ordinary Kingdom*

- *It Is Not A Kingdom Of This World.*
- *It Is Far Above The Structures Of The World's Kingdoms*

Luke 9:6: *They Set Out And Did It*

- *Preaching The Gospel Of The Kingdom*
- *Healing People Everywhere*
- *Their Faith Was Seen Through Their Obedience*

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Luke 9:7-9: *Herod Antipas Is Concerned About This New King*

- ***The Lesson:*** *Anytime We Represent The King And His Kingdom There Is A Necessary Point Of Separation From The World And Its Desires*

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Luke 9:10-12: Christ Affirms an important purpose of the Kingdom: To reach and teach people for the Kingdom of God

- *As The Massive Crowd Approaches – Jesus is Not Demoralized – He is Energized*

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Luke 9:13-17: *Jesus Told His Disciples To Feed The Crowd*

He is Teaching a Kingdom Principle:

- *In The Kingdom There Is No Shortage Of Natural Resources*
- *In Earthly Math -- It Didn't Add Up (5 Loaves + 2 Fish for 1,000's)*
- *In Kingdom Math -- It Was More Than Enough!*

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There Is A Supernatural Supply & Provision In The Kingdom

Luke 9:18-20: Peter Got It. He Knew Who Jesus Was

Luke 9:20 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.”

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Peter Had Expressed The Exact Truth:

- *Jesus Is The Christ -- The Messiah -- The Lord*
- *This Is Where Kingdom Life Begins. (Christ is King)*
- *This Is Where Kingdom Function Is Activated*

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Luke 9:21-27: Jesus Said: “Don’t Tell Anyone.”

- *There Were Still Things That Jesus Had To Fulfill*
- *You Can't Live In Two Kingdoms At The Same Time*
- ***You Must Decide And Choose: The Kingdoms Of This World Or The Kingdom Of God***

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Luke 9:27 (NIV) — 27 “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

- What Was He Describing? The Rapture? The Second Coming? No, He is Describing the Transfiguration

Luke 9:28–30 (NIV) — 28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. **29 *As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.*** **30** Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus

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Luke 9:28-36: On That Mountain They Saw Firsthand:

- *Jesus Being Glorified*
- *Jesus being testified of by Moses and Elijah*
- *The coming of the Kingdom of God amongst them*
- *it would be something for them to experience, and it would change their lives and impact them immensely.*

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Notes On High Level Functioning In The Kingdom Of God

- *The Kingdom Of God Is A Reality*
- *Wherever Christ Is His Kingdom Is Present*
- *In Christ's Kingdom We Find Everything We Need To Live Victoriously Over The Invisible Powers Of Darkness*

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The Kingdom Of God Is A Reality!

- *A Reality We Enter To Activate Our Faith*
- *We Need Our King*
- *We Need His Kingdom*

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A Kingdom Implies A King

- *The Idea Of Christ As King Is Affirmed Many Times In Scripture*
- *(i.e.) Look At The Gospel Accounts*

He Was A Baby – Born To Be King

- *Christ Himself Claimed to be King.*

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**Admission Or Exclusion Into The Kingdom -- Depends
Upon Our Attitude Towards Him**

- *Everything That Jesus Said And Did -- Confirmed The Reality Of The Kingdom*
- *Jesus Wanted All The People To Realize – There Is A King, There Is A Kingdom*

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The Kingdom Was Declared & Demonstrated

- *The Kingdom Of God Is Near You, Yet You Cannot See It.*
- *Forceful Men Lay Hold Of It*
- *You Have To Fight For It – A Battle Is Involved*

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- *“Experiencing the kingdom of heaven and all its benefits requires a true and continued effort to grow in faith and to resist the evil influences of Satan, sin and a corrupt society.”*
- *“The fullest benefits of God’s kingdom are not for those who have little spiritual hunger—who seldom pray, who neglect God’s Word or who compromise with the ungodly behaviors and lifestyles of the world.”*

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Our Goal: High Level Functioning In The Kingdom

- *The Kingdom Of God Has Dawned On Us*
- *It Has Broken Into Our Existence In This World*
- *Our Present Role In The Kingdom is to Enter By Faith & Occupy Until He Comes*

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Every Kingdom Member Has Opportunities

- The More We Grow In Kingdom Life -- The More We Will Be Able To Take Advantage Of Our Kingdom Benefits
- The More We Know – The More We Grow
- Our Goal: High Level Functioning In The Kingdom

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Develop A Kingdom Mindset

- **Mark 1:15 (NIV) — 15** *“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”*
- **Repent, Believe, Change**
- *Change Allegiance; Change Expectations; Change Values; Change Priorities; Change Mission*

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The Kingdom Advances In Kingdom Power

- It Is Happening Now – It Must Happen Now

The King Is Coming

- *“At the culmination of this age, Christ the King will come and establish His kingdom on earth as well as in heaven, and all believers will reign with Him.”*

Foundations of Pentecostal Theology

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Our Kingdom Centered Prayer:

- *Help Us Enter The Kingdom With Our Whole Being– So That We May Function at the Highest Levels in the Kingdom of God*
- *Let Our Lives Be Representative Of Your Kingdom In Thoughts, Words And Actions*
- *Let Kingdom Living Be Reality*
- *May Your Kingdom Come And Your Will Be Done*