

“GOD, YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE!”

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Text: Matthew 6:25-26, 28-29, 31-33

Many of us know verse 33, “seek first the Kingdom of God...” we memorize this verse, and try to obey this verse. It means making Him the focal point of our lives, aligning our desires, decisions, and actions with God’s will and His purpose. It’s also about seeking His righteousness, living according to His standards above our own desires and ambitions. Yet there are times the burdens of life get unbearable, and occasionally we are near burn out exhausted, dealing with what comes our way. That is when this verse seems hard to do. But we must choose to make this verse our life’s priority. Tell your neighbor, **“God, Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done!”**

On those unbearable, exhausting, near burn out days, we need to slow down, pray, focus, and reprioritize our lives. Learning to put Kingdom business first should be the goal of every follower of Christ. There will always be the temptation to allow our natural needs and desires in life to crowd out the core element of seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness! I also realize that sometimes the business for God’s kingdom outward, can crowd out the business of God’s kingdom inward. What are you talking about pastor? I’m glad you asked. Sometimes we’re so busy fulfilling that we don’t take time refilling!

If we are the Kingdom seekers we must decide each day T.G.I.F. (Today God Is First) I’m going to share with you six things we must do...

I. Let God’s Kingdom & Righteousness Reign in Our Priorities. We must count the cost of our decisions first. The very first scripture that came to mind was that of: Luke 14:28 “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?” This text reminds us to do some first things first. It’s like asking yourself, “what would Jesus do?”

In every situation before taking any action. Seeking God first and His righteousness is a continuous action. We must keep Godly priorities in view before we pursue other things. The first day of the week, Sunday is a special time to focus on God in worship and praise and to spend time and celebrate with the family of God! Let the people of God say Amen! So, we must **Let God's Kingdom & Righteousness Reign in Our Priorities, we must secondly...**

II. Let God's Kingdom & Righteousness Reign in Our Hearts. In most businesses there is a company mission statement. It is the overriding principles and priorities that govern all the activities of the company. In the same way, believers have a mission statement. It's the overriding priority that governs all things in the believer's life. "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." This verse is our mission statement of priority, God's kingdom! We pray for it every time we utter the Lord's Prayer. Tell your neighbor, **"God, Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done!"**

We must allow God's righteousness to reign in our lives, our homes, on our jobs, and in our church! Hallelujah! It must begin within, because righteousness is not about things on the outside only. It's about what is happening in our hearts. It's not about things we can do to earn righteousness! Believers have been made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus! Every believer has been declared to be in right standing with God! Now we must live it out in our personal lives! It's about the Kingdom working its goodness, and its righteousness in our hearts first! Hallelujah! **We must Let God's Kingdom & Righteousness Reign in Our Hearts, and thirdly we must...**

III. Let God's Kingdom & Righteousness Reign Over Our Affections. Where does our affection lie? Our affections determine our passion. Our affections are what makes us passionate. But today I want to ask are you passionate about your God and His Kingdom? Does every

ounce of your being seek the Heavenly Father's will and desire to see His righteousness reign in this world?

Matthew 22:37,38 “Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.” No part of us should be distracted from God! No part of us should not be praising God! Nothing else should get in the way of the divine God we serve! Not hobbies, not fishing, not work, nothing! That scripture denotes our all. Doesn't this also mean our emotions, ambitions and personal desires? We must love God above all! Hallelujah! **We must Let God's Kingdom & Righteousness Reign Over Our Affections, and Fourthly we must...**

IV. Let God's Kingdom & Righteousness Reign Over Our Relationships. In this area, we must admit that sometimes we have been settling for less than our best. When it comes to our relationships with others, most believers need to turn up the heat and go the second mile! Sometimes there is a gap between what we are saying and what we are doing! We need to stop talking about the idea of having good relationships with our brothers and sisters in the Church and start working towards having the relationship and start swallowing our pride! God cannot and will not engage with us the way He desires if we are carrying unforgiveness or ill feeling toward others! Can I get a witness? **We must Let God's Kingdom & Righteousness Reign Over Our Relationships and Fifthly we must...**

V. Let God's Kingdom & Righteousness Reign in Our Minds. Do you have a willing mind and an obedient heart? Paul commended the Corinthian Church because they had first a willing mind. **2 Cor 8:12** says, **“For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man has, and not according to that he has not.”** Believers should Keep their mind and thoughts open for the Holy Spirit. Be keen to hear His directions following with a willing mind and a glad heart! Instead of worrying about what we do not have and cannot do, we need to use what we have! We must make sure our thoughts and actions are

aligned with the Holy Spirit and God will be pleased! When God governs our thinking and we follow those thoughts with right action, our works will be accepted! **We must Let God's Kingdom & Righteousness Reign in Our Minds, and finally sixth...**

VI. Let God's Kingdom & Righteousness Reign in Our Prayer Life.

1 Timothy 2:1-3 "Therefore, I exhort first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior." **When we pray, we witness God's Mercy Has no Limits! His compassion is not confined! His Love cannot be measured! His forgiveness is ever present! His grace is always sufficient! And His presence and power are never absent!**

As I get ready to close, believers are encouraged to keep on praying, regardless of difficulties and disappointments! When we pray according to God's will, God will answer prayer! So, when we pray, "Our Father which art in heaven! Hallowed be Your Name! Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done!" His Will is when I thirst, You refresh me! When I am hungry, You feed me! When I am sick, You cure Me! When I am empty, You fill me! When I am weak, You strengthened me! My Faults, You Forgive me! My Hurts, You Heal me! My Needs You Provide for me! "God, Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done!"

Prayer is the language of the Kingdom! The Kingdom of God is where His will is done! Evil and Selfishness has NO POWER! NO PLACE! AND NO PART in God's Kingdom! There's No Corruption or destruction in God's Kingdom! No Hatred, Classism or Racism in God's Kingdom! There's No Democrats or Republicans in God's Kingdom! And there's No Have's and Have Not's in God's Kingdom! Hallelujah! God's Kingdom is where He rules and reigns in love and justice! Now tell your neighbor, "God, Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done!"