

KINGDOM PURSUERS (Part 1)

Summary:

This sermon challenges believers to examine their priorities and truly put God's kingdom first in their lives. Drawing from Matthew 6:33, the message emphasizes that while many claim to be Christians, few consistently prioritize God above earthly concerns. The pastor explains that seeking God's kingdom means being continually absorbed in spiritual truths while excluding worldly distractions. The sermon unpacks the concept of believers as "kings and priests" with royal authority, dominion, and access to God's throne. It addresses the danger of allowing life's demands, possessions, and responsibilities to overshadow our relationship with God. The core message is that when we genuinely seek God first and His righteousness, He will add all other necessary things to our lives. This isn't about rejecting material blessings but ensuring that things don't possess us. The sermon calls for believers to take their rightful position in God's kingdom, exercise spiritual authority, and live with the confidence that comes from making God the absolute priority.

Key Points:

- Seeking God first means being continually absorbed in spiritual truths and priorities while excluding worldly distractions
- There's a significant difference between claiming faith and living according to biblical principles—many profess Christianity but don't prioritize God first
- Whatever you treasure reveals where your heart truly is; your greatest energy, resources, and time indicate your real treasure
- Believers are a "royal priesthood" with complete access to God's throne of grace through Jesus' sacrifice
- As kings and priests, believers have authority, dominion, and rule over their spiritual domain
- The kingdom has three categories: Royalty (bloodline and pedigree), Rule (control and dominion), and Realm (kingdom domain)
- Believers must guard who and what they allow into their "kingdom" or personal domain
- As co-heirs with Christ, believers inherit all spiritual blessings, eternal life, and God's glory
- No one backslides, becomes cold, or misses God's blessings when genuinely seeking His kingdom first
- God wants believers blessed, but the Blessor must come before the blessings

Scripture Reference:

- Matthew 6:33 (primary text): "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you"
- Matthew 6:19-21: Treasures in heaven and where your treasure is, there your heart will be
- 1 Peter 2:9: Believers as a chosen generation, royal priesthood, holy nation
- Matthew 3:2 and 4:17: The kingdom of heaven is at hand
- Hebrews 4:16: Coming boldly to the throne of grace
- Revelations 1:5-6: Made kings and priests unto God
- Luke 10: Authority over all the works of the enemy
- Romans 8:16-17: Heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ

Quotes:

- Whatever's in the true heart of a person, that's exactly what they're going to pursue. And that's exactly what they're going to seek. Whatever's in you, you're going to go after it.
- No one ever backslides if they're seeking first the kingdom of God. No one ever becomes cold and lukewarm when they're seeking first the kingdom of God. No one misses the blessings in the favor of God when they're seeking God first.
- When you are in the kingdom of God and you're seeking the kingdom and you're putting God first, not only do you have authority, you have dominion. You have rule. God has given you authority over all the authority of the enemy.
- If I keep him first, he's going to add all these other things. The Bible said He will not withhold any good thing from them that walk uprightly before him.