

Colossians 1:12–13 (NLT) — "always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. 13 For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son"



**Ephesians 2:19 (NLT)** — "So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family."

1 Peter 2:11 (NLT) — "Dear friends, I warn you as 'temporary residents and foreigners' to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls."





**Luke 17:21 (NKJV)** — "nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."



**Matthew 6:33 (NLT)** — "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."



#### A KINGDOM HEART

# CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM

#### A Kingdom Heart

- Passionate desire to know the King
- Intimacy with God
- Intimate knowledge of who He is and what pleases Him
- Knows His desires and dreams
- Knows Him so can please Him

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Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV) — "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he..."



#### A KINGDOM MIND

Romans 1:20–22 (NKJV) — "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools"

**Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV)** — "There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death."



Romans 1:21–22 (NLT) — "Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. 22 Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools."



#### For Those Called by Jesus' Name:

- We are Christians
- We are bought with a price
- We are not our own
- We are citizens of another Kingdom and must think differently

"Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. 15 He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip. 16 "The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. 17 The servant with two bags of

silver also went to work and earned two more. 18 But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money. 19 After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. 20 The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, 'Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.' 21 The master

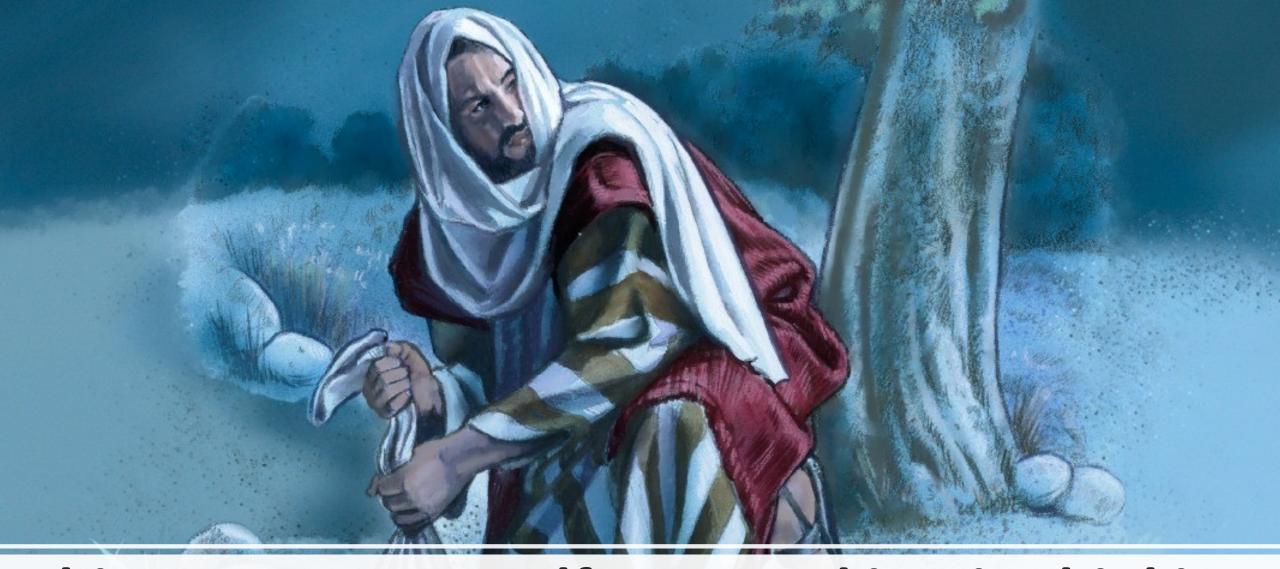
was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!' 22 The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.' 23 The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so

now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!' 24 Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, 'Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. 25 I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.' 26 But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't

cultivate, 27 why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.' 28 Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. 29 To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. 30 Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."



Matthew 25:24–25 (NLT) — "Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, 'Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. 25 I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back."



This Servant Was Self-Centered in His Thinking



I Need to Think About the Kingdom of God

**John 6:38 (NLT)** — "For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will."

John 14:9 (NLT) — "Jesus replied, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?'"

**Matthew 12:50 (NLT)** — "Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!"

How Do You
Process the
Decisions You
Make?





### What Does the Lord Want YOU to Do?

Luke 12:48 (NLT) — "But someone who does not know, and then does something wrong, will be punished only lightly. When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required."

**Genesis 12:3 (NLT)** — "I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."





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