

Kingdom Mindset

God's first priority – Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Jesus preached the kingdom message.

Matthew 4:17 - From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 6:10 - your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 11:12 - From the time of John the Baptizer until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful people have been seizing it.

Luke 16:16 - "The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing their way into it.

Luke 22:29 – And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me,

Matthew 23:13 - "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.

Luke 12:32 - "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

What is a kingdom?

The governing influence of a king over his territory, impacting it with his personal will, purpose, and intent, producing a culture, values, morals, and lifestyle that reflect the king's desires and nature for his citizens.

You can't have a kingdom without a king and a domain, a territory. King's send their citizens out to colonize the kingdom. We are citizens of the kingdom of God and are called to establish God's kingdom here on earth, God's morals, God's purpose and intent, God's values and establish His kingdom culture here on earth.

What is His kingdom culture? Heaven! We are called to establish heaven here on earth.

What are the characteristics of a kingdom?

In a kingdom there is the principle of the commonwealth which says that all citizens have equal access to the wealth and resources of the kingdom. The quality of life of the citizens of a kingdom reflects the

glory and reputation of the king. Kingdoms provide for all the needs of their citizens; and the king is personally committed to and involved in the welfare of his citizens.

Matthew 6:31-33 "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Psalm 84:11 - For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

There are many more characteristics of a kingdom besides the commonwealth principle that citizens of the kingdom get to participate in:

-The king personally owns everything, yes we are just stewards

Psalm 24:1-2 - The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it. For He has founded it upon the seas And established it upon the rivers.

-The king embodies the government of his kingdom

-the king chooses his citizens and citizenship is not a right but a privilege

Philippians 3:20-21 - For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

-the keys of the kingdom are the principles, precepts, laws and system by which the kingdom functions

Matthew 16:19 - I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

-as citizens we have royal privileges

Philippians 4:19 - And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

-The kingdom economy principle

Luke 6:38 - Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

-The kingdom delegated authority principle, worship, glory, royal favor, influence, provision and much more. So many benefits and privileges of being a citizen in His kingdom.

*See Dr. Myles Munroe's books on kingdom principles and citizenship for more details. The above principles and definitions were taken from his writings.

Developing a kingdom mindset starts with understanding what a kingdom is and who we are as citizens of God's kingdom. As we begin to understand our identity as citizens of the kingdom of God we can begin to develop a kingdom mindset like Jesus had and preached. Jesus didn't preach salvation, he preached kingdom.

We need to begin to see the bigger picture of our privilege and responsibility as kingdom citizens and children of God. We are part of the royal family and can walk in the promises the word tells us about that citizenship. We have the full authority of the kingdom of God backing us up and delegated to us as ambassadors here on earth. We need to walk in that authority and power to establish His kingdom here on earth.

John 14:12 - Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.