

KINGDOM

(βασιλεία)

Sovereignty, royal power, dominion. The territory of which a king rules.

More believers need to become more kingdom-minded. But to be more kingdom-minded you should first become more mindful of the King! You cannot seek first His kingdom (Matthew 6:33) unless you are already fully engaged with the King - Jesus Christ. In Luke 22:24-28 Jesus makes it clear that the "greatest" in His kingdom are those who serve. The primary quality each citizen of God's kingdom should possess is a servant heart. In this passage in Luke Jesus says, ***"Yet I am among you as the One who serves."*** Notice that even the King came to be a servant! Therefore, to be kingdom-minded you must have a willingness to serve. And you are to serve the King first!

Another aspect of the kingdom that is sometimes misunderstood is this... The kingdom of God uses a theocratic system through which to govern. Quite simply, this means that God holds one person responsible for each assignment He allocates. Unlike a democracy, where many people are equally responsible, God has chosen to have a government structure that replicates the Godhead. In the heavenly government, there is one Father, one Son, and one Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit reveals Christ (1 Corinthians 12:3) and Christ reveals the Father (John 5:19) – Father, Son, Holy Spirit - different functions yet equal in divine stature and power! Theocracy is a form of government in which God is officially recognised as the Chief Ruler and His policies are governed by officials on earth regarded as divinely chosen and supernaturally guided to perform and fulfil a specific task or function in His kingdom.

Hence, once you have developed a servant heart, and acknowledged the government structure in which you are expected to serve, you can start prioritising the kingdom and invite it into every aspect of your life. Be rest assured, the benefits are unbelievable! Therein lies true prosperity. Back to Matthew 6:33, ***"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."*** Jesus didn't say that we couldn't seek anything other than His kingdom, rather, that we must prioritise it and seek it first. Therefore, every time you compile a priority list, you must place His kingdom at number one! And when you do that you are guaranteed to have success in all the things you have listed below it. Jesus promised "all these things will be added." Added to what? To your number one priority! And added to whom? To YOU!

Jesus assures us that when we make His business our number one priority; He will make our business His number one priority. "All these things" in the Greek is literally everything you can physically see or touch. In fact, the word translated "all" implies always! Hence, when you give His kingdom precedence over everything else, you will 'always' receive all the things you are trusting Him for. To end, I would like to remind you that the kingdom of God is NOW, and it is NEAR (Mark 12:34). Therefore, once you have placed God's kingdom at the top of your daily priority list and given the King of Kings pre-eminence over all your affairs, expect to receive His awesome blessings immediately.