

Developing a Kingdom Perspective

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

But seek first the Kingdom of God ... and His Righteousness,
and all these things shall be added to you.

Matthew 6:10 (NKJV)

Your Kingdom come. ... Your Will be done ... On Earth as it is in Heaven.

Intro

Why a Kingdom Perspective so Important?

Without it - The Kingdom can't be manifested in your life nor through your life

What is Perspective?

Perspective is a "state of mind" - belief system - paradigm which ultimately forms your lifestyle

Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV)

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. ... "Eat and drink!" he says to you, ... But his heart is not with you

Proverbs 4:23 (EXB)

·Be careful what you think [Above all that you guard, protect your heart], ... Because ·your thoughts run your life [life flows from it].

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Practical Principles for Developing a Kingdom Perspective

Become a Master at the Rules of Biblical Interruption - Hermeneutics

2 Timothy 2:15 (AMPC)

Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

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Seek Incite and Understanding into the Mysteries / Secrets of the Kingdom

Pray for the “spirit of wisdom” and the “spirit of revelation” to open your “eyes” to see the secrets and mysteries of the Kingdom - - Eph. 1:16-18

Matthew 13:11 (NKJV)

He answered and said to them, ... “Because it has been given to you - - **TO KNOW** ... the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, ... but to them it has not been given.

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Look for Pictures

Don't just read the words on the page but visualize what is happening as you read

Mark 4:30-32 (NKJV)

30 Then He said, “To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? ... Or with what parable shall we picture it? ...

Jesus give us a Kingdom Perspective Key - Catch it!

John 8:38 (EXB)

38 I am telling you ·what my Father has shown me ... [what I have seen in the Father's presence], ... but you do what ·your father [or the Father] has told you.”

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Look for the “ESSENCE” or the “ORIGINAL Intention” as to what was written

Matthew 7:12 The Passion Translation The Golden Rule

12 “In everything you do, be careful to treat others in the same way you’d want them to treat you, ... for that is the essence ... of all the teachings of the Law and the Prophets.”

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Look for “Light Patterns”

John 8:12 (NKJV)

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. ... He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

Luke 11:34-36 (AMP)

The eye is the lamp of your body. ... When your eye is clear [spiritually perceptive, focused on God], ... your whole body also is full of light [benefiting from God’s precepts]. ... But when it is bad [spiritually blind], your body also is full of darkness [devoid of God’s word]. ... 35 Be careful, therefore, that the light that is in you is not darkness. ... 36 So if your whole body is illuminated, with no dark part, it will be entirely bright [with light], as when the lamp gives you light with its bright rays.”

Psalms 119:105 (NKJV)

Your word is a lamp to my feet ... And a light to my path.

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Ask for the “Spirit of Wisdom”

Ephesians 1:15-17 (AMPC)

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints (the people of God), ... 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers. ... 17 [For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that **He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation** [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him,

Ephesians 1:18 (AMP)

18 And [I pray] that the **eyes of your heart ...** [the very center and core of your being] ... **may be enlightened ...** [flooded with light by the Holy Spirit], ... so that you will know and cherish the hope [the divine guarantee, the confident expectation] to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints (God’s people),

Don’t pray for wisdom which is really you looking for the solution to your problem ... Pray for the spirit of wisdom to constantly rest upon your life whereby you receive “street smarts” in dealing with any situation that arises as you walk through this life

Jesus demonstrating “Street Smarts” with his enemies

Luke 20:20-26 (NLT) The question about paying taxes

The Plan

20 **Watching for their opportunity,** ... **the leaders sent spies ... pretending to be honest men.** They tried to get Jesus to say something that could be reported to the Roman governor so he would arrest Jesus.

The Set-up

21 “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you speak and teach what is right ... and are not influenced by what others think. ... You teach the way of God truthfully.

The Trap

22 Now tell us—is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

“Street Smarts” - the engaging of the spirit of wisdom

23 He saw through their trickery and said, ... 24 “Show me a Roman coin. ... Whose picture and title are stamped on it?” ... “Caesar’s,” they replied. ... 25 “Well then,” he said, “give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, ... and give to God what belongs to God.”

The Results of Operating with “Street Smarts”

26 So they failed to trap him by what he said in front of the people. ... Instead, they were amazed by his answer, and they became silent.

Jesus demonstrating “Street Smarts” with the demonic

Luke 4:31-37 (NLT) Jesus Casts Out a Demon

31 Then Jesus went to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and taught there in the synagogue every Sabbath day. ... 32 There, too, the people were amazed at his teaching, {Why? What did Jesus teach and preach? - - The gospel of the Kingdom} ... for he spoke with authority. {TLB - For he spoke as one who knew the truth, ... instead of merely quoting the opinions of others as his authority.}

{Voice - In attendance that day was a man with a demonic spirit.}

33 Once when he was in the synagogue, a man possessed by a demon—an evil spirit—cried out, shouting, ... 34 “Go away! ... Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? {What? ... Demonic folk in the house of God? ... And they are complaining about be “interfered with”} ... Have you come to destroy us? ... I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

35 But Jesus reprimanded him. “Be quiet! {Literally - Be muzzled} ... Come out of the man,” he ordered. ... At that, the demon threw the man to the floor as the crowd watched; {Demons will always seek to create a scene as they like the attention it brings. But notice, it could no longer speak} ... then it came out of him without hurting him further.

36 Amazed, the people exclaimed, “What authority and power this man’s words possess! Even evil spirits obey him, and they flee at his command!” ... 37 The news about Jesus spread through every village in the entire region.

Conclusion

Let’s take a moment to reflect on what we have just heard ... Sit quietly, you may even want to close your eyes ... Let’s ask the Holy Spirit - - “Holy Spirit, what do you want me to receive from this message today? ... Give me a divine revelation this morning that I may be radically changed”

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Look for God's Geometry

Gen. 6	Building of the Ark
I Ki. 5-6	Building of Solomon's Temple
Rev. 21	The New Jerusalem

Number Patterns

- 1 - Singleness / Wholeness
- 2 - Multiplication
- 3 - Power of God
- 4 - Creation
- 5 - Grace
- 6 - Man
- 7 - Perfection
- 8 - New Beginnings
- 9 - Holy Spirit
- 10 - Law
- 11 - Chaos
- 12 - Government
- 13 - Rebellion
- 40 - Testing
- 400 - Silence

Color Patterns

Red - - (+) wisdom; power (-) anger; war

Yellow - - hope; mind; gift of God (-) fear; coward; intellectual pride

White - - purity; holy power (-) religious spirit

Gold - - authentic; holy; glory (-) idolatry; defilement

Green - - growth; conscience; prosperity (-) envy; jealous; pride

Blue - - communion; revelation (-) depression; anxiety; sorrow

Cyan - - will; perseverance (-) strong-willed

Magenta - - emotions; love (-) hate

Orange - - perseverance (-) stubbornness; strong-willed

Silver - - redemption (-) legalism; slavery; domination

Brown - - compassion; humility (-) humanity

Purple - - authority; royalty (-) False authority

Linear Patterns

Isaiah 28:10, 13 (NKJV)

10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, ... Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little." ... 13 But the word of the Lord was to them, ... "Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, ... Line upon line, line upon line, ... Here a little, there a little," That they might go and fall backward, and be broken And snared and caught.

Circular Patterns

Revelation 1:8 (NKJV)

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, ... the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, ... "who is and who was ... and who is to come, ... the Almighty."

