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How to seek the kingdom. 2

The greatest challenge is dealing with competing demands or alternatives that are after our time. Sometimes getting dressed takes too long, etc... which way do we go to work, what meeting do I go to, there are continual things competing

Life was designed to be simple and not complicated.

The key to simplifying your life is prioritization. People always ask how do you balance everything. Prioritize, organize and discipline.

Priority protects you from doing everything. So once you find your priority then organize them in the right sequence. For example, you might have God, business, family, purpose, etc. you have your priorities but you may have business, and family before God. That is out of order. Then discipline, once you set priorities then you have to discipline yourself to keep them that way. Discipline is self-imposed restrictions. You set certain restrictions that you have imposed on yourself to achieve your desired goal.

Identifying the correct and the right priority help simplify life. For example the drug dealer's priority is to sell drugs which will kill people. The thief's priority is to steal, kill and destroy. We all have priorities but we have to ask, "are these the correct priorities and the right ones?"

Jesus identified the right priorities for everyone on the planet. He gave us two to pursue and it makes life simple.

First means priority, first things first, the kingdom. And the **second** thing is the righteousness of God. When these are at the top everything will be added.

A kingdom is a government with a domain; a governing influence on the earth; seek first the governing influence of heaven on earth in whatever area you are a part of

Righteousness means right positioning with government authority; right standing; seek right positioning with that government and when we do everything else will be added.

When we seek these two things then all the things will seek us. Seek means to desire to know. **Desire** to know first the kingdom of God. **Pursue** first the kingdom. **Study** first the kingdom. **Explore** first the kingdom. **Understand** first the kingdom. **Learn** first the kingdom, **consider** first the kingdom. **Then all these things will come to you..**

Seek means to have a passion for. Have a passion to know the kingdom first.

Seek means to be diligent. Diligently dedicate yourself first to the kingdom. Be hungry to know the kingdom. The more you want to know He will show you. I am dedicated to seek the kingdom.

Look at peoples priorities and then look at God's

Matthew 6:25 Ampc. *"Therefore I tell you, stop being [v]perpetually uneasy (anxious and worried) about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; or about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life greater [in quality] than food, and the body [far above and more excellent] than clothing?"*

- People work 8 hours for food, drink, clothes, people miss God's meetings for food, they work two jobs for these things.

Most people shouldn't be as tired as they say they are but most people miss the things of God cause they are so tired. People miss the things of God so they can rest, who gave you the job, who gave you the air you breathe, you gave you your body? And we can't even come and learn and

worship, and honor Him. He tells us not to worry, don't let these things be your priority.

People will spend \$150 on fuel, \$100 on food, \$250 on clothes then give God \$20 cause they don't have this revelation of putting God first. Where our treasure is there is our heart.

Matthew 6:33 Ampc. *“But seek ([z]aim at and strive after) first of all **His kingdom** and **His righteousness** ([aa]His way of doing and being right), and then all these things [ab]taken together will be given you besides.”*

He says our priorities should be **a place** and **a position**. Our priority shouldn't be things, stuff, people, ourselves. But **a place** “Kingdom of God” and **a position** “righteousness”. God is right no matter what you think. To many people are working and getting to old fast.

The greatest legacy to leave is a life that drew people to the kingdom of God. Seek His Kingdom and His righteousness. Kingdom first, kingdom is first, kingdom is first! What is the first thing in our life? The kingdom.... Jesus said if you do this then He will add all things to us.

Proverbs 10:22 NKJV *“²² The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.*

The kingdom of God is first priority to God so we should give ourselves to the study, pursuit and understanding of the kingdom and our right standing with God.

Seek the kingdom and thirst for Righteousness.

Righteousness is right positioning, right standing, it's the ability to stand in the presence of God without fear, a sense of guilt or condemnation.

Matthew 5:6 Ampc.

*"Blessed and fortunate and happy and [g]spiritually prosperous (in that state in which the born-again child of God [h]enjoys His favor and salvation) are those **who hunger and thirst for righteousness** (uprightness and right standing with God), for they shall be [i]completely satisfied!"*

Thirst is a natural experience. It doesn't have to be created in our body, it is natural. There comes a time in our day when our body begins to desire, crave, pursue liquid in order to keep functioning. That should happen to us spiritually.

When we come into the kingdom and start going after Him then we start to develop a thirst for all that He has, a thirst for right positioning, we are righteous and when we listen to the real us, our new nature, we start to desire life and life more abundantly.

When we realize we are right in the kingdom, I am asking God that we start to have this hunger and thirst to live from this place of righteousness. Hunger, thirst, passion isn't casual. We all desire to be right with God and He wants us to operate from this revelation of our righteousness. Even when we were sinning we knew it was wrong and desired to be right.

When our position of righteousness becomes a passion, He positions us. Thirst for it. How hungry and thirsty are we to live from our place of righteousness. Do we want it more than the things? God knows where we are in the process, we think we can kid God and we can't, He knows. But if you'll be real with Him and keep going after Him, He will help us.

Learn to come desperate, hungry, passionate for the king and His way of doing and operating from our place of righteousness. He said if we do, we will be completely satisfied.

Jesus was a man just like us. He was a spirit in a body like us. He was hungry to please the Father.

John 5:30 Ampc. *"I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord—but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek or consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but only the will and pleasure of the Father Who sent Me."*

He was hungry to hear, and to act.

Matthew 14:15-17 Ampc. *"When evening came, the disciples came to Him and said, This is a remote and barren place, and the day is now over; send the throngs away into the villages to buy food for themselves.¹⁶ Jesus said, They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat.¹⁷ They said to Him, We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."*

The disciples were focused on the food. People are focused on food, lunch, dinner, we all work for food, think about food. He said let the king influence what you have and I will provide the food. There is something more important than eating.

John 4:30-34 Ampc. *"³¹ Meanwhile, the disciples urged Him saying, Rabbi, eat something.³² But He assured them, I have food (nourishment) to eat of which you know nothing and have no idea.³³ So the disciples said one to another, Has someone brought Him something to eat?³⁴ Jesus said to them, My food (nourishment) is to do the will (pleasure) of Him Who sent Me and to accomplish and completely finish His work."*

He said whatever is in alignment with the Father is more important than eating. Sometimes it will require not eating. Can you fast anything in order to spend time with Him? There are people that are so serious about not missing dinner but they will miss prayer, that won't miss a kids soccer game or baseball but

its easy for them to miss equipping services, that won't miss a competition but they will miss church all the time.

They won't be late to work but they will come to church late, people pay 20 dollar subscriptions to this and that, they are serious about not being late on a bill but they tip God. All of it is about priority. Those who are in alignment with me, hunger for me, passionate for me, will be filled and completely satisfied.

Psalms 34:10 Ampc. *"The young lions lack food and suffer hunger, **but they who seek** (inquire of and require) the Lord [by right of their need and on the authority of His Word], none of them shall lack any beneficial thing."*

The way you get things is not by running after them. God wants you to have so many things that people are asking you how do you live like that, how are you so peaceful, how do you enjoy life like that. **Our answer is Kingdom and righteousness.** It will happen to me.

Luke 16:16 *"Until John came, there were the Law and the Prophets; since then the good news (the Gospel) of **the kingdom of God** is being preached, and everyone strives violently to go in [would force his own way rather than God's way into it]."*

Billions of people are looking for the same thing. Religion cannot replace kingdom, dominion, its about relationship. They are poor spiritual, they are malnourished, they are hungry and the only solution is kingdom.

Matthew 5:3 Ampc. *"Blessed (happy, [a]to be envied, and [b]spiritually prosperous—[c]with life-joy and satisfaction in God's favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the poor in spirit (the humble, who rate themselves insignificant), for theirs is **the kingdom of heaven!**"*

Look at setting your priorities:

Luke 9:57,58 Ampc. *"And it occurred that as they were going along the road, a man said to Him, Lord, I will follow You wherever You go.⁵⁸ And*

Jesus told him, Foxes have lurking holes and the birds of the air have roosts and nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head."

He was convinced that Jesus was a good man, He fed the poor, did great things. Jesus knew the man is looking for things. He wants us to follow Him no matter where it leads.

Why did we come today? Was it just so he will pay our mortgage, our bills, our company isn't doing good or is to know Him, to learn, study, explore, pursue the kingdom...

Luke 9:59,60 Ampc. *"And He said to another, ^(w)Become My disciple, side with My party, and accompany Me! But he replied, Lord, permit me first to go and bury ^(w)await the death of) my father.⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and publish abroad ^(w)throughout all regions the kingdom of God."*

Notice he put something else first. The mans first was different than Jesus's. He isn't being disrespectful He is just wanting to get the priority right. He wants to position Him. He was letting them know nothing is more important than the kingdom. The dead are gone so move forward and seek the kingdom. The parent left but the kingdom is still here. We live in the kingdom and the kingdom is in us.

Luke 9:61,62 Ampc. *"⁶¹ Another also said, I will follow You, Lord, and become Your disciple and side with Your party; but let me first say good-bye to those at my home.⁶² Jesus said to him, No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back [to the things behind] is fit for the kingdom of God."*

He had another first. We want to do it our way, we want to negotiate with God, anything we put before God is out of alignment.

Luke 18:28-30 Ampc. *“And Peter said, See, we have left our own [things—home, family, and business] and have followed You.²⁹ And He said to them, I say to you truly, **there is no one** who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God³⁰ Who will not receive in return many times more in this world and, in the coming age, eternal life.”*

No one, that is me... that's you. In this life. This destroys religion. Religion wants to put off the rewards until we die but Jesus says now in this life. God wants us to have things but He doesn't want us to go after them in front of the kingdom. Lets don't limit God.

When you put the kingdom in front of your wife. You'll have people to help you, brothers, sisters, our family is growing, children's, parents, etc... a kingdom citizen will never be an orphan

A priority in the kingdom is children:

Luke 18:15-17 Ampc. *“¹⁵ Now they were also bringing [even] babies to Him that He might touch them, and when the disciples noticed it, they reproved them.¹⁶ But Jesus called them [wthe parents] to Him, saying, Allow the little children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such [as these] **belongs the kingdom of God.**¹⁷ Truly I say to you, whoever does not accept and receive and **welcome the kingdom of God** like a little child [does] shall not in any way **enter** it [at all].”*

The kingdom is for those who aren't religious yet. The kids aren't messed up yet. A child will trust, will believe, will do it just like that, they don't have to unlearn religion, or defeat, or failure.

There is a saying “born perfect but taught to fail”

We must receive the kingdom like a child. That doesn't mean immature. He says “anyone”, bible toting, tongue talking, church goer, etc... You can attend church 20, 30, 40 years but not experience the kingdom.

Experiencing the kingdom has to do with attitude. Think about a little kid that has fun, excited, thankful, they have expression but very seldom to you see adults like this. They have a sad face, complain about everything, etc..

The word enter means experience. You can go to a pool and not swim. You can go somewhere but not experience it.

Ex. The ship story. A couple won a cruise and they have this full cruise, all the expenses paid. But they stopped on their way and got cheese and cracker and they hadn't ever been on a ship so they were excited to be on it and they ate crackers for 5 days until the captain realized there had been two seats at every meal were empty and when they asked the couple where have you been. They said we couldn't afford to eat any of the meals but the captain said your meals were already paid for, they didn't go to the shows, the banquets, any of it. They didn't know the ticket included everything. The shipped docked and they never enjoyed any of it. They were on the ship but didn't enjoy the benefits.

2 Corinthians 8:9 Ampc. *"For you are becoming progressively acquainted with and recognizing more strongly and clearly the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (His kindness, His gracious generosity, His undeserved favor and spiritual blessing), [in] that though He was [so very] rich, yet for your sakes He became [so very] poor, in order that by His poverty you might become enriched (abundantly supplied)."*

He said become like a child for these reasons. They are **dependent**. The greatest threat to a kingdom is independence. Children are dependent in the womb to eat what you eat, when they come they can't feed themselves, bath, clothe, be that way in the kingdom. God you are my king and I am dependent on you.

Simplicity- they don't complicate anything. In the kingdom He doesn't want your arguing, when He tells you to do something

then just do it even when we don't understand. Give, love, even when we don't feel like it

Trust- kids when you are at the pool and tell them to jump, they just do it cause they know you will catch them. Total trust. God I trust you. We want to figure everything out. You said it will be a good day but how, when, why,. Just trust Him like a child. Remember the God factor, He has us. Trust Him. They don't come and say did you work today so we can have food, no they say what are we eating, I need clothes, I need fuel, they know they have it

Obedience

Acceptance- they believe you will do what you said. God said he would provide.

Expectation- when you tell a child something they expect it to happen

Transparency- children will tell you the truth. They will call you on something, adults lie, the adults are the ones that need help. He says love your enemies, transparency, kids aren't jealous they are taught that

Innocent-

Faith, confident- they believe everything you tell them. Believe it like a kid. Seek the kingdom and He adds. Believe that I am your child and you will do what you said. I am taken care of in Jesus name.

Bold, have no fear, - declare things that you can't pay for. Children state what they want, they aren't calculating how. Only adults calculate why it can't be done.

Growing up is dangerous because you have experiences and experiences are holding us back, they are telling us what we can't be done. Children don't have experiences so they are bold, they dream bold, the have bold

imaginations. And adults kill kids dream because of their experiences, you can't do that, there is no way, you will be broke just like me they say. Children are bold because they have no experience in the natural.

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