

If You're Gonna Do Kingdom Work...

Colossians 1:16-18

16. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

17. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

18. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

By the word of the serpent, man fell and died... but by the Word of God, man stands and lives!

Mat 9:35 - Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

Mk. 1:27 - The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching--and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him."

There is power when we are in the kingdom of God to tell harassing terrorist spirits to leave!

In 1 John 3:8 - "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work."

Acts 10:37-38 - You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached-- how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

"yatsar" = to form or to fashion.

This is what we were created for, to walk in His love and fellowship!

Almost immediately after Adam and Eve fell to Satan's temptation, we see death, sin, murder, and sickness!

Because of the fall, man's authority is removed!

We've all been raised in a world system that is in complete Rebellion against God!

Rev 11:15 - "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever."

So, when Jesus came into this world, He came as God's Anointed One to deal that death blow!

Matt 11:12 - "From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of 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 his way into it."

Conversion is a forceful thing!

Babies don't just appear, they come by force!

Luke 13:24 - "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to."

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1. You're gonna have to BELIEVE God's promise when you feel like it's IMPOSSIBLE!

You have to have a promise based on God's Word and stand on it!

Psalm 127:1 - Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. We should not attempt anything in our own strength without receiving a promise from the Lord!

God is under no obligation to bless anything that did not originate with Him!

2. You're gonna have to ENDURE when you feel you CAN'T GO ON!

Hebrews 6:12 - We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

Psalm 105:18-19 – (Talking about Joseph) They bruised his feet with shackles, his neck was put in irons, till what he foretold came to pass, till the word of the LORD proved him true.

ENDURANCE = When you want to quit... DON'T!!!

After receiving a promise we CANNOT give up at the first hint of trouble!

Being in the center of God's will does not mean that life will always be a bed of roses!

Gen. 40:23 - The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him.

Pain and suffering is temporary, but quitting is permanent!

3. You're gonna have to PRAISE when you feel like COMPLAINING!

Psalms 8:1-2 - O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

Ps. 22:3 - Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are (sit on, live in, inhabit, to marry, become as one) the praise of Israel.

Joshua 6:20 tells us that the walls of Jericho fell when the people praised God!

Joshua 6:20 - When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city.

Acts 16:25-26 tells us that the earth shook and prison doors opened when Paul and Silas praised God!

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25. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

26. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose.

Where there is no praise, there is bound to be grumbling and murmuring!

Numbers 14:26-28

26. The LORD said to Moses and Aaron:

27. "How long will this wicked community grumble against me? I have heard the complaints of these grumbling Israelites.

28. So tell them, `As surely as I live, declares the LORD, I will do to you the very things I heard you say:

4. You're gonna have to GIVE when it feel like you CAN'T AFFORD TO!

Matthew 6:33 - But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

II Corinthians 9:7 - Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

When we put God first in our lives, He is faithful to meet all of our needs according to His glorious riches!

In the midst of his disappointment, Jesus came and asked Peter to let him use his boat.

When we willingly allow God to use whatever we have for His kingdom, He will bless us until we don't have enough room to hold the blessing!

The principle of provision is giving BEFORE we receive!

5. You're gonna have to HUMBLE yourself when you feel like TOOTING YOUR OWN HORN!

Luke 14:11 - For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Matthew 18:1-4

1. At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2. He called a little child and had him stand among them.

3. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

4. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

In the Kingdom of God promotion comes by humility!

Jesus taught clearly that whoever humbles himself like a little child shall be greatest in the Kingdom of God!

Lk. 17:20-21 - Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."