



## Children of the Kingdom

### **1st Peter 2:9**

**But ye are chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a particular people that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

**Kingdom—A land ruled by a king or queen.**

Every kingdom has a ruler. God has given us the ability to rule by the empowerment of Jesus' spirit living within our mortal bodies. When Adam and Eve sinned against God, we lost our dominion. Satan influenced Eve through her fleshly desires. Lust of the flesh (physical desires); Lust of the eyes (personal desires); and pride of life (self interest). Just as Satan influenced Eve, he is still influencing the children of God through the same tactics he did with Eve; and just as Eve failed through disobedience so are some of us. In order to fight Satan, we must have the Spirit of the Living God dwelling in our mortal bodies.

### **Matthew 1:23**

**Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they call his name Immanuel, which being interpreted, God with us.**

Jesus came to earth to reconcile us back to the Father, there was no other way we could be redeemed, but through the shedding of the blood of Jesus. If there was not any power in His death and resurrection there wouldn't have been

a need for Him to die and be resurrected. Prior to Jesus' death, He instructed His disciples about Satan.

### **John 10:10**

**The thief cometh not, but to steal, kill, and to destroy. I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

Satan hasn't changed, he is trying to get as many disciples as he can and those he can't disciple, he is stealing, killing and destroying, if they allow him. The only way we can stop Satan is through the Spirit of God, and His Spirit must be living within us.

### **John 3:5**

**Jesus answered, verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

There is no other way we can fight a spirit, but through the Spirit of God. Attending church will not get us saved. We can place our name within a role at church, and it will not help us to enter into the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is not in heaven but in the power to constrain ourselves from doing what God has instructed us not to do, and to do the things He has instructed us to do.

### **2nd Corinthians 5:17**

**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new.**

There is no way we can have the Spirit of God dwelling in our human bodies and we're satisfied in the continuation of practicing living in sin. When the Spirit of God is dwelling in our human bodies, we have a different craving and desires for the things of God and no longer enjoy the desires of what the world offers.

### **John 17:16**

**They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**

Jesus was talking to the Father about the disciples then and now. When we're born of the Spirit of God, we are citizens of the kingdom of God. Satan is no longer our father. There are two spirits and one or the other will be our father.

### **1st John 5:4**

**For whatsoever is born of God, over cometh the world: and this is the victory that over cometh the world, even our faith.**

There is no way you can be a child of God and you're being defeated in different areas of your life— unless you're not a child of God, or you don't know whose child you are. There is no defeat in God and because you're a child of God, you're on the winning side.

### **John 17:21**

**That they all may be one as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.**

When the Spirit of God engulf our spirit there is no way we can continue to live in defeat because God has given us power to conquer anything that would attack us or what concerns us.

### **Luke 10:19**

**Behold, I give unto you power (authority) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

The only way we can have the power or the authority of God operating in our lives, we must be citizens of the kingdom of God. And when we have become Children of the Kingdom the manifestation of the Fruit of the Spirit should be operating in and through us.

**Love—John 15:12**—This is my commandment that ye love one another, as I have loved you. This means everyone.

**Joy—Nehemiah 8:10**—For the joy of the Lord is your strength.

**Peace—John 14:27**—Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you, let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.

**Longsuffering—Ephesians 4:2**—With all lowliness and meekness with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love.

**Gentleness—2nd Peter 1:7**—And to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity.

**Goodness - Ephesians 5:9**—For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth.

**Faith—Hebrew 11:1**—Now faith is the substance (realization) of things hoped for, the evidence (strong conviction) of things not

**Temperance—2nd Peter 1:6**—And to knowledge, temperance (self control) and to temperance, patience; and to patience godliness.

**Meekness—Zephaniah 2:3**—Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought (upheld his justice) his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness (humility): it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.

Anyone professing to be a Christian should be operating in these fruits, if not, we should pray and fast until we see the manifestation of the Fruit of the Spirit operating in us. There should be a difference between us and the ungodly, but we try to experience as much as the worldly as we can and still think we can operate in the kingdom when the kingdom is not in us. What's in us will manifest, no matter how we try to hide it.

### **Matthew 12:35**

**A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.**

A good nature, or morals is different than being born of the kingdom of God. There are many that are doing good works, helping and sharing with others, but if the Spirit of God is not residing in them all their good works will not give them an inheritance of the kingdom of God.

People attend church and think this will given them an inheritance, but have not allowed the Spirit of God to do a work in their soul. Religion is not going to save us. Religion has its way of making God tolerance of sin. They can serve their god and yet continue to live a lifestyle that is completely adverse to the Bible.

The Bible is the only book that is prophecy that talks about the past, present and future. When you read the Bible you will see the truth and as you read the truth, it will begin to destroy sin in us, if we allow it. The Bible is the only book that can make a spiritual change in your life. Self-help books are good, but they can't change your spirit or your soul or your heart. The Bible does spiritual surgery on the heart and mind. You cannot continue to read the Bible on a regular basis and it doesn't change you. Satan will do whatever he can to make sure you don't read the Bible. It's Satan that influences people to think the Bible isn't true; and they will never receive the truth if they will never take the time to read and study the Bible.

It's time for those that profess Christianity to take their rightful place in the kingdom of God. It's time for us to stop trying to be a part of the world. We cannot participate in worldly things and think we can also possess the kingdom of God. We are either going to serve God and forsake Satan, or we will serve Satan and forsake God, we cannot serve both of them.

### **Romans 6:16**

**Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servant ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?**

The world is looking for help, and its looking in all the wrong places. The church which is the children of God should be an example and consolation, but rather than being an example many of us are acting like the unbeliever. The unbeliever use to have reverence for the church and Christians, but

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because they have found so many of us living as they are, they have lost respect for the church as well as Christians.

It's time to show a difference to the world, it's time to be an example for lost souls. No longer should we be a stumbling block and hindrance to lost souls. The Bible instruct us to be a light, but where is the light in the body of Christ? Ministers are teaching a watered down gospel. Some have divorced their spouse and remarried someone else. Some are committing fornication and adultery. Many are accepting the world standards of living. This is why Jesus instructed us that man should always pray.

### **Luke 18:1**

**And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint (lose heart).**

We cannot stay connect to God if we don't pray. Prayer helps us to take authority over the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life. Children of the kingdom, it's time to pray and fast. Take time out daily to pray individually and if you can find a prayer partner, get someone to pray with you.

### **Matthew 18:19**

**Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.**

Some of the things happening in the world wouldn't be if the Children of the Kingdom would begin to pray and fast, we could move the hand of God to intercede in what's happening.

### **2nd Chronicles 7:14**

**If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble**

**themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**

God is waiting on the Children of the Kingdom to get in position. God always used people to set the captive free, and the only way the captive will be set free is through our sacrifice of prayer, fasting, living a lifestyle that will draw others to God.

We are the Children of the Kingdom and it's time we take our rightful place. Let's stop making excuses and put on the garment of praise, let's pray until we see the hand of God moving upon our lives and the lives of others. Lets pray until we see the drug addict delivered, the sick set free, marriages healed, rebellion children obedient. Lets pray until we see miracles and signs and wonders as God did with the Apostles. God is the same God that moved in their lives and He will move in our lives as we get back to prayer and obedience to the word of God.

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