

Being A King For Christ

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Knowing that Jesus could come at any moment, knowing that you and I are not promised tomorrow (Jesus could say to you specifically, time to come home) we need to make sure we are ready. By measuring, testing and observing to see do we live by God's Word or the World.

Now, knowing that Jesus could come at any moment or you and I or anyone else could die at any time we need to make sure we are letting the person of Christ shine through. We are called to be a witness, go make disciples and go do miracles.

Now, the only thing when we stand before God that we are going to be judged by is how we lived for Him - were we righteous, were we Godly, did we witness, did we make disciples, did we do "things" God's Word in Jesus name where we went: work, home, hobbies..

Last week we read this charge in 1 Timothy

1 Timothy 6 Amplified Bible (AMP)

*1 Let all who are **under the yoke as bond servants** esteem their own [personal] masters worthy of honor and fullest respect, so that the name of God and the teaching [about Him] may not be brought into disrepute and blasphemed.*

3 But if anyone teaches otherwise and does not [a]assent (agree and comply) to the sound and wholesome messages of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and the teaching which is in agreement with godliness (piety toward God),

4 He is puffed up with pride and stupefied with conceit, [although he is] woefully ignorant.

He has a [b]morbid fondness for controversy and disputes and strife about words, which result in (produce) envy and jealousy, quarrels and dissension, abuse and insults and slander, and base suspicions,

5 And protracted wrangling and wearing discussion and perpetual friction among men who are corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth,...**From such withdraw.**

1 Timothy 6:11-16 Amplified Bible (AMP)

11 But as for you, O man of God, **flee from all these things;** aim at and **pursue righteousness (right standing with God and true goodness), godliness** (which is the loving fear of God and being Christlike), faith, love, steadfastness (patience), and gentleness of heart.

12 **Fight the good fight of the faith;** lay hold of the eternal life to which you were summoned and [for which] you confessed the good confession [of faith] before many witnesses.

One of the areas in our lives that stops us from doing what is right or righteous and Godly or showing Godliness is our character and integrity.

God develops in us integrity, man promotes off of skill. But God waits until you develop integrity.

God is not bringing you up somewhere so you can fail. God is making it so you will prevail. So character and integrity must be developed inside of us.

Most of us before coming to Christ were lacking in this area. Meaning when we come under pressure we might say some things that might be altogether not true but we might say them to get out of the tight place we are in.

God doesn't want that – He wants us to be people of integrity.

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So what are we talking about here? We are talking about the church; you and me need to have integrity. Don't you think this needs to be talked about? In light of some things that are happening out there we need to talk about integrity and see what God has to say about it.

The church is not a building the church is people. The church is people who have been called out and as we have been called out we have been called out of every kind of lifestyle that we have been living in and we have been called into something called the church.

In this church we are coming into the kingdom but the kingdom of God is also coming into us and that what it says in Luke 17:20.

Luke 17:20-21 KJV

20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Luke 17:20-21 GNT

20 Some Pharisees asked Jesus when the Kingdom of God would come. His answer was, "The Kingdom of God does not come in such a way as to be seen. 21 No one will say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!'; because the Kingdom of God is within you."

The kingdom of God doesn't come by observation it is within you. So the kingdom of God is within us and this is the reason why I'm telling you this.

The kingdom of God is not a religion, the kingdom of God is a government. And in Isaiah 9 it says.....

Isa 9:6-7 KJV

*6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: **and the government shall be upon his shoulder:** and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end,

Now the Government of God as it says in Revelations... that **the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our God.** The kingdom of our God will take over every other government.

What this means is there's a new way that we act in the kingdom of God. In the kingdom of God there are new standards. In the kingdom of God there are different laws. In the kingdom of God there is a different culture, different principles and value system and morals.

Once you say I want to be a part of that and you get out of the mess, now it's time to get the mess out of you. I'm talking to me too - we all need to change.

We who are in the kingdom are subject to this government over any other government (sinful, carnal world) meaning if something conflicts with this government (God's) we have a right to obey God's government.

Many times I think that the church has missed it is that we see the church as religion, it's not religion it's a government. Religion you can pick and choose this or that or they might do this but not do that. But the kingdom of God is just like a government out there (you can't pick and choose what you want to do – there are laws and rules) see, this is a government coming from heaven that will be set up on this earth.

Revelations 21 says.....

Rev 21:2-3 KJV

*2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, **coming down from God out of heaven,** prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

When you leave this earth, you are going to heaven but don't unpack because you won't be staying there long you will be right back here living forever on this earth in the government of our God.

What happens is the culture of that government has to come through. It has to come through with us because we have to understand the kingdom of God is not a democracy.

Now lets review, Daniel interpreted a dream for Nebechunerzer – see that king had a priest. Every one needs a pastor – the more you rise up the more you need a priest and the more vision I get I need a king – we need each other did you see this.

Now, in this statue in his dream.....all the governments of this world for all time we listed and he explained it all to him. Daniel was raised up over all these princes and governors why? he had integrity and the bible said an excellent spirit. We'll talk more about excellence later.

The kingdom of God is within you and you are sent out to the world. In the world God raises you up so you can win the world through influence. **When we look at the scripture in Matthew 5:13**

Matt 5:13-17 KJV

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Matthew 5:13-17 Amplified Bible (AMP)

13 You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste (its strength, its quality), how can its saltiness be restored? It is not good for anything any longer but to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men.

What do we use salt for especially back then? To persevere things. So one of the reasons for the Christian (full of integrity) to be in the world is to preserve the world. Why? Because the world is headed for self destruction. Why? Because they are disobedient to parents and so on and so forth – what are all these things – they are works of the flesh.

The bible says if you sew to the flesh what will you reap? You will reap corruption or as the amplified says it – destruction. So it's not God's wrath being poured out unto the earth, it's the destruction from the seeds that have been sown through the flesh that are coming back as a harvest of destruction.

That's anybody's life who doesn't know Christ, so what we are supposed to do is provide salt and preserve them... why? Because, if they aren't born again they don't know - they don't have the light. We are supposed to be the light.

Matt 5:14-17 KJV

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Matthew 5:14-15 Amplified Bible (AMP)

14 You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a peck measure, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

We are supposed to direct the way for people (that's why character and integrity are so important).

Matt 5:16 KJV

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16 Amplified Bible (AMP)

16 Let your light so shine before men that they may see your moral excellence and your praiseworthy, noble, and good deeds and recognize and honor and praise and glorify your Father Who is in heaven.

The church is designed for the world. We are designed to go hear and learn something in here (the church) and go back out there to our assignments and share the news and be salt and light.

Now, they (the world) are supposed to see your good works and that's works of God. The people of this world have gifts and you have gifts – but we have gifts that are anointed from God. **They have natural gifts but when the Holy Spirit comes upon you...you have just got some super added to your natural.** So now when you go into those places of your assignment you can perform at a level of excellence (like Daniel) that the world can not achieve.

We need to focus on what God is saying to us, stop focusing on how much the world is falling short of God instructions - He is not their Lord.

What is God saying for me to do, not anyone else which is why God used men like the apostle Paul to speak to the church...to the imitators of Christ...to the body of believers

This is not to the unbelievers, the ones who say I'm not walking with Christ, I don't care how you are living - I have my own rules and my own God - ME.

Acts 1:8 KJV

*8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: **and ye shall be witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

We can't do that (be witnesses) if we don't have integrity or have a bad reputation or character which manifests itself by many different ways... **one way is our tongue.**

Now let's look at the perfect witness over in **Revelations 1:5.**

Revelation 1:5-6 KJV

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

*6 And hath made us **kings and priests** unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

Now, once again, the **priests** are in the 5 fold ministry and in the Old Testament **they were the ones** that took care of the temple and prayed for the nation and took care of the strangers and widows and orphans. They received the tithes and also took care of the sacrifice.

The kings were the ones who went out to battle –who went out and fought to bring back the spoil. The priests pretty much took care of the spiritual activities and the kings took care of the secular activities.

So when you start talking about kings and priests and bringing them over to the New Testament you say these particular verses are a New Testament revelation of what God is doing in the end times to bring the body of Christ to the **fullness of who we are and can be.** –

We as a church need to move on and get to the level we are supposed to be in power, healing, finances and in ownership of who we are in Christ. We haven't gotten to those places because we have had the wrong model. We haven't come together for that divine partnership and operated the way God said to operate it – so we can take possession here on this earth.

But now we are coming together from the knowledge of who He is and from you and I deciding I am going to do it God's Way!!

So once again the priests hear the direction and timing of the move of God and the kings hear that and go move according to the word of God from the direction of the priest.

So the kings go out fight their battles and bring back the spoil (souls) and the kingdom is advanced.

Now this whole idea is to replenish the earth and replenish comes from the book of **Genesis chapter 1 verse 28**. It has to do with: to stock with abundance to recover a former fullness, it has to do with finish or complete. We are out there to complete something here on this earth – we are to spread the kingdom of God on the earth.

Integrity means: – *the entire unimpaired state of anything – particularly the mind. It means Moral soundness, purity, uncorrupt, uprightness, honesty, or honest people.*

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Our Character manifests our integrity... who we are, what we do and say reveals our moral soundness, our purity.

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My job as a priest or pastor or shephard is to equip you to be that witness and make disciples and perform miracles.

Kings go make more kings... sheep make more sheep

My job is to make you a **Lean mean fighting king to do that**

Do you believe the word is true - or as long as I want to go along with it

Paul is writing churches, Christians not people who are not in the faith, don't get so appalled when the ungodly are ungodly but when those who proclaim to be godly are.

So, another area that we need to watch out for - bible says so, is our tongue. It shows our character, our integrity and habitual foul mouth wont enter the kingdom of God. So, I want to know what is going to prevent me - don't you?

Paul gives us instruction through the power and revelations of the holy spirit.

1 Timothy 5:1-2

"Never speak harshly to an older man, but appeal to him respectfully as you would to your own father. Talk to younger men as you would to your own brothers.

2 Treat older women as you would your mother, and treat younger women with all purity as you would your own sisters."

Ephesians 5:3-12

3 Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. 4 Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God.

5 You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.

*6 **Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins**, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him.*

7 Don't participate in the things these people do.

*8 **For once you were full of darkness**, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!*

9 For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.

10 Carefully determine what pleases the Lord.

11 Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.

12 It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret.

1 Corinthians 5:9-13 J.B. Phillips

9-13 *In my previous letter I said, “Don’t mix with the immoral.” I didn’t mean, of course, that you were to have no contact at all with the immoral of this world, nor with any cheats or thieves or idolaters—for that would mean going out of the world altogether! But in this letter I tell you not to associate with any professing Christian who is known to be an impure man or a swindler, an idolater, a man with a **foul tongue**, a drunkard or a thief.*

My instruction is: “Don’t even eat with such a man.” Those outside the church it is not my business to judge. but surely it is your business to judge those who are inside the church—God alone can judge those who are outside. It is your plain duty to ‘put away from yourselves that wicked person’.

1 Corinthians 5:9-13 Amplified Bible (AMP)

9 I wrote you in my [previous] letter not to associate [**closely and habitually**] with unchaste (impure) people—

10 Not [meaning of course that you must] altogether shun the immoral people of this world, or the greedy graspers and cheats and thieves or idolaters, since otherwise you would need to get out of the world and human society altogether!

11 But now I write to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of [Christian] brother if he is known to be guilty of immorality or greed, or is an idolater [whose soul is devoted to any object that usurps the place of God], or is a person with a foul tongue [railing, abusing, reviling, slandering], or is a drunkard or a swindler or a robber. [No] you must not so much as eat with such a person.

12 What [business] of mine is it and what right have I to judge outsiders? Is it not those inside [the church] upon whom you are to pass disciplinary judgment [passing censuring sentence on them as the facts require]?

13 God alone sits in judgment on those who are outside. Drive out that wicked one from among you [expel him from your church].

There is 2 parts or perspectives to this message. The first is the instruction for what is not right and what not to say and turn from it and be Godly and righteous..

The second is for us to show love, discipline by withdrawing and not eating or giving approval by our lack of saying and doing something for those who call themselves believers or imitators who still do these things.

So what is foul or profane...no list of words for all languages - through all of time.

Referencing one of the following:

sexual body part
bodily function
sexual act

Used in a(n): angry or funny way to cause effect to hurt, demean or make light of

Bible says...

- o Put away childish ways
- o Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks
- o Bible says filthy communication or sewage coming out of your mouth - from the abundance of your heart the mouth speaks - lusts sexual swearing.

My actions are measurable testable and observable...My texts, emails jokes words of a sexual nature, impure, foul need to be addressed by Gods family - sheep need to make sheep - or kings make kings - you are hurting Christ's image by saying you are like Christ and then doing something ungodly and letting those in the family do it as we'll

Sin weighs us down and we cant do what God has called us to do when we are being hindered....God can't bless the impure - those who habitually practice will not enter the kingdom - this is a heart issue, a faith issue - disobedience and from such people withdraw.

And I will close with these 3 verses:

Ps 25:21 AMP

21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for and expect You.

Ps 26:1 AMP

VINDICATE ME, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity; I have [expectantly] trusted in, leaned on, and relied on the Lord without wavering and I shall not slide.

Ps 26:11 AMP

11 But as for me, I will walk in my integrity; redeem me and be merciful and gracious to me.

Remember, Jesus is coming soon, we are not promised tomorrow. As kings, we are to go make disciples and witness to everyone.

Kings see beyond their own needs and see what the needs of those in the Kingdom and outside of the Kingdom in order to be saved.

Character and Integrity, when lined up with Kingship will help you do the job that God has called you to do.