



KING FOREVER

Week 6 | Life in the Kingdom

| KEY THOUGHTS

- God’s ways and His thoughts are not like our ways and our thoughts; **but they can be found through His word.**
- People living in the Kingdom of God are far different in **mindset, motives, and identity** from what they were before they came to Christ.
- There is great peace in reconciliation with God, **and that peace becomes the bridge to reconciliation with others.**
- The word “submit” in v. 18 means deferring our rights—moving from trying to gain control, to getting on the same page and becoming a team; **all this is part of saying “Yes” to Jesus.**
- **The greatest act of submission ever is found in Jesus’s prayer in Luke 22:42, “Not my will, but yours be done.”**
- Male leadership in the home is based on **self-sacrificial love, such as Jesus modeled when he gave His life for the Church.**
- **Domestic abuse is never consistent with the Scriptures.**
- The goal is to bring up kids to love God—and the best way to do that is to love God yourself.
- “Bondservants” refers to indentured servants, something we don’t have today. For us, the point is that **no matter what our place in life, we must recognize that we live primarily before God.**
- At some point, we’re all likely to be “masters” with authority over someone else. **Loving them well is a form of evangelism.**

| SCRIPTURE

¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²² Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

4 Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven. **Colossians 3:17-4:1 (ESV)**

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. **Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV)**

These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh. **Colossians 2:23 (ESV)**

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. **Colossians 3:1-4 (ESV)**

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so your prayers may not be hindered. **1 Peter 3:7 (ESV)**

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her **Ephesians 5:25 (ESV)**

| PRACTICAL

- For the Christian, life in the Kingdom begins now, not in some distant future. Now is the time to step out of religion and into the light of Kingdom living.
- The greatest risk to faith is not atheism, but substitutes, looking for ways to establish God's righteousness ourselves instead of trusting Him to establish it in us.
- The sort of relationship the bible describes between husband and wife in this passage defines what it means to be "one flesh."
- For a man to shoulder this sort of scriptural leadership of his family, he must let his family see his faith in action as he walks humbly with Jesus.

| REFLECT

- When a wife refuses to obey what God says in His word concerning her relationship with her husband, can she freely sing praises to Him?
- When a man ignores what God says about self-sacrificial love toward his wife, will God hear his prayers?
- When a woman waits for her husband to deserve her submission, or a man waits for his wife to earn his love, they're at a hopeless impasse. If you can relate to that situation in your own life, what if you choose to go first? Is God able take your obedience and prayers and work the necessary change in your spouse?

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