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HOW TO LIVE THE KINGDOM LIFE

1. Live the life of the Son of God

Paul said, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, **but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me**” (Gal 2:20).

2. Live by faith

*For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.** (Rom 1:17)*

***For we walk by faith, not by sight.** (2 Cor 5:7)*

But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. (Heb 11:6)

Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. (Gal 3:7)

***So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.** (Gal 3:9, NKJV)*

Realise that apart from living by faith, there is no

Christian life “for whatsoever is not of faith is sin” (Rom 14:23). How does faith come?

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Rom 10:17)

To live by faith means to live in the realm of the spirit.

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. (2 Cor 4:18)

Faith means believing what God says more than what we feel or see (Heb 11).

For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. (Rom 8:13)

When you have been born again of the Spirit of God, do not live in the natural realm or by sight anymore. Learn to live the life of the Son of God within us by faith. To live by sight is to live by the five senses: touching, tasting, hearing, seeing and smelling. To live by faith means looking to God and at what He is doing instead of looking at circumstances.

For example, when Jesus was told that Jairus' daughter had died, Jesus told the father, “Be not afraid, only believe” (Mark 5:36). When he saw the people crying, He said to them, “Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping” (Mark 5:39, NKJV).

3. Live by the Spirit

When you have been born again of the Spirit, you must live by the Spirit because, “flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption” (1 Cor 15:50).

That is why Paul said, “But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through

His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood” (Gal 1:15-16, NKJV).

Paul did not receive his teaching from man but from God Himself.

But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. (Gal 1:11-12)

As far as God is concerned, only those who are led by the Spirit are sons of God.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (Rom 8:14)

You cannot know God through your mind no matter how intelligent you are. Why? Because God is Spirit so you can only know God by the spirit. No one can understand God through the mind.

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Cor 2:14)

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4:24, NKJV)

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. (Rom 8:7)

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ is not His.

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. (Rom 8:8-9)

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

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For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. (Gal 5:16-18)

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. (Gal 5:24-25)

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. (Gal 6:8)

As a child of God, you are free from Satan's hold. You are no longer to live like the world. The whole world is led of the flesh but you are not because the Spirit is opposite to the flesh. **When you live by the Spirit, you will experience life and peace.** There is no need to worry. This is all you have to do:

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (Matt 6:33)

4. Live as a Citizen of the Kingdom of God

You are born again of the Spirit of God and have come under a new rule. You are no more in darkness but in the light. Citizens of God's Kingdom must:

a. Submit to the rule of King Jesus

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)

b. Be holy people

Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy. (Lev 19:2)

...but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct. (1 Pet 1:15, NKJV)

c. Be worshippers of God

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” (John 4:23-24, NKJV)

d. Love the laws of God

O how love I Thy law! it is my meditation all the day. (Ps 119:97)

e. Keep the laws of the Kingdom

*How can a young man cleanse his way? **By taking heed according to Your word.** (Ps 119:9, NKJV)*

f. Be obedient to God

*Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, **We ought to obey God rather than men.** (Acts 5:29)*

g. Forgive others

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

***But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.** (Matt 6:14-15)*

h. Pray

*But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, **pray to thy Father which is in secret;** and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. (Matt 6:6)*

i. Read the Word of God

***This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth;** but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou*

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shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. (Josh 1:8)

And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. (Luke 4:4)

j. Have a relationship with God

*He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: **and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.** (John 14:21)*

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. (John 17:21)

k. Be heavenly-minded

*If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.*

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. (Col 3:1-3)

l. Love one another

*A new commandment I give unto you, **That ye love one another; as I have loved you**, that ye also love one another.*

By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another. (John 13:34-35)

m. Be an overcomer

*Yet in all these things **we are more than conquerors** through Him who loved us. (Rom 8:37, NKJV)*

n. Exercise your God-given authority

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. (Luke 10:19)

o. Live above the world

These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)

5. Live the Kingdom lifestyle

Jesus Christ, your King has come to destroy the works of darkness and set you free. **Do not live like the world with no concept of the Kingdom lifestyle. Kingdom people are not only called to live by faith and led by the Spirit but are also to be holy and separated unto God because God is a holy God Who has specially chosen us for Himself.** We are a royal priesthood. We are the spiritual Israel.

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. (1 Pet 2:9)

Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine:

And ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. (Ex 19:5-6)

Why were the children of Israel different from others? Because God had chosen them and made them special unto Him. All other nations had man as their king but God was the King of Israel. **They were above all because God was above all.**

That is why throughout their wilderness wanderings, they lived supernaturally (Ps 105).

The people asked, and He brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river. (Ps 105:40-41)

And there was not one feeble person among their tribes. (Ps 105:37b)

For forty years, their clothes and shoes never wore out (Deut 29:5). Even Caleb at the age of 85 could still fight and claim a mountain.

... and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

Now therefore give me this mountain ... (Josh 14:10-12)

All the 10 plagues that came upon Egypt did not come upon the children of Israel because **God made a difference and set them apart.**

“And in that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there, in order that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the land.

I will make a difference between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall be.” (Ex 8:22-23, NKJV)

In spite of all the miracles they had experienced, they still chose to live by sight. Ten out of the 12 spies Moses had sent into the Promised Land saw the obstacles and forgot that God had told them He would take them in. **Only Joshua and Caleb believed what God said more than what they saw** (Num 14:6-8).

Only these two and those born in the wilderness aged 20 years and below entered the Promised Land. The rest of the estimated three million people perished in the wilderness because of their unbelief and disobedience. But worse was yet to come.

The children of Israel were privileged to live supernaturally and to have God as their King but they chose to reject God and asked for a man to be their king instead. They wanted to be like the other nations of the world.

*And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: **for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.** (1 Sam 8:7)*

*And when ye saw that Nabash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, **Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God was your king.** (1 Sam 12:12)*

Let us not be like the children of Israel. Let us live instead as God's special treasure above all people. **Let us be the example He wants us to be (1 Pet 2:9), not living like the world but living the Kingdom life.** May God help us.

Let us pray

Our most gracious and Heavenly Father,

As Your children and people, we come before You to humble ourselves and pray. We ask for Your forgiveness, mercy and grace, that as Your people called by Your name, we have truly sinned against You. We, Your pastors, elders, leaders and Your people have all sinned against You.

You have sent Your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ to die for our sins and to give us the life of a son of God in this world and forevermore. You have come to deliver us out of the kingdom of darkness into Your marvelous light. You have chosen us to be a people over all the people of the world. You have overcome the world, so we too could be overcomers in

Christ Jesus. You have called us to shine Your light, and given us Your authority and power over Satan and over all the powers of darkness, yet we have not been obedient to live as You called us to live – a life holy and set apart for You.

We want to acknowledge that as Your children and people, we have all sinned against You and Your Word and grieved the Holy Spirit. Please forgive us Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We have not been a holy and separated people unto You. We have not patterned our lives after You but have lived like the world. We have lost our compassion for the lost. We have not exercised power and authority over Satan and his kingdom, and not pushed back the kingdom of darkness to advance Your Kingdom. We have even ignored Your Great Commission of preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and bringing healing and deliverance to the sick and bound.

Forgive us for wanting to serve in our own strength when You said, “Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts”. Lord, please forgive us that like the children of Israel, we too have rejected Your reign over our lives. We have allowed the world to come into the church. Instead of using Your power to serve You, we have used the world’s ways.

We humbly choose to repent of all our sins and choose to turn back to You. We renounce all worldly methods and teaching, and choose to obey only Your truth and follow after You. Thank You for forgiving us of all our sins.

In Jesus’ most precious Name we pray, Amen.