

KINGDOM LIFE -1

“FIRST THINGS FIRST”

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IN KINGDOM LIFE, THE CITIZENS’ PRIORITIES ARE NOT THE SAME AS THE PRIORITIES OF UNBELIEVERS.

1. Unbelievers are motivated by their drive to secure their basic needs.

Maslow’s Hierarchy of Human Needs

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| a. Water | f. Security |
| b. Food | g. Preservation |
| c. Clothes | h. Self-actualization |
| d. Housing | i. Significance |
| e. Protection | |

Matt. 6:31-32 “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.” (NLT)

2. Kingdom citizens regard their self-worth as more important than their basic needs.

Matt. 6:25-26 “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life – whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are?” (NLT)

3. Kingdom citizens focus on their King’s commitment to sustain them.

Matt. 6:27-31 “And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life? And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith! Do not worry then.” (NASB)

IN KINGDOM LIFE, THIS IS THE CITIZENS’ No. 1 PRIORITY: SEEK FIRST GOD’S KINGDOM.

Matt. 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (NKJV)

What Christ Said About Our First Priority

1. We must be “seekers” first (Commitment).

“Seek first”

2. Our first priority must be God’s Kingdom above all else (Value System).

“First the Kingdom of God”

Kingdom - The governing influence of our Heavenly Father on earth.

Matt. 6:10 “Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” (NASB)

Matt. 13:44-46 “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. One day a man found the treasure, and then he hid it in the field again. He was so happy that he went and sold everything he owned to buy that field. Also, the kingdom of heaven is like a man looking for fine pearls. When he found a very valuable pearl, he went and sold everything he had and bought it.” (NCV)

3. We must seek God’s Kingdom first before other things (God’s Dominion).

“Seek first the Kingdom of God”

Matt. 5:3 “God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.” (NLT)

4. We must seek a right relationship with the King (Intimacy).

“and His righteousness”

Matt. 5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” (NRSV)

Righteousness - Right alignment and positioning with the King’s dominion authority. It is not human right-doing. It is a relationship with Christ, who covers believers with His perfect righteousness. Only Christ’s righteousness can satisfy the King’s requirements.

Matt. 5:20 “For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (NRSV)

IN KINGDOM LIFE, HAVING THE RIGHT PRIORITIES POSITIONS US FOR MAXIMIZING THE PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS OF KINGDOM CITIZENSHIP.

1. Our Heavenly Father already knows our needs.

Matt. 6:32 “Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.” (NLT)

2. He will give all these thing to us.

Matt. 6:33 “Then all these other things you need will be given to you.” (NCV)

Needs Supplied in the Kingdom (Priority - Spiritual)

Physical	Emotional	Psychological	Purpose
Social	Financial	Significance	Self-worth

3. He doesn’t want us to worry about our future.

Matt. 6:34 “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.” (NLT)