

## Pursuing the Kingdom

### Mt. 6.33

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The pursuit of the kingdom requires the end of pursuing other things. We often quote from Mt. 6.33 not realizing that this verse was actually a statement of contrast. It clearly depicted that the pagans are consumed with one thing while the believer should be consumed with something diametrically opposed.

Matt 6:31-34

*31 "So do not start worrying: 'Where will my food come from? or my drink? or my clothes?' 32(These are the things the pagans are always concerned about.) Your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. 33 Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things. 34 So do not worry about tomorrow; it will have enough worries of its own. There is no need to add to the troubles each day brings. TEV*

Don't worry about provision, be concerned about God's purpose. Don't worry about food be interested in how you fit in the kingdom. Do not consume yourself with tomorrow but what are you doing today.

Bring your entire life under the King's Domain!

#### 1. God uses His power to establish the kingdom.

The power that resides in us gives us authority and ability.

**AUTHORITY + ABILITY = POWER**

- It all begins with an outpouring of His Spirit. Acts 1.8
- The Holy Spirit abides and guides when we ask [Lk. 11.13](#)
- There is no kingdom building until the Holy Spirit comes! Acts 2

#### 2. God uses His pathway to direct you into the kingdom.

- We begin to look for the path of life! [Ps. 16:11](#)

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*You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy;*

*In Your right hand there are pleasures forever. NASU*

- We discover that we are God's friends! **James 2.23**
- We walk in the life, fullness of joy! **Acts 12.9**

### **3. God uses His purpose to organize the kingdom.**

- The purpose of God sends us where we're needed! **1 Kings 17.8**

Elijah was sent to the widow in Zarepath. He was needed there.

- The purpose of God satisfies our deepest needs! **1 Samuel 17**

David was sent to Goliath and his need for conquest was met.

- The purpose of God stimulates excellence in all we do. **Dan.5.12**

Daniel was sent into foreign kingdoms and his excellence was his testimony.