

Transitioning into Kingdom Life Part 2

Mark 11.22-24/Col. 1.9-14

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REVIEW:

Col 1:13-14 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sin (NASU)

The word is not just the Bible but it is the message of the kingdom! It is what Jesus came to establish...His kingdom.

How I transition must be based on the words of Jesus not upon our own ideas. This is what gets us in trouble. The principles of transition I will share today are based upon the major statements that Jesus gave about the kingdom. Issues of righteousness, love and faith.

1. Be confident in the righteousness of the kingdom. Mt. 6.33

Confidence comes from understanding what righteousness is. Deeds flow out of who you are.

- Be assured that you are righteous 2 Co.5.16-21

Hesitancy comes from misunderstood verse. Is. 64.6 (somewhere in the Bible)

- Live out the person that you are - you're righteous, act like it!
- Your righteousness now makes you an ambassador.

2. Focus on the language of the kingdom. Mk. 12.28-31

Love is the language and John affirms that if you don't have love you don't know God. After righteousness the next major challenge will be love. If the enemy can get you here he can even stop your prayers from being answered.

- Love is the key to forgiveness

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- Love is the key to humility 1 Peter 5:6-8

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, 7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

- Love is the key to faith's effectiveness

All the laws hang on this principle including the laws of faith. Mt.22.40/Ga.5.6

3. Become effective in the transportation system of the kingdom. Mk. 11.22

Faith is the transportation system of the kingdom. It's the only way to get from one point to the other. Righteousness is the beginning of the transition, love enters the righteous heart and faith works by that love. Teach a man to love God and he will walk by faith. I didn't trust God to receive from Him, I trusted Him because I was madly in love with Him.

Every believer is given the "measure" of faith which I tend to believe is an equal amount. My belief is that when you find someone who has greater faith, they have done the things needed to increase in faith.

1. Receive the Word. Rom 10:14-17

14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?

15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"

16 However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?" 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

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2. Exercise your faith. 2 Cor 5:6-7

6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) KJV

- Faith grows as you become proficient in God's word. John 8.31,32

Most kingdom citizens are ignorant of kingdom laws and principles making it virtually impossible to prosper in the new kingdom. Continuing in the Word!

Student Sidebar: Consider the competing voices that speak into your life and decide based on your desired outcomes.

- Faith is a process and your fruitfulness will also be a process!

While the text could mean different people have different levels of fruitfulness it also reminds me that each of us have different levels of fruitfulness at different times of our lives. This is the growth or transition into the kingdom of light!

Student Sidebar: Anything worth having is worth waiting for!

- Resist pride and arrogance. 1 Peter 5:6-7

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, 7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

1. The temptation is to somehow think that we did it.
2. The challenge is to remember that it was the Lord that brought us out!

Student Sidebar: Negative swagger becomes your greatest enemy if it makes you an enemy with God. 1 Peter 5:5

GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE

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Deut 8:11-18

11 "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; 12 otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them, 13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiplies, and all that you have multiplies, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 15 "He led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He brought water for you out of the rock of flint. 16 "In the wilderness He fed you manna which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do good for you in the end. 17 "Otherwise, you may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.' 18 "But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. NASU