

Writing With Kingdom Vision

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1. Seeking the Kingdom First (Matthew 6:33)

- A. We are AMBASSADORS for Christ.
- B. Ambassadors don't have goals of their own (Kingdom Goals)
- C. Ambassadors don't seek their own interests (Kingdom Advancement)
- D. Ambassadors always subjugate personal agenda to Kingdom purpose.

2. Seeing the World through God's Eyes (2 Timothy 2:15 & 2 Timothy 3:16-17). To see the world (or specific events through) God's eyes is to utilize the lens of Scripture.

A. Christian World View

1. Definition: *An overarching approach to understanding God, the world and man's relationship to God and the world.*

2. Jesus said, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and all your mind. This is the greatest and most important commandment."* Matthew 22:37-38

3. What does it mean to love God with your mind? Romans 12:2 – *"Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God."*

B. The Bible is all about developing Christ's Character in His followers. (Romans 8:29 and Galatians 4:19)

Everything God is doing in your life.....

Everything God is allowing in your life.....

EVERYTHING is working to form in you and me the image and character and Christ.....

It's not about your personal triumph

It's not about your personal "success"

It's not about your fame, or prosperity, or ease...*it's all about forming Christ in you.*

C. The Bible is all about advancing His Kingdom in the earth. (Matthew 28:18-20) – *Go into all the world and teach the nations.*

D. God has not abandoned His original purpose. God's original purpose was to place man on the earth, in authority over the earth to rule with God as a co-regent in the earth. ***God's purposes do not change.***

3. Understanding the Government of the Kingdom (Matthew 5:13-16)

The Government of the Kingdom of Heaven on the Earth.

*You are **the light of the world**. A **city** that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand and it gives light to all in the **house**. In the same way, **let your light shine** before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven.*

NATIONS – You are the light of the world. The Goal of the Kingdom is that the nations would see the light of God and glorify Him.

CITY – A city set on a hill; represents the church. When Paul his epistles (letters) they were addressed to specific cities – Galatia, Philippi, Rome, Ephesus, Thessalonica, Colossae. He established his government (ecclesia) in each of those cities to bring the light to a specific geographical area.

HOUSE – set the lamp on a stand and light the whole house. (The home is a pivotal institution in the Kingdom of Heaven on the Earth.)

INDIVIDUAL – let YOUR light shine so that men seeing your good works will glorify your Father who is in Heaven.

Fundamental picture of the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON THE EARTH.

BOTTOM UP – INSIDE OUT.

The Kingdom starts with the Individual and flows upward to the whole earth. God does not put us in charge of the earth until we are first in charge of ourselves.

Inside out – there is no outward holiness if there is no inward holiness.

THERE IS A KINGDOM THAT WANTS TO RESIST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. (See second hand out)