

Kingdomology pertains to the King and His Kingdom, a Kingdom that cannot be moved. With Kingdomology we are declaring the King's Domain and the domain of the Kingdom of Priests



• Introduction

- **A.** "The *kingdoms of this world* and the *kingdom of God* are on a collision course." (Dr Rick Joyner)
 - **B.** Jesus' first public message:

Mark 1:14-15 "Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying,

"The time is fulfilled,

and the kingdom of God is at hand. (i.e. "within your reach")

repent,(change your thinking) and believe the gospel."

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..."SOME Kingdom Definitions..."
Repent: change the way you think. (*The only thing that limits God in our life is the way we think*!)
Kingdom: a domain (or territory) that is influenced by a King. (i.e. wherever Jesus is...)
King: a person with great power who exercises the highest authority and who controls, prevails, and dominates in his kingdom!
Influence: the effect one person has on another.
Believe: conviction of the truthfulness of God's Word.
Gospel: good news; glad tidings



The Kingdom of God is not "Heaven"... It is a <u>"governmental jurisdiction"</u> (i.e. wherever God *is= present reality* of the Kingdom!) (Lk. 17:21; Mark 1:14-16, Rom 14:17, Matt 13)

E. Man's government is "*democratic*" (i.e. "man-ruled")

God's government is "**Theo-cratic**" (i.e. "God-ruled" or "ruled by a King")

Do we really **believe** what the King has said concerning the *Kingdom of God*? (i.e .**God's way of doing things**)



. Do we have a <u>Kingdom Mindset</u> or a "<u>Democratic Mindset</u>"? (*not talking about a political party*) It's difficult to walk in *dominion* with a "democratic mindset".

God did *not* choose to call Himself *President, Prime Minister, or Governor*. None of these titles adequately describe the concept of the "office" He fills.

God chose to call Himself "King."

God did not choose to call the *domain* over which He exercises His dominating influence a "democracy". He chose to call it a "kingdom."



There is a **huge** difference between the establishment, admin-

istration and operation of a kingdom, and that of a

democracy.

- **A.** A <u>democracy</u> is built on <u>the power of the people</u>. A <u>kingdom</u> is built on <u>the power of the King</u>.
- B. In a <u>democracy</u> the people have the right to vote and to choose their leader.

In a kingdom the citizens do not have the "right to vote", and cannot choose their leader. Their leader (Jesus) chooses them. John 15:16 "You <u>did not choose Me, but I chose you</u> and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the

Father in My name He may give you. 3

C. In a democracy the word of the people is law.

In a kingdom the word of the King is law, and it's final.

There are no vetoes, no "constitutional amendments," and no overrides by a two-thirds majority "vote" of the citizens.

D. In a democracy the majority rules. In a kingdom the King is the majority, and He rules. Always!

>*(don't misunderstand me, I am thankful for <u>our</u> <u>constitution</u>.., but the "kingdom of God system" doesn't work that way!) *



. In a democracy the people work to maintain their

independence.

In a kingdom the citizens sacrifice their independence so they can become dependent upon the King.

The more they depend **on Him**, the **greater His obligation to them**, and the more He will give to them!

F. A King always keeps His word and never speaks what He cannot perform.

Isaiah 55:11 "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall *not* return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

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Jeremiah 1:12 "You are right," the LORD said, "and I am watching to see that my words come true."

G. A King desires intimacy with His citizens. John 4:23 "The time is coming when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, and that time is here already. You see, the Father too is actively seeking such people to worship him." The more the citizens **worship the King**, the more He sends to them! (* worship brings awareness of His presence and purpose*)



If we want the King's power, we must follow the King's pattern for its release. Otherwise, we're on our own!.

In the Kingdom, we do things the King's way, or they don't get done!

It's not that the King is trying to be hard on us or make things difficult.

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On the contrary, He is **ever merciful, ever loving, ever forgiving.**

He doesn't remember/hold the sins that you have confessed to Him. (Hebrews 8:12)

However, He is the King and He is holy.

He must keep the Word that has already spoken from His lips concerning **how** things are to be accomplished in His kingdom.

If He did not, He would be a liar.

And it is impossible for God to lie. (Hebrews 6:18)



III. Are we holding any "democratic" mindsets or traditions which may be blocking the operation and effectiveness of God's Word in our lives? Mark 7:7, 13 "And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the command-ments of men... making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down"

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Tradition = an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior.

If you are, repent . . . *change the way you are thinking* and reprioritize any values you are holding that conflict with the

Word of God.

God's kingdom does not operate like a democracy! (it is a <u>Theocracy</u>="God Ruled") He is the KING <u>over HIS KINGDOM=the Church</u>



IV. The Importance of Paradigms

A. Paradigms are mental concepts, ideas or mindsets that we hold in our minds and believe to be true. They are a part of our "belief system."

The paradigms we embrace come from our *life experience*. They consist of **self-imposed mental rules and regulations** concerning how the world works and what we must do or not do, to achieve happiness and success in the world as we understand it.



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Once installed in the mind, **paradigms operate like programs on a computer:** they <u>drive</u> our **responses** to people, events and situations that occur in our lives.

1. Paradigms act as **filters** through which we see the world. They screen all incoming information attempting to enter the mind.

Information that does not fit the rules of the paradigm is blocked and denied access to the mind.

2. The paradigms we hold *represent* truth to us.

3. We are **comfortable** with our paradigms. We **trust** them. We believe our paradigms are "**right**".

4. Paradigms underscore what a person already believes, and shield them from receiving information they do not believe . . . even if that information is true.

B. The problem with every paradigm a person holds is this: if the rules on which it is based are in error, the

paradigm will lead them astray.



1. Incoming data that does not conform to the rules of the paradigm will be blocked. It cannot get through the filter.

The mind will not receive it, because it does not conform to the rules and "internal protocol" of the paradigm.

In this case, the paradigm operates just like the Norton Internet Security option, **"Block Traffic"** on a computer. **All incoming messages to the computer are blocked,** and cannot be received.

2. Therefore a paradigm possesses the power to block truth, if that incoming truth does not adhere to the rules established by the paradigm.

3. By the same token, a paradigm will allow incoming false information to pass through its filter, as long as that false information is *consistent* with the *rules of the paradigm.*





Scriptural example.

John 5:2-9 "Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.

For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever

disease he had. (This represents the existing paradigm for receiving healing.)

Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity **thirtyeight years.** When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, **"Do you want to be made well?"**

The sick man (in accordance with his existing paradigm for receiving healing) answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

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Jesus said to him, **"Rise, take up your bed and walk."** (Here Jesus articulates a **new paradigm** for receiving healing. It represents a **"paradigm shift"** from the old paradigm.)

And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked . . . " (NKJV)

The **reason** the sick man was made well was that he was able to **believe**, **receive**, **and act upon the** <u>**new**</u> **paradigm** for healing articulated by Jesus.)

D. Sometimes it takes a crisis to get us to change one of the paradigms we hold.

Years ago I watched a video that described a person's unwillingness or inability to change engrained habits and thought patterns (also known as "paradigms") unless or until they first experienced a **"Significant Emotional Event."**



This is exactly what happened to Saul on the road to Damascus, when he was knocked off his horse and rendered blind for three days, for persisting in his efforts to persecute Christians.

Acts 9:4 "Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" (NKJV)

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The bottom line:

- 1. Some of the paradigms we are holding **may not be true**.
- 2. If they are not true, they will lead us astray.
- 3. Any paradigms we hold that stand in opposition to the Word of God, will only weaken us and strengthen the enemy's hand against us.



The importance of the concept of paradigms to the kingdom of God.

At the beginning of His earthly ministry, **Jesus brought forth a new paradigm:**

 Matthew 4:17 "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (KJV) "Repent" means to change the way you think, not come to the altar with a "list of your sins."

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Change the way you think about what?

Mark 1:14-15 "Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (NKJV)

Therefore, we are to **repent** (change the way we think) **of anything** ... thoughts, words, habits, philosophies,

religious traditions, emotional responses, etc., . . . that contradicts what the Word of God says about the gospel of the kingdom of God.

We are to believe the gospel . . . the "good news" of the kingdom of God!

This is the "paradigm shift" that God calls each one of us to make!

3. Change and transformation begin in the mind! Romans 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed (= to change or transfigure) by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (KJV)

The **only** way we can assume our rightful position of dominion in the earth, with the ability to deploy God's dominating influence in the affairs of man, is to "**repent**"

... to change the way we think about what the gospel

says about the kingdom of God.

We must align our paradigms with the paradigms of Scripture.

Be brutally honest in identifying any deviations between what the Word of God says, and what we actually believe. Then with God's help, conform every one of our paradigms to the truths of Scripture.

5. Philippians 2:5 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." 13

Summary

- A. The most important message in the body of Christ today is the message of the kingdom of God.
- B. Our greatest enemy is not sin, but **ignorance of the** Word of God.

- C. Satan's number one goal is to stop you from receiving, believing and acting upon the Word of God in general, and the message of the kingdom of God in particular.
- D. The original plan of God was the extension of His heavenly kingdom to earth.

Adam's fall was not a fall from heaven, **but a fall from identity/dominion**.

F. The Kingdom of God is not about getting to heaven. The kingdom of God is about exercising God's dominating authority and influence here on earth.

It's about bringing the influence of the government of God to earth to set the captives free.

G. The primary reason Jesus came to earth was **to restore man to the position of having dominion over the affairs on earth.**

H. A **"kingdom"** is a **domain** (or territory) that is **influenced**

by a **king.**

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Each of us holds **paradigms or "mindsets"** which, if not aligned with Scripture, **will block or distort incoming truth.**

- J. Jesus tells us to **repent** (=change the way we think) of anything that stands in the way of **believing the gospel** of the kingdom of God.
- K. Jesus first public message was the message of the kingdom of God.
- L. Jesus said that the reason He was sent to earth was to preach (= to announce good news) the Kingdom of God.
- M. When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, the first thing He told them to ask for was, "Thy kingdom come."
- In the Sermon on the Mount, He told the multitudes to "seek <u>first</u> the kingdom of God and His righteousness."
- **O.** Jesus taught, preached and explained **the message of the kingdom of God** again and again while He was on earth.
- P. He told His disciples "the end" would not come until the gospel of the kingdom was first preached in all the world.
- **Q.** After His death, burial and resurrection, **He continued to**

speak to His disciples about the kingdom of God.



(Remember) Miracles <u>follow</u> the teaching and the preaching of the kingdom of God.

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The Kingdom of God system works on the seedtime/ harvest principle.

Mark 4:26-30

I. The world has been more wise in working their system than we have been in working our system (Luke <u>16:1-8)</u>

A. We need to put the effort in to become educated and wise in "our system"

Matthew 6:33 – Tells us that when we are in need we are to seek the Kingdom of God.

Our power lies in our understanding of the Kingdom of God system and in our willingness to work "this system" (Psalm 103:19) NOTES



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Jesus compares the Kingdom of God system to the natural farming system. The Kingdom of God system is like the system of <u>natural farming</u>. (Mark 4:26-30)

In the Kingdom of God system you have:

- 1. the farmer- (you)
- 2. seed -(The word)
- 3. The ground -(your heart)
- 4. The tree -(of your belief)
- 5. The harvest -(the results in your life)

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The word of God is the **seed** that travels down the pathways/fields of **the eyes** and **ears** that lead to the heart. When that word seed is **sown** into the **ground of your heart** a **belief** is **produced**. When that belief is developed it **yields** the **results you have in your life**

(Remember, The Bible is not a *book of rules* it's a <u>bag of</u> <u>seed</u>!)

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Seedtime and Harvest system–The seed, (The Word) the tree, (faith) the harvest, (The results) (Matt 12:33-37)

- A. The seed of the Word is sown into your heart and it produces faith/a belief in your heart (Romans 10:17)
 The "tree" comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God
- B. Faith (the tree) has to be developed before it yields

fruit. Trees that *aren't developed* **don't yield fruit** (Mark 4:28)

(which brings us to another "Kingdom Law"...(next page) NOTES



What do you do when you have initiated a faith action but haven't seen results? If you become skillful in *waiting* with *patient endurance*, there will never be a time when you won't see a harvest from the seeds IF you have sown in faith.

Just as a farmer must wait after sowing his field before harvesting his crop, so there is a process to faith that demands a period of waiting before harvest time.

This is the "Law of Progression" (or it could be called "The Law of Patience") NOTES



A. There is a time for things to happen (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8).

Don't make the mistake of doing things outside of God's timing.

For any harvest, someone must first cast his seed into the ground. He must continue to be attentive to his daily responsibilities as well as to his crop. The farmer understands the **progression** of his seed. Once it is sown, he knows his crop should grow. Like the farmer, you sow seed through your declaration of the Word and actions. As long as you "don't dig it up", your seed will grow and produce a mighty harvest..

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The three stages of the law of progression:

1st stage: <u>Blade</u> time—you wait for the first evidence of growth.

After the farmer sows it, the seed is out of his control; it looks like nothing is happening.

During this *barren season*, patience is crucial. You can't succeed in *blade time* without patience.

The farmer has an *image* of what is to come. You

should have a *picture of your harvest* before you even plant seed in the ground.

The **world** defines Patience often as "putting up with." The **Bible** defines *patience* as "to hold steady; to be consistently, constantly the same."

Patience will cause you to obtain the promise and bring forth fruit

(Hebrews 6:12, 15; Luke 8:15).

There will be a time with no physical evidence to motivate you, only God's Word.

Blade time can be detrimental to a harvest, because Christians are tempted to *consume the sprout*.



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<u>Stalk_time</u>—a tender sprout turns into a rough, rigid stalk (Mark 4:28).

This is the longest time of waiting.

This stage *separates* the believers who *know* God's Word is true from those who *hope* His Word is true.

Many believers quit during this time. God doesn't want you to quit, He wants you to be His distribution center.

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Harvest time—the full ear of corn.

God said that while the earth remains, the process of seedtime (patience) and harvest would remain

(Genesis 8:22).



Combat the temptation to quit with God's Word.

Galatians 6:7-10 tells you not to be deceived. God said that you would reap a harvest from whatever you sow. Because you know He's not a liar, you can believe and know that

His promises will come to pass.

Deception says that "you have to see it for it to

be true". Know that the *seed grows down deep before it grows up* to where it can be **seen.**

Patience and character are developed during this time.

Don't be weary in well doing or lose heart and courage (verse 9).



The Carnal Mind will *attack your mind* with negative suggestions and thoughts.

Don't just fight thoughts with thoughts. You fight thoughts with words—open your mouth and speak God's Word aloud.

(You must *know* the Word (seed)before you can *sow* (*say*) the word



Defeat the temptation to quit by learning how to wait on the Lord.

By waiting, you'll receive your promise in due season (Psalm 145:15; Psalm 104:27; Job 14:14).

How do you wait on the Lord? Waiting doesn't mean you remain idle. It's being like a waiter in a restaurant—giving Him your complete attention and service.

Waiting means "to serve God with worship and praise; to practice His presence."Learn to praise Him during blade time and stalk time.

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They that wait on the Lord will have their strength

renewed; they will be mounted on wings like eagles and run without weariness (Isaiah 40:28-31).

The key to being successful during these stages (Blade time and Stalk time) is to ensure that your attitude is protected—act like the *crop has already been harvested*, and begin to praise God, no matter what the situation looks like.

Sow promises in your field!

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