

The Kingdom Family

Part 2 – A Kingdom Man is A Family Man

What is the Kingdom? A Kingdom is a King's Domain.

It is not just the territory under a King's authority. It is a culture that represents the King. And it is the environment that embodies the presence of the King himself.

Why is it important?

1) Because Jesus came to reestablish the Kingdom of God.

After Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, Matthew says, Jesus began preaching, "**Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand**" (Mt 4:17)

4:23 tells us that Jesus went throughout all Galilee, and he healed diseases and all kinds of afflictions... crowds followed him as he was teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the **gospel of the kingdom**.

2) Because we are called to enter the Kingdom, bring others into the kingdom and create and environment that reflects the presence of the King.

Acts 4:13 when they saw the boldness of Peter... they knew they had been with Jesus.

The ABSENCE of Kingdom Men is bringing destruction, pain, and anguish throughout our land.

- 70% of all prisoners did not have a father in the home.
- 80% of all rapists grow up without a father.
- 71% of all high school dropouts did not have a father in the home.
- 63% of all teen suicides did not have a father in the home.

A Family Man

Exodus 12:3 NIV Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.

1 Timothy 5:8 NIV Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

"HUSBAND"

When a man gets married he becomes more than a man. He becomes a HUSBAND.

Gen 3:8,9 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

- The reason for this is found right in his title – Husband.
- The English word *husband*, even though it is a basic kinship term, is not a native English word. It comes ultimately from the Old Norse word *hūsbōndi* which is a combination of two words "house" and "bond".

It literally means *HOUSEHOLDER*

The Husband is the Householder - The one who keeps the family together.

A Kingdom Man:

1) Thrives in God's Presence.

Gen. 2:15 says The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

As Kingdom Men, we need a better understanding of man's placement in Eden.

a) Defining Eden

- i) "Eden" literally means "spot" or "delightful spot".
- ii) The Hebrew scholar says the word "Eden" also means "open door".
- iii) Of course, we know that "Eden" referred to God's "Presence"
- iv) It was referred to a period of time. A "moment"

The first thing God gave Adam was his presence.

God put Adam in a spot on the earth where for a moment there was an open door to God's delightful presence.

b) Note: Perhaps Eden wasn't a place, perhaps it was an atmosphere. It could be that it was an environment of God's heavenly presence on earth.

- i) This is why the Bible says when Adam sinned, God drove the man out from His presence.
- ii) And (Gen 3:24) he place Cherubim (plural for Cherubs) with flaming swords to remove access to God's presence and the Life of God's presence.

iii) So the open door closed.

c) Here is the good news! WE HAVE A NEW OPEN DOOR!

John 10:9,10 **I am the door**. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Jesus opened the door for us. Jesus is the door for us.

d) Why did God give the male Eden first?

i) He wanted the man to experience His presence unmarred glorious presence of God.

ii) God wants the man to know that he needs God's presence before he needs the presence of a woman.

2) Loves to Work.

Gen. 2:15 says The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

Note: God gave man some work to do before he gave the man a woman.

a) A Kingdom Man is a leader who loves to work.

i) You are to be the leader... the head of the household.

1Cor. 11:3 But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

(1) 2 things in this verse:

(a) Kingdom Men joyfully submit to the headship of Christ (the rule of Christ).

1. He rules my ambitions... If what I want is not what he wants, I choose HIM.

2. He rules my attitudes... If how I think is not what He wants, I choose HIM.

Phil 2:5 NKJV Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...

3. He rules my actions... If how I act is not what He wants, I change my actions because, I choose Him.

(b) Kingdom Men embrace the call to leadership

3) Lives to Cultivate Others.

Gen. 2:15 says The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it

- a) A Kingdom Man is called to cultivate!
- b) Cultivate means to bring out the best in everything around you. To maximize the potential of everything around you. To make everything better and fruitful.

Brothers you want the perfect wife, the perfect partner, the perfect lover. God didn't give you a perfect woman. What are you doing to cultivate the Kingdom in your wife and family.

c) Example of Jesus

- i) Jesus is a real man
- ii) Jesus has a wife too. She is his bride.

Eph. 5:23-28 Cultivate Like Jesus

- (1) 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body...
- (2) 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... Jesus gave himself up for this work
- (3) 5:26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, He washed her with the Word. Why is it that most of the time the woman knows more of the Word than the man.
- (4) 5:27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. That he might present to himself... present to himself... present to him. A wife full of splendor, unwrinkled by the word, free from the blemishes of the battle!
- (5) 5:28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. In the same way.... In the same way... we must love our wives

Learn to Love His Presence; Work on Your Leadership in the Home; Cultivate Your Wife and family!

Make them better.