

How the Kingdom Operates

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“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”” **Romans 1:16-17 NKJV**

“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” **I Timothy 6:12 NKJV**

We are fighting to believe. Resisting the thinking and circumstances that try to tell you different. We are not fighting the devil.

“Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, “Arise quickly!” And his chains fell off his hands. Then the angel said to him, “Gird yourself and tie on your sandals”; and so he did. And he said to him, “Put on your garment and follow me.” So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. And when Peter had come to himself, he said, “Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people.”” **Acts 12:5-11 NKJV**

“A wise man is strong, Yes, a man of knowledge increases strength;” **Proverbs 24:5 NKJV**

“If you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength is small.” **Proverbs 24:10 NKJV**

“Therefore my people have gone into captivity, Because they have no knowledge; Their honorable men are famished, And their multitude dried up with thirst.” **Isaiah 5:13 NKJV**

More revelation brings restoration. Your inheritance will remain a daydream until you can get revelation of what it is.

“And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: “Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are— northward, southward, eastward, and

westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.”
Genesis 13:14-15 NKJV

“Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. And the LORD said to Joshua: “See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.” **Joshua 6:1-2 NKJV**

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith” **I John 5:4 NKJV**

Faith sees the future and seizes it.

“And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?” So he answered, “Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” And Elisha prayed, and said, “LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”
II Kings 6:15-17 NKJV

Faith in any believer is the same faith.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. **Romans 12:1-3 NKJV**

I work my faith.

“For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.” **Mark 11:23 NKJV**

Faith releases the power of God. You don’t have to do the work. God called us to receive not achieve. Nobody can pay you the salary that will give the kind of income God wants you to have.

“Then Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him. The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous;” **Genesis 26:12-13 NKJV**

“Isaac planted crops in that land and took in a huge harvest. GOD blessed him. The man got richer and richer by the day until he was very wealthy. He accumulated flocks

and herds and many, many servants, so much so that the Philistines began to envy him. They got back at him by throwing dirt and debris into all the wells that his father's servants had dug back in the days of his father Abraham, clogging up all the wells."

Genesis 26:12-15 MSG

"Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality." **Acts 10:34 NKJV**

"The blessing of the LORD makes one rich, And He adds no sorrow with it."

Proverbs 10:22 NKJV

"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers." **III John 1:2 NKJV**

"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified." **Acts 20:32 NKJV**

Don't conform to this world.

"I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth." **John 17:15-19 NKJV**

More you get sanctified from the world, more truth you will see.

"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." **I Corinthians 10:13 NKJV**

"And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you [with abundant increase of favors] and make your name famous and distinguished, and you will be a blessing [dispensing good to others]. And I will bless those who bless you [who confer prosperity or happiness upon you] and curse him who curses or uses insolent language toward you; in you will all the families and kindred of the earth be blessed [and by you they will bless themselves]. **Genesis 12:2-3 AMPC**

"Therefore, know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed." So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham." **Galatians 3:7-9 NKJV**

“Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.” **John 14:10 NKJV**

““Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.” **John 14:12 NKJV**

“and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.” **John 5:27 NKJV**