

Heritage Alliance Church November 26, 2023 Pastor Shawn Hubert

**THEME:** Contrast - The Kingdom first lifestyle is going to be very different. "BUT... but do not be angry, but do not lust, but do not get divorced, but let your words mean something, but do not get even, but love your enemy, but give in secret, but pray in secret, but forgive others, but fast in secret, but store up treasure in heaven, but seek first His kingdom and His righteousness...

*Following Jesus will always dramatically interrupt the trajectory of your life. Everyone who encountered Jesus couldn't go back to their old way of living* 

A Kingdom first life means we live with an awareness of eternity

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**" Matthew 6:19-21

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Colossians 3:1-2

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:18

A Kingdom first life means we live now with **an adjusted agenda & values** *"But <u>seek first his kingdom</u> and his righteousness,* and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:33-34

"Don't worry about anything; **instead, pray about everything**. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus...Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable., and the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:6-9

A Kingdom first life is seen in your... **WORDS, TIME, MONEY & ATTENTION** "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." Matthew 7:21

We are told to pray, "Your Kingdom Come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven". <u>This is an invitation</u> for the Kingdom life to be made manifest in and throughout. A submission of our will and desires to align with His ways / His will

**QUESTIONS:** What does anxiety say about our focus? How can prayer help anxiety? If your heart follows what you invest in, where do you need to invest differently? What do you like to talk about most? What draws your attention? What do you think asking God to do His will on earth through you would change how you do life right now?