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The Church of Jesus Christ is holy, blessed and to be honored.

But we have done a disservice by creating Church people, instead of Kingdom people.

Luke 4:43 "but He said to them, I must preach the Kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."

With these words, Jesus framed His own earthly ministry.

Mark 1:145 "Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God."

Jesus mentions the Church twice in the New Testament, the Kingdom of God over 70 times.

This is not a matter of being the lesser or the greater, but God has called all Christian's to become Kingdom people.

Church people can be myopic in their focus. Focusing only on Usher problems, Media ministry, and/or Pastor's aide. While the Kingdom sees the greater problems of society as areas in need of Kingdom principles, the Presence of the King.

The Church has been known to shy away from positions of authority in secular society, but we error in this thinking.

When a Christian is elected to Congress, Kingdom now fills that place of authority. Christian's are needed in politics, medicine, science. The more areas of authority Christian's can occupy, the more areas where "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done."

Kingdom is the broader vision of the Christian. Churches are needed to prepare Kingdom people, not Church people.

***Luke 17:20* "Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, The Kingdom of God does not come with observation."**

We can build a Temple in Jerusalem, but that would not be used to house the King of the Kingdom. There is a period during His millennium reign that our King will reign on earth. But Luke tells us that His Kingdom does not come with observation. He did not come to earth, in His first advent, to defeat Rome and enthrone Israel.

***Luke 17:21* "nor will they say, See here! or See there! For indeed the Kingdom of God is within you."**

Yes, the Kingdom of Almighty God is within each Christian. As we surrender to His rule, we unleash the power of the King.

Philosophically, people can debate faith, but a changed life, now that, they cannot debate.

***Isaiah 9:7A* "Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end."**

Kingdom thinking, Kingdom vision, Kingdom service should increase it's governing of our everyday lives..

God doesn't live in us because He needs transportation. He lives in us to rule in the places He's sent us to occupy.

"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done; in my marriage, my children, my job, my friendships, my finances!"

Jesus didn't say, "seek first the Church of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (*Matthew 6:33 NKJ*)

No, Our Lord said, "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all

these things shall be added to you."

My prayer is that you will seek God's Kingdom. Love and cherish His Church. Build His Church, and do blessed service in His Church. But allow His Church to prepare you to go out and establish Kingdom Principles wherever The Master leads you.

Bless you all.

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