

LESSONS FROM THE UPPER ROOM #81 YOU MUST BE KINGDOM-MINDED

John 3:3, 5-6 & Colossians 1:12-13 & 1 Peter 1:23 & Ephesians 4:24

No person is **ever** born of God with a birth defect. Everyone who accepts Jesus as Savior is born spiritually perfect. However, just as drugs, alcohol and a poor diet can disfigure a healthy physical body, doctrinal error can corrupt the spiritual body and contort it into a defective and, by Kingdoms standards, ineffective mess. The moment you are born again does not mean you immediately know and comprehend My Word. Born again is a birth, it is a beginning, not a completed work. Your spirit is completely born again in an instant, but it is not mature in the things of God

Your born again spirit is fully compatible with My Word. Everything about living in your Christ-purchased victory originates in your spirit, not your reasoning and agreement that My Word is true. Mental agreement does not translate into change, transformation and manifested promises. You must be diligent to develop your spirit so that which is of God can flow more freely. You can approach prayer and My Word from an academic, religious or assigned task perspective, or from a seeking first the Kingdom of God perspective.

James 4:4 Jesus lived in the Kingdom while He dwelled in the world. Too many Christians live in the world while dwelling in the Kingdom. You believe that being a friend of the world means compromising to accept sin and approve of sinful behavior. But I want you to know that you can also be a friend of the world when you agree with what is in the world more than with what is in the Kingdom. Do you truly know what is in the Kingdom? Do you know what you have access to? A lack of this knowledge is what leads to a Christian living in the world more than in the Kingdom.

Matthew 16:13-19 & Luke 17:20-21 When you fully grasp the depth of who Jesus is and who you are in Him, you will begin recognizing the keys and operating in the Kingdom, seeing its principles manifested in the world. You will then bind what God in Heaven has already declared bound and loose what God in Heaven has already declared loosed. In the Kingdom, God has already declared sickness bound and healing loosed. When you live by Kingdom keys, you will enforce on Earth what God has declared in Heaven. Your born again spirit is a part of the Kingdom. That means the “portal” for Kingdom release exists within you. This is the place through which things are bound and things are loosed.

Genesis 17:1, 5, 15-19 & Romans 4:13, 18-22 When God spoke to Abraham about having a son, he and Sarah were both physically incapable of fulfilling their role in that son being born. At first, Abraham laughed out of disbelief and presented Ishmael, a work of the flesh, as the answer. But something happened and he began trusting God. The "something" that happened was that he accepted and meditated on the words and promise God had spoken to him.

In the natural, everything about your “womb” may appear dead; but if you have a promise from God it is a Kingdom promise that He has already declared loosed for you. He will do His part to fulfill it; you must do your part to receive it. Do not present an Ishmael to your Father and call it the manifestation of His promise. Unbelief in the heart of a Christian is the laughter of Abraham.

You must be like Abraham, giving yourself over to meditation on your Father's promises so your laughter turns into full persuasion that Kingdom promises will manifest.

Abraham knew his body was dead, but he went from laughter to being not weak in faith, refusing to consider the deadness of his or Sarah's body. You must go from the laughter of Abraham to being strong in faith. Faith is a bridge between the Kingdom and the natural world so that the principles of the Kingdom can be released into the world.

Your Bible is My Kingdom Word. You were born into My Kingdom as a novice in Kingdom principles. My Word is the only source of your Kingdom education. Hear Me in this: My Word is the *only* source of your Kingdom education. The Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher are only effective if they give you that which is in My Word. Why do you think I have placed so much emphasis on studying and meditating in My Word? Read the four Gospels: Jesus is your example of Kingdom living in a fallen world. You must make the transition from living in the world and dwelling in the Kingdom to living in the Kingdom and dwelling in the world.

Kingdom living is living by faith. Didn't Jesus say you must live by every Word that God speaks? When you look at your Bible, your natural eyes see ink on paper; but your Bible is actually a miracle in your hands, for no other book in human history is literally life in written form. Your Bible is a revelation of Kingdom life. Your born again spirit is not compatible with any other book. The living knowledge recorded in the Bible is that which takes your spirit from infancy to being the fully mature reflection of the glory of Jesus. When you pray in tongues, I am giving you the words of your Father's will as it pertains to your Kingdom life.

John 17:16-17 The moment you were born again is the moment you were separated from the world and given entrance into the eternal Kingdom of God. Your flesh body is the vehicle in which you are able to navigate in the natural world. Every single promise God has recorded in His Word belongs to you; *there are no exceptions!* There is no promise your Father does not want manifested in your life and there is no promise that cannot be manifested in your life. You are everything your Father has said you are. You can do everything your Father has said you can do. You can have everything your Father has said you can have.

To see this happen, you must develop a Kingdom mind and heart. You must live totally by Kingdom keys and principles. Keep this in mind: There is no loss in living by the Kingdom, there is only gain. Renew your mind to the Word of the Kingdom and be transformed into a whole new way of interpreting every circumstance and situation you face. You will analyze all challenges and problems from a Kingdom perspective. You will see victory before it manifests. I am here to help you. I am here to guide you. I am here to be your partner in this glorious journey. God is for you and nothing can successfully be against you.