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*The Kingdom of God*



# Seek First the Kingdom of God



- Seek God's Kingdom first in spiritual pursuits
- Seek God's Kingdom first in carnal pursuits
- Trust God's Kingdom first in all of life



# Seek God's Kingdom First in Spiritual Pursuits

Mat 6:16-18 "Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward...



# Seek God's Kingdom First in Spiritual Pursuits



Mat 6:16-18 "... (17) But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, (18) so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the **secret place**; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.



# Seek God's Kingdom First in Carnal Pursuits

Mat 6:19–24 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; (20) but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. (21) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...



# Is God's Word or Man's Wisdom Your Light

Mat 6:19-24 "... (22) **"The lamp of the body is the eye.** If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. (23) But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!...



# Who Will You Serve



Mat 6:19–24 "...(24) "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.



# Trust God's Kingdom First in All of Life

Mat 6:25–34 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? (26) Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?..



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Mat 6:25-34 "... (27) Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? (28) "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; (29) and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these...



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Mat 6:25–34 "... (30) Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? (31) "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' (32) For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things...



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A composite image featuring a woman's face, a dove, and a crown against a celestial background. The woman's face is in the center, looking upwards. To her right is a white dove with its wings spread, flying towards the right. Above the woman's head is a golden crown. The background is a dark blue and purple sky with clouds and a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, creating a dramatic, ethereal atmosphere.

Mat 6:25-34 "... (33) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. (34) Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.





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