

Responsibilities Of Those In The Kingdom

Hebrews 12:22-28

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The work of the kingdom:

- ▶ Fellow-workers in the kingdom. Colossians 4:7-11
- ▶ Epaphroditus a companion in labor and a fellow soldier. Philippians 2:25
- ▶ Recruiting: Evangelism. cf. 2 Timothy 2:2
- ▶ Training: Edification. Matthew 28:20
- ▶ Discipline. Philippians 3:15; 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 10-15
- ▶ Spiritual needs. Galatians 6:1
- ▶ Physical needs. Acts 2:44-45

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Who SHALL Enter The Kingdom.

John 3:5, "Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God!"

- "Begotten" (1 Peter 1:23; 1 Corinthians 4:15; James 1:18; cf. Luke 8:11; cf. "rebirth" in Titus 3:5)
 - Starting all over!
 - cf. Ezekiel 36:22-31; cf. Jeremiah 31:31ff
 - As David affirmed, a new heart was required! Psalms 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."
Psalms 51:17, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, o God, thou wilt not despise."

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Entering The Kingdom

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- Nicodemus should have known that a physical birth was not all that made him God's elect! Verses 7, 10
 - There was the necessity of circumcision. Genesis 17
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Psalms 51:17, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, o God, thou wilt not despise."
 - Without that new heart, even the Jew was not acceptable to Jehovah!

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Various Responsibilities

The Home - Family Relationships.

- ▶ Children obey. Ephesians 6:1-4; cf. Exodus 20:12; Matthew 15:3-6; 1 Timothy 5:8,16
- ▶ Wives submit. Ephesians 5:22-23; 1 Timothy 5:14; 2:15
- ▶ Husbands love, lead. Ephesians 5:25,28; 1 Peter 3:7
 - Provide. 1 Timothy 5:8
 - Teach. Ephesians 6:4
- ▶ NOTE: These are not Kingdom responsibilities, but family responsibilities.

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Various Responsibilities

The Community - Social Relationships. James 2:8

Business - Economic Responsibilities.

Genesis 3:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:10; 1 Timothy 5:8; Matthew 7:12

Government - Civil Responsibilities.

Romans 13:1-7

NOTE: These are not Kingdom responsibilities, but community, business, economic responsibilities.

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- ▶ Worship God. Acts 2:42
- ▶ Study. 2 Timothy 2:15
- ▶ Breaking of bread in memory of Christ. cf. Matthew 26:26–28; Acts 20:7
- ▶ Fellowship. cf. 1 Corinthians 16:1–2; 2 Corinthians 9:6–7
- ▶ Prayer. 1 Timothy 2:1–2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- ▶ Sing praises. Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16
- ▶ Teaching others about Jesus. 2 Timothy 2:2; Matthew 28:19–20; Mark 16:15–16

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- ▶ Be an example. 1 Timothy 4:12; Matthew 5:13–16
- ▶ Be faithful. Revelation 2:10
- ▶ Seek first the Kingdom. Matthew 6:33

- ▶ These are responsibilities of all those who enter the kingdom of God.

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Observations About Kingdom Responsibilities

Citizenship in the kingdom of God does not nullify other responsibilities.

- ▶ Home responsibilities.
- ▶ Community responsibilities.
- ▶ Business and economic responsibilities.
- ▶ Citizenship responsibilities.

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Observations About Kingdom Responsibilities

The Kingdom of God does not take over the responsibilities one has in other relationships. cf. 1 Timothy 5:16

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- ▶ Community responsibilities.
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Observations About Kingdom Responsibilities

In case of conflict between Kingdom responsibilities and other responsibilities, what should a Christian do? Matthew 6:33; 1 Thessalonians 5:14–26

- ▶ Home responsibilities. cf. Luke 9:57–62; 14:25–33
- ▶ Community responsibilities. cf. John 15:18–19; Romans 12:1–2
- ▶ Business and economic responsibilities. cf. Luke 14:15–24
- ▶ Citizenship responsibilities. Acts 4:19–20; 5:29

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