

This year I **#SeekFirst**

Matthew 6:33 (HCSB)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.

Key ONE | **WISDOM**

Key TWO | The KINGDOM

Problems for us concerning Kingdom thinking..

1 Corinthians 15:50 (ESV)

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

KINGDOM = Where the **KING'S WILL** is done
Where **GOD / JESUS** reigns | **GOD'S DOMAIN**

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Luke 17:20..*the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.*

Matthew 6:10 ..Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..

Today's #SeekFirst key is

KING & KINGDOM

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2. THE KING:

..LOOKING TO CHRIST JESUS

2.1 JESUS THE KING:

Isaiah 9:6

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;
And the government will rest on His shoulders;
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

John 12:15

"FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT."

John 18:37

Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?"
Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king
For this I have been born, and for this I have come
into the world, to testify to the truth Everyone who
is of the truth hears My voice."

Revelation 17:14

"These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful."

Revelation 19:16

And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

2.2 Ambassador:

Definition:

1. : an official envoy; especially : a diplomatic agent of the highest rank accredited to a foreign government or sovereign as the resident representative of his or her own government or sovereign or appointed for a special and often temporary diplomatic assignment
2. a: an authorized representative or messenger b : an unofficial representative <traveling abroad as ambassadors of goodwill>

- ✓ We need to do what He did
- ✓ Ambassadors for Christ
- ✓ Representatives of His Kingdom

..So where are we from then?

HEAVEN is our HOME:

Philippians 3:20.. but our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:11 Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and temporary residents to abstain from fleshly desires that war against you. *[pilgrims, aliens, exiles, strangers]*

John 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5: 20

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Luke 19:10 (HCSB)

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.



3. The King's Ambassador seeking the Kingdom:

..Getting practical

3.1 A Family thing:

... What did Jesus do?



3.1 A Family thing: Luke 2:49 (KJB)

And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

(HCSB)

"Why were you searching for Me?" He asked them.
"Didn't you know that I had to be in My Father's house?"

Luke 2:49-50 (MSG)

He said, “Why were you looking for me? Didn’t you know that I had to be here, dealing with the things of my Father?” But they had no idea what he was talking about.

3.2 How did the King go about it...?

RELATIONALLY – He knew His Father

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Father said:

John 12:49 For I have not spoken on My own, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a command as to what I should say and what I should speak.

Father did:

John 5:19 So Jesus replied, "Truly, truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself, unless He sees the Father doing it. For whatever the Father does, the Son also does.

**The King came as a SON and so
the AMBASSADORS have been
adopted as SONS**

SEEK and IMITATE your King

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***Seek the Kingdom
Seek the King***

Ambassadors imitate their King :

1. Be about our Father's business
2. Seek and save the Lost
3. Do what the Father did
4. Say what the Father said

***See the King
See the Kingdom come***

