

the Kingdom

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Part 1 – Are You a Good Citizen?
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Matthew 3:1-2 *In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”*

Matthew 4:17 *From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”*

John 18:36 *Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”*

What should you know about the Kingdom?

I. The Kingdom should be _____!

Matthew 6:33 *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

II. The Kingdom is _____!

Matthew 13:44 *“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”*

Matthew 13:45-46 *“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.”*

III. The Kingdom is _____!

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

IV. The Kingdom is _____!

Luke 12:30-32 *“For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.*

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” (ESV)

How do I become a Kingdom citizen?

I. You must be _____.

John 3:3-5 *Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”*

“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!”

Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.”

II. _____ in Jesus.

John 3:16-17 *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

III. _____ Jesus is your Lord.

Romans 10:9-10 *If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.*

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Micah 6:8 *He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

Matthew 23:23 *“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.” (NLT)*

I. _____

Psalm 25:9 *He leads the humble in doing right, teaching them his way.*
(NLT)

Psalm 69:32 *The humble will see their God at work and be glad. Let all who seek God's help be encouraged.* (NLT)

II. _____

Matthew 22:36-39 *“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”*

Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

III. _____

Galatians 5:19-21 *The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Psalm 106:3 *Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.*

Conclusion: Be a great _____ of heaven!

Philippians 3:20 *But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ...*

All scripture references are NIV unless otherwise noted.

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