

KINGDOM CULTURE

The early church believers stood in a culture that brought growth, power and favour upon the church.

Acts 2: 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. NKJV

This is a kingdom culture that must be developed in every home. It is based on four simple principles:

Apostles Doctrine

This is simply the teaching of God's word in the home on a consistent basis. This doctrine comes from One who is Sent that would lay foundations for growth in the life of the believers.

Fellowship

This is the coming together of the family regularly to fellowship around the doctrine. Fellowship is not merely socializing but it is the discussion of teachings so that it is embedded into the hearts and minds of those fellowshiping

Breaking of Bread

Jesus gave us a New Covenant in His blood and said "do this in remembrance of Me". The practice of the Lord's Table must be carried out daily in the home so that we remember the Lord's death till He returns

Prayers

Prayer is a vital component of maintaining a relationship with God. It is simply conversations that are held with God. Families must pray together and celebrate when God answers their prayers

THIS CULTURE MUST BE STRICTLY MAINTAINED IN THE HOME

Reaching, Teaching, Releasing



TIMING

(Part 1)

1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You (John 17:1 NKJV)

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Day 1

TAKE HEED

(Luke 21:8 NKJV) 8 And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them

We live in difficult times and we can be easily deceived. When Jesus was questioned by His disciples about the timing of certain events He warned them to be careful of deceivers that would come in His Name. As children of God we must take heed of those who come in His Name but do not represent His Name.

Pray:

- 1.) For capacity in the spirit to discern deceivers
- 2.) That deceivers in this time would be exposed
- 3.) For the church of God to awaken to the times of God

Day 2

IMMEDIATELY

(Luke 21:9 NKJV) 9 But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately."

We are awaiting the return of the Lord Jesus Christ because He has promised that He will return. While we are in waiting we will experience many things that Jesus said would happen but we must know that the end will not come immediately.

Pray:

- 1.) That anxiety and worry would not grip your heart in the midst of crisis
- 2.) For confidence in the words of Jesus to rise in you
- 3.) That you would live for Christ like He is coming immediately

Day 3

MAJOR CRISIS

(Luke 21:10-11 NKJV) 10 Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11 And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven

We can see the fulfillment of these words both in Jesus' time and our time. Our hope is in Christ who is prophet, priest and king. We have Him in our hearts.

Pray:

- 1.) For nations to be born in a day through crisis
- 2.) That crisis would cause many to turn to the Lord in unreached places
- 3.) For the church to seize these opportune times to preach the Kingdom of God

Day 4

INTENSITY OF PERSECUTION

(Luke 21:12 NKJV) 12 But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake

Christianity is being criminalized globally. There is such intense pressure on the church of Jesus Christ. As in the life of the disciples when Jesus ascended they were persecuted for their faith. The church must be bold and courageous and remain strong.

Pray:

- 1.) For the persecuted church in many nations.
- 2.) That you would not take your freedom to express God for granted
- 3.) For governments to realize the need for the Church of Christ

Day 5

NEGATIVITY TO TESTIMONY

(Luke 21:13 NKJV) 13 But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony

When Paul was in prison for preaching it turned out for the furtherance of the gospel. When Joseph was sent to Egypt as a slave God sent him for good. Persecution will always become an occasion for testimony. We look at the situations we are in and say "why now Lord" but God's timing is always for the furtherance of the gospel.

Pray:

- 1.) That God would reveal the testimony in your negativity
- 2.) For your trial to become your greatest triumph
- 3.) That you would use persecution to further the gospel

Day 6

GIVEN A MOUTH OF WISDOM

(Luke 21:14-15 NKJV) 14 Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; 15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist

We must know what to say and when to say it. This requires the timing of God. God the Holy Spirit lives in us and He is the Spirit of wisdom. He will teach what to say and when to say it when we wait on Him

Pray:

- 1.) For timing in your speech
- 2.) That the Holy Spirit would speak through you at the right time
- 3.) That you will contradict all your adversaries with the wisdom of God