

Greatness in the Kingdom



**HE HAS MADE US
A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS
FOR GOD HIS FATHER.**

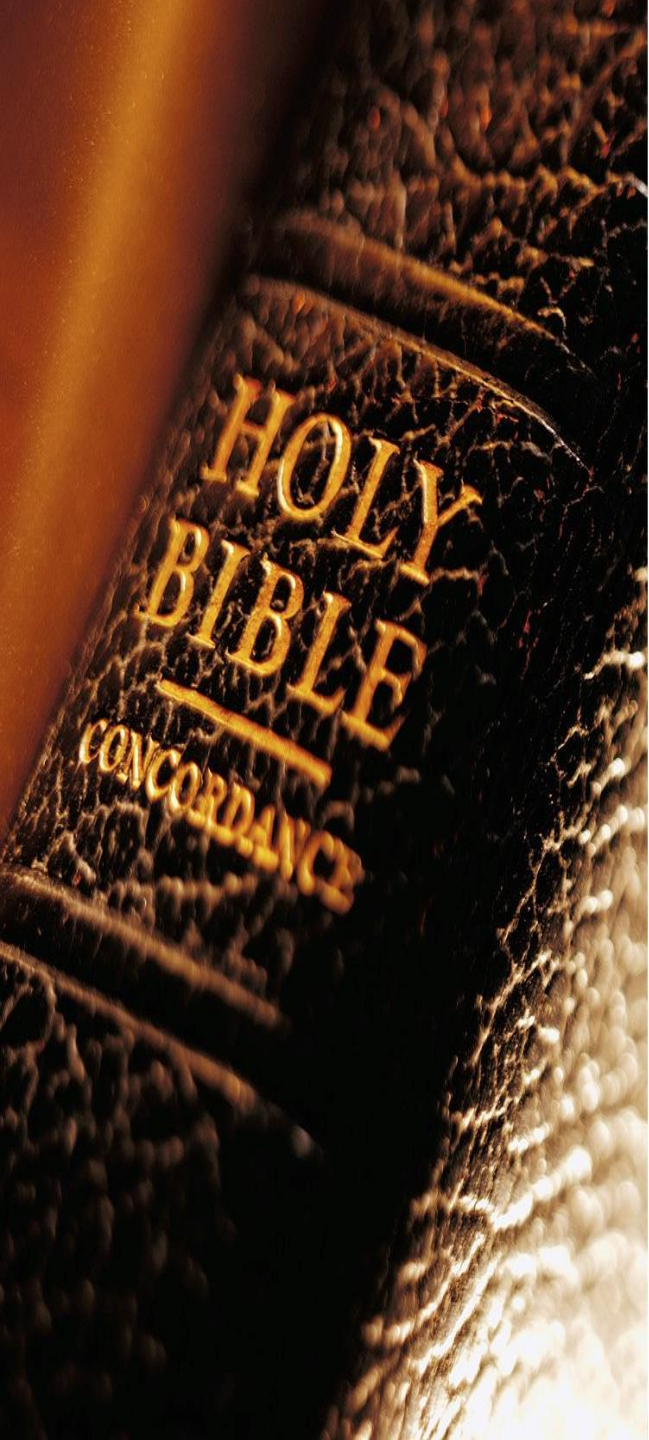
**ALL GLORY AND POWER
TO HIM FOREVER AND
EVER! AMEN.**

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**Kingdom
Character**
(Matt 5:1-12)

**Kingdom
Calling**
(Matt 5:13-16)

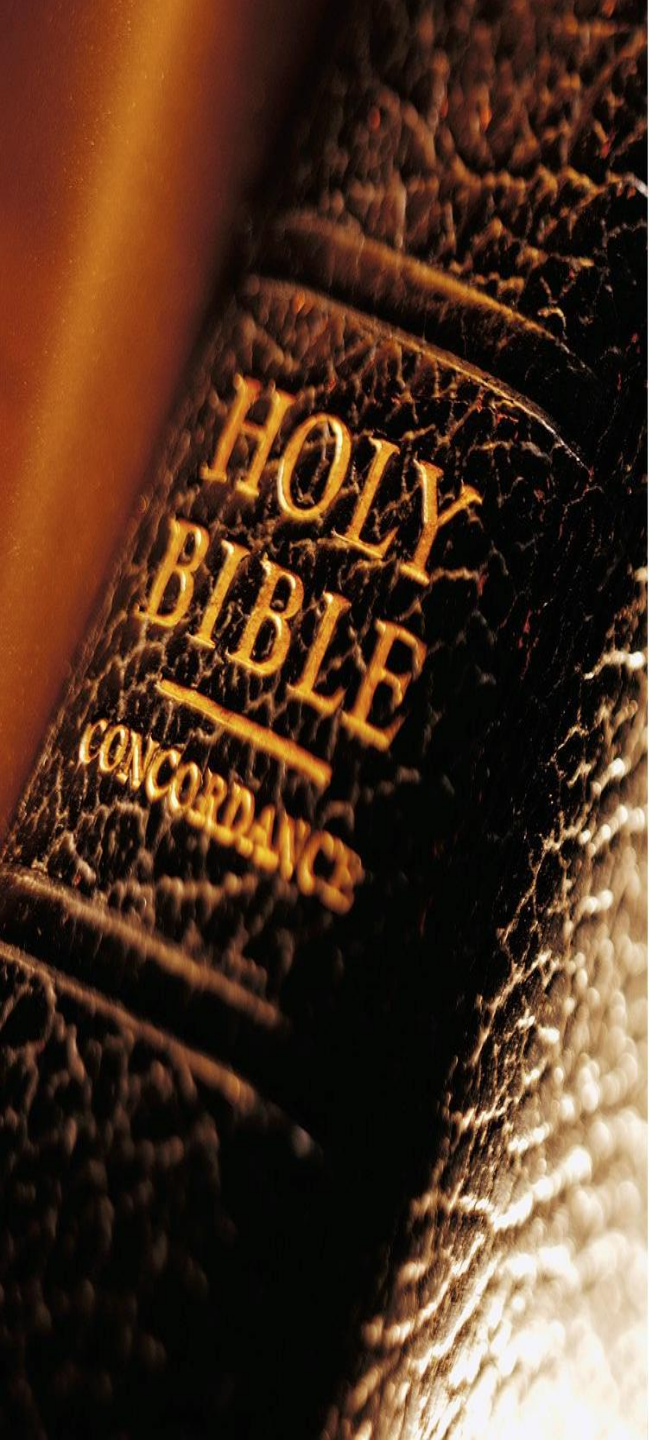
**Kingdom
Conduct**
(Matt 5:17-7:27)



Matthew 6:1-4 (NLT)

¹ “Watch out! Don’t do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven.

² When you give to someone in need, don’t do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get.



Matthew 6:1-4 (NLT)

³ But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.

⁴ Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

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... must
surpass
that of the
Scribes and
Pharisees ...

(Matthew 5:20)



... not as the
hypocrites do ...

(Matthew 6:1-2)



Righteousness Warnings

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In the same way, let your light shine before others, **so that they may see** your good works

(Matt 5:16)

Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people **in order to be seen** by them

(Matt 6:1)



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Whose?



the Father's?



the world's?



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... this has implications for how we ...



... **give** ...
(Matt. 6:2-4)



... **pray** ...
(Matt. 6:5-15)



... **fast** ...
(Matt. 6:16-18)



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When you give ...
(Matt 6.2)

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Rich

Large amount

“... they gave a tiny part of their surplus ...”

(Mark 12:44)

Poor Widow

2 Small Coins

“... gave everything she had to live on ...”

(Mark 12:44)



When you give ... give sacrificially!

(Mark 12.41-44)

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Whatever you
give is acceptable
if you give it
eagerly.

(2 Corinthians 8:12)



When you give ... give eagerly!
(2 Corinthians 8:12)

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You must each
decide in your heart
how much to give.

(2 Corinthians 9:7)



When you give ... give thoughtfully!
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

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... not grudgingly
... and not in
response to
pressure

(2 Corinthians 9:5,7)

When you give ... give willingly!

(2 Corinthians 9:5-7)

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God **loves it** when
the giver delights in
the giving.

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

When you give ...
give cheerfully!

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

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Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

(2 Corinthians 9:6)



When you give ...
give generously!
(2 Corinthians 9:11)

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If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously.

(Romans 12:8)

When you give ...
give generously!
(2 Corinthians 9:11)

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Since you excel
in so many ways
.... I want you to
excel also in this
gracious act of
giving.

(2 Corinthians 8:7)



When you give ... give excellently!

(2 Corinthians 9:5-7)

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When you give ... give secretly!
(Matt 6.4)

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'Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and share your master's happiness!'

(Matthew 25:21)

The Father, who sees everything, will reward you.
(Matthew 6:4)