

***It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.***  
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

**Standing on the Essence of God - -**

**Psalms 96:10** Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity."

**Characteristics of the Kingdom Subject - -**

- **Humble**      ←————→ **A man of Prayer!**
- **Obedient**
- **Forgiving**
- **Patient**
- **Grateful**
- **Happy/joyous**
- **Dependent**

} **A man devoted to doing  
God's will**

**Matthew 6:19–21**

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> **But** store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; <sup>21</sup> for where your **treasure** is, there your **heart** will be also.”

*There is nothing more important than fulfilling God's will for your life.*

- Priority in life and devotion of effort should be in storing up treasures in heaven as opposed to treasures on earth.
- This is contrary to the Pharisees' priority and what they believed about wealth.
- They were occupied with material wealth.
  - They believed that wealth was a testimony of God's blessing.
  - *Problem* - just because someone has been blessed with wealth does not mean that God has blessed them with that wealth.
  - The Pharisees also believed that wealth was a testimony of God's love for a person.

The **Pharisees** were occupied with storing up treasures on earth - material wealth – a sign to them of being loved by God!

**Age of Israel**  
The **kingdom subject**, on the other hand, is to be occupied with storing up treasures in heaven – knowing that he has God's love.

**Therefore, he loves God.**      - - - - - ↑

Earthly treasure does not impress the individual who is occupied with heavenly things.

**What offer is on the table to the nation?**

**Matthew 4:17** From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

- If the kingdom of heaven is established on earth, and the kingdom subject was occupied with storing up treasures in heaven, what will the kingdom subject be in that kingdom? Wealthy.
- Is that wealth subject to decay?
- What value will the Pharisees' wealth have when the kingdom is established?
- How would the kingdom subject go about storing up treasures in heaven?
- How do we as believers living during the dispensation of grace store up heavenly treasure?

*Rule of Application* - If a shade of application is stated in the New Testament Epistles then the shade of application applies to the Christian living today.

**Ephesians 6:7** With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

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**Ephesians 1:22**

And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

**James 5:16b . . . the operational prayer of the righteous is accomplishing great things.**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-14**

For even as the body is one and *yet* has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. <sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup> For the body is not one member, but many [*the spiritual body of Christ*].

**Ephesians 6:7-8**

With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men, <sup>8</sup> **knowing** that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

## **Ephesians 2:10**

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

## **2 Corinthians 5:10**

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

## **1 Corinthians 3:1-15**

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, <sup>3</sup>for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not *mere* men? <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. <sup>7</sup>So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. <sup>8</sup>Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own **labor** (κόπος – ΚΟΠΟΣ – "*work, labor, or toil*").

## **Prayer is work!**

<sup>9</sup> For we are God's **fellow workers**; you are God's field, God's building.

- **συνεργός** – SUNERGOS – "*one who works alongside or with another*"

**Philippians 2:13** - Cooperation with God; submission to His will

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. <sup>11</sup> For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, <sup>13</sup> each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. <sup>14</sup> If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

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