## KINGDOM MENTALITY

- 1. A conquering world view
- 2. A commitment to a cause with world dimensions
- 3. A conviction of invincibility
- 4. A sense of divine sanction for what they were doing
- 5. Unwilling to accept the status quo as unchangeable
- 6. A vision or dream of what the world could be like and a determination to make the dream a reality

Insights from Rise To Conquer by Larry Poland

Julius Caesar..Alexander the Great..Genghis Khan..Napoleon..Lenin..Hitler..Mao Tse-Tung had most or all of those attributes. So did Jesus Christ as we shall see.

E. Stanley Jones tells the story of his visit to Moscow many years ago. He watched as workers carried dirt up out of the ground for the building of a subway. They were chanting as they worked, and Jones inquired the meaning of their chant. He was told that they were chanting,

'We are building a new world'.

These ditch diggers had a kingdom mentality. They believed that their actions were helping to build a new world. Should not Christians have a similar view?

## THE KINGDOM OF GOD MENTALITY FOR CHRISTIANS

An unshakeable commitment to the sovereignty of Jesus Christ and to the growing establishment of his invincible and perfect world order.

(The quote is the main theme of the excellent book, Rise To Conquer by Larry Poland) For finding old books that are out of print one can go to Alibris, which is often better priced than Amazon)

Jesus had a kingdom mentality. - Matthew 16:13-28

God does not ask us to commit ourselves to him without also revealing his commitment to us. How does he display it?

How does Jesus encourage us to be faithful? v.27

The value of the kingdom: Matthew 13:44-45

Do most Christians act accordingly? If not....why not?

How can we show that we value the kingdom?

Roadblocks to the Kingdom - Luke 9:57-62 Three who did not count the cost

Mr. Too Quick - love of earthly and material comforts

Mr. Too Slow - love of own self interest (collecting Father's inheritance)

Mr. Too Easy - love of family

- Roadblocks insight from True Discipleship - William McDonald

## Taking up our cross daily is learning to say no to self and say yes to the Lord Jesus

An unshakeable commitment to God is demonstrated through the **Leaving Principle** and the **Lifesaving Principle**: jesusreigns.net

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