

Kingdom Principles For Kingdom People: The Trending Thread Woven Through The Tapestry of Scripture!” (pt. 6)

Matthew 5:31-32

***Essential Question:** How does a Kingdom citizen’s life look different than someone who is not a citizen of His Kingdom?

***Aim:** Kingdom citizenship is not about following rules and regulations, it’s about desiring to live God’s way NO MATTER what the circumstance or situation!

Introduction: Jesus reveals that the trending thread woven through Scripture is this: **God cares about the heart before He confronts the hands.** Kingdom people pursue inward purity because inward purity produces outward impact.

I. The Seriousness of the Covenant: “Commitment Before Convenience!”

Jesus addresses the common practice of divorce in His day. Many people had reduced marriage to a contractual arrangement that could be dissolved whenever difficulties arose. Jesus reminds His hearers that marriage is not merely a legal agreement; it is a sacred covenant established by God.

Kingdom people understand that commitment is not determined by comfort, convenience, or changing circumstances. Covenant love remains faithful even when challenges arise.

Kingdom Commitments Should Not Be Casual Commitments.

Text-Dependent Questions

1. According to verse 31, what document was traditionally given when a divorce occurred?
2. What does Jesus reveal about society's view of marriage through His statement, "It hath been said"?
3. How does Jesus begin challenging the prevailing cultural understanding of divorce?

II. The Sanctity of the Covenant: “Faithfulness Before Feelings!”

Jesus elevates the conversation beyond legal procedures to God's heart concerning marriage. He emphasizes the seriousness of dissolving a marriage covenant and teaches that God's standard is faithfulness.

The Kingdom ethic is not built on fluctuating emotions but on steadfast obedience to God's will. Kingdom people seek to honor God through fidelity, integrity, and covenant keeping.

Kingdom Faithfulness Fuels Flourishing Families.

Text-Dependent Questions

1. What exception does Jesus mention in verse 32 regarding divorce?
2. According to Jesus, why is divorce a serious matter?
3. What does Jesus' teaching reveal about God's view of marriage and faithfulness?

Application

Many people view relationships through the lens of personal satisfaction. Jesus teaches His followers to view marriage through the lens of covenant responsibility and Kingdom faithfulness.

A Kingdom marriage asks:

- How can I honor God?
- How can I serve my spouse?
- How can I reflect Christ's love through commitment and sacrifice?

The world's standard is often temporary, but God's standard is transformative.