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verb

- 1. become or make larger or more extensive.2. "their business expanded into other hotels and properties"

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"Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10 NKJV



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EXPAND ACADEMY VISION:

Our heart at Expand Academy is to <u>Equip</u>, <u>Empower</u>, and <u>Expand</u> the kingdom of God within the believer & around the globe.

We will gather around the testimony of Jesus Christ. We believe as the Spirit of God kisses the Word of God; it is activated to produce eternal fruit in our lives.



"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples of to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20



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RECAP

- We covered Romans 14:17 again, hitting it from a different angle.
- We dove into Galatians 5:16-26 & Isaiah 40:30
- We did a Heaven's Establishment on walking in the Spirit. We did a deep dive on the renewal of the mind again. We specifically asked Holy Spirit to highlight anything that hinders from walking in life and peace.

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."

Matthew 6:33 NLT

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all of these things shall be added to you."

Matthew 6:33 NKJV

1st- "The Kingdom is available to seek and to manifest on earth."

2nd- The command "seek" is given as durative verb, which indicates the aspect of continuation. We are not to seek the Kingdom at intervals, but consistently, repeatedly, constantly.

3rd- the word first denotes that we are to seek the Kingdom as our top priority. We are not to seek just part of the Kingdom part of the time, but all of the Kingdom all of the time.

4th- We are to include righteousness in our Kingdom search, which means that in seeking the Kingdom, we will find its inevitable expression in righteous, holy living.

Cosmic Initiative By Jack Taylor

"What we seek first will determine what our lives will be like."

Really, let's grab ahold of that, what we seek first, what we place before us, will determine the course of our lives.

First, is the entry point to the foundation of our lives. First- It's what you fill your focus with FIRST that determines your direction.



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I'm reminded of the scripture in revelation 2-

"But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first! Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don't repent, I will come and remove your lampstands from its place among the churches."

You see God has given the churches light. There's a lampstand there. First love sustains the light.

There is no light without love. For God so loved the world, he gave His sons life. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.

How do we return to first love? It's through repentance- It's turning away from that which has caused us to stumble and locking eye with the One who has eyes that are light flames of fire. It's in beholding Jesus. It's in seeking Him, the King of the Kingdom.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it." It's in the first love seeking that the kingdom of darkness is pushed back from our lives. It's as if your worship, crying out to God, seeking first and foremost adds a protective shield around your life. Revelation light comes as you seek first the Kingdom. The One who is the true light, who gives light to everyone has come into the world. "The fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge in the Holy One results in good judgment." Proverbs 9:10

I've had this scripture on my heart this weekend. I may talk about this again next week, but it seems relevant this week.

"But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy likes calves let out to pasture." Malachi 4:2

There's a promise attached to the fear of the Lord. What is that promise? Healing & freedom, it's the Gospel. The Son of Righteousness was not only crucified for your sin, but also your sickness.

"The Gospel of Mark concurs with the timing of events, stating that, on preparation day (the eve of the Sabbath), Jesus was crucified at the sixth hour or around noontime and darkness fell over all the land and all of the world."

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HEAVEN'S ESTABLISHMENT:

The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. How can the Kingdom of God be established in our lives in a greater way today?

We can never establish or released what we have not first received. The Kingdom has to be established first within our lives before it's established through our lives.

Let's do some inventory: Living in the Light of His Kingdom

First love sustains the light in our lives according to Revelation 2. Our lives slip into a fallen approach when first love is neglected. Literally we stumble and fall from the lack of light given through our "first" love lifestyle with the Lord.

- 1. Are seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness?
- 2. Are you living in the light of His Kingdom?
- 3. Is there lack or is there a void?

Holy Spirit,

Shine your light into every part of my soul. Reveal to me if there's anything hiding in the dark. It's my pray to live in the light of your love today. Establish the Kingdom in my life today, in Jesus name.