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**KINGDOM CULTURE**

**Text: Galatians 5:22-25**

* Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
* Gal 5:23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.
* Gal 5:24 And those [who are] Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
* Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

**INTRO:**

* HOW ARE YOU AFFECTED WITH THE CULTURE OF THIS COUNTRY?
* WHAT CHANGES DID IT CONTIRBUTE TO YOUR LIFESTYLE?
* KINGDOM OF GOD-The governing influence of a king over his territory (domain), impacting it with his personal will, purpose and intent, producing a culture, values, morals and lifestyle that reflect the king’s desire and nature for his citizens.
* BAPTSIM OF THE HOLY-is the consummation (Completion/Ultimate Goal) of identification with the King and His kingdom as well as a reception of the power of the heavenly kingdom.

**AIM:**

* FOR US TO YIELD TO THE HOLY SPIRIT SO AS TO MANIFEST A KINGDOM CULTURE

**I. CULTURE DEFINED**

* Culture in its broadest sense is cultivated behaviour; that is the totality of a person's learned, accumulated experience which is socially transmitted, or more briefly, behaviour through social learning.
* When we say kingdom culture, this is the lifestyle and mentality of the citizens of the kingdom.
* Our God is invisible but He created us in His own image and likeness (Genesis 1:26)
* For this to happen, He gave His own Spirit to us to govern our lives and produce kingdom culture.

**II. THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS THE KINGDOM CULTURE**

* LOVE
* PEACE
* JOY
* LONGSUFFERING
* KINDNESS
* GOODNESS
* FAITHFULNESS
* GENTLENESS
* SELF-CONTROL
* This is a package deal rather a multiple choice

**1. LOVE**

* Rom 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
* 1Cr 13:6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
* 1John 4:8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.
* Since we are created in God’s image and likeness (replica) can you say you “yourself” is love?
* The gifts of the Holy Spirit is the outward manifestation whilst the fruit of the Spirit is the inward one.
* Those who claimed they have been baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit but does not manifest the fruit of the Spirit should be ashamed of themselves.

**2. PEACE-this peace surpasses understanding**

* Doesn’t mean absence of chaos, as you could be bombarded with it and still your heart is not troubled
* John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
* If you are neither troubled nor afraid of anything, you’re not worried, nor anxious, nor depressed, nor despair, nor hopeless, nor irritable, nor confused, etc.
* These are the influences and culture of darkness.
* 1Cor 14:33 For God is not [the author] of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.
* Those people who swear a lot are just displaying what is in their heart.

**3. JOY**

* Regardless to your circumstances, joy is a kingdom culture
* Hab 3:17 Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines;
* Though the labour of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls--
* Hab 3:18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.
* Phil 4:4,6
* Contrary to Joy kingdom culture is murmuring, complaining, ungratefulness, sad, annoyed, irritable, and so on…

**4. LONGSUFFERING/PATIENCE**

* Because of the love, peace, and joy that you have, you are now able to suffer long.
* Please do not be upset when I said, you were disgusting…
* I have no idea how serious you are when it comes to God’s Word.
* I have no idea how much are you taking in or absorbing.
* Most of you does not manifest growth as you ought (If this does refer to you, don’t get offended).
* Hebrews 5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need [someone] to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.
* 2Ti 2:24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,
* 2Ti 2:25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant **them repentance, so that they may know the truth,**

**5. KINDNESS**

**6. GOODNESS**

* Mat 7:18 "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor [can] a bad tree bear good fruit.
* Mat 7:20 "Therefore by their fruits you will know them.
* Your kindness is always good.
* Ex. Robinhood

**7. FAITHFULNESS**

* Full of faith
* Steadfast in affection or allegiance : loyal
* Firm in adherence to promises or in observance of duty

**8. GENTLENESS**

* Mat 11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
* Learning from Jesus is the main key for us to find rest for our soul.
* We have to be gentle and lowly in heart.
* Gentleness is power under control.

**9. SELF-CONTROL**

* God is hurt when we disobey Him because He loves so much. He knows we hurt ourselves by not obeying His commands.
* Losing self-control is self-destruction.
* Kingdom citizens therefore are not ill-tempered, not provoking, nor quarrelsome
* 2Ti 2:24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,

**III. AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW-V 23**

* If all people are manifesting the kingdom culture, the kingdom of heaven is on earth
* There would be no need for laws and regulations.
* Rom 13:9 The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbour as yourself."
* Rom 13:10 Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

**IV. SUBMIT YOURSELF TO CHRIST-V 24**

* You would be able to crucify the desires of the flesh.

**V. LIVE IN THE SPIRIT AND ALSO WALK IN THE SPIRIT**

* Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
* 1Th 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit. (NKJV)
* 1Th 5:19 Do not put out the Spirit's fire;(NIV).

**CHALLENGE:**

* Most of us claim to be Christians, are we His replica?
* Are we showing the kingdom culture?

**CONCLUSION:**

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* **Gal 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.**