

Success In Ministry Ministerial Training and Continual Bible Studies

Leadership Module 1 – Two Kingdoms

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This Facilitator's Copy is to be used as a guideline. The word of God is full of great and wonderful revelations. There are few times when there is only one scripture reference and/or understanding for a particular issue.

The role of the teacher is to

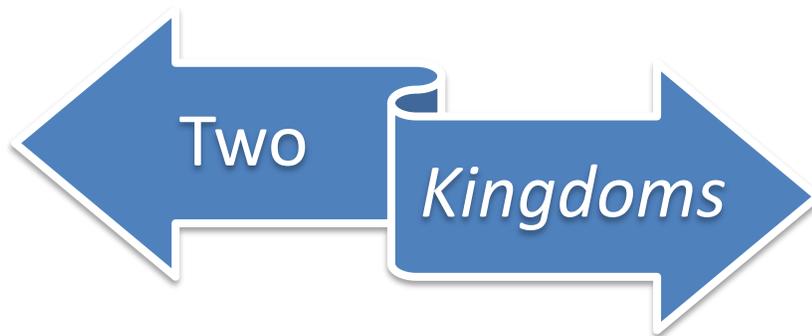
- ✓ facilitate discovery from the student
- ✓ encourage dialogue
- ✓ look for further revelations that will lead to further study
- ✓ be prepared to correct obvious error in student's understanding
- ✓ make sure student understands the objective of the lesson

This material is also good for self-study. Again, the Facilitator's Copy will help guide in the areas of possible answers. If this is for self-study it is suggested that you give the Facilitator's Copy to an individual who will hold you accountable.

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Kingdom of God	Kingdom of Satan
<p>Based in Truth This truth will last forever We do not want to use any of the methods or attitudes of the Kingdom of Satan</p>	<p>Based in Deception This deception is doomed to extinction God uses this kingdom for His purposes until the time of its destruction</p>

1. The whole Bible proclaims two ways to live; two kingdoms to be a part of; two types of leadership or authority.
 - a. Adam and Eve were faced with a clear choice to obey or not obey in Garden of Eden
 - b. First struggle between two kingdoms
 - c. Two different leadership styles
2. One based on deception and manipulation
3. One based in loving influence.
4. Old Testament uses these words to describe this polarization
 - a. righteous and unrighteous
 - b. Proverbs contrasts the two
 - c. The Old Testament gives no middle ground. A person is clearly one or the other.

5. New Testament - Jesus used many analogies to explain two kingdoms, two paths, two types of behavior, and two types of leadership.
 - a. **Matt 7:13, 14 - narrow way leads to life; broad way leads to death**
 - b. **Matt 7:16-20 - good tree bears good fruit, bad tree bears bad fruit**
 - c. **Matt 6:24 - not able to serve two Masters (God and Mammon)**
 - d. **Matt 7:24, 25 - House built on a rock and a house built on the sand**
 - e. **Luke 22:25-27 - leaders that lord it over their people and leaders that serve their people.**
 - f. **Luke 16:8 - sons of darkness and sons of light**
6. Movies show good guys and bad guys - basis for all movies
7. Sports - two opposing teams
8. God designed us with the power to make choices
 - a. **One choice is to submit our lives to God, live for Him and His glory.**
 - b. **The other is to refuse to do so and basically live according to our own self-desire in whatever form or expression that takes.**
9. Our supreme choice in life directs subsequent choices we make
 - a. **If my ultimate motive is to live to glorify God then when I decide whom I should marry, what my vocation should be, or where I should live, I will seek God for His will and obey Him.**
 - b. **On the other hand, if I have chosen to live for myself and my own happiness supremely, then all of my major choices will come from the motivation - what I want.**
 - c. **This continues into smaller decisions. The major decisions that I've made based on my supreme choice will dictate my daily actions.**
10. **I will get up at a certain time, go to work, go about my day and return home based on the major decisions I've already made.**

11. There is a true God and through Him there is truth

- a. **Those that believe and serve Him are part of His Kingdom of Light**
- b. **We are not perfect, but our will has been changed to live for Him.**
 - i. **Sin and selfishness becomes the exception rather than the rule (1 John 3:6-10)**

12. There is also the devil and his appeal to our carnal nature.

- a. **Those who continue to give in to his temptations and yield themselves to sin are part of his kingdom of darkness. They may not appear to be outwardly evil, but the heart is wrong and so the rule of life is selfishness. Any apparent virtue or good is done for another reason.**

The Kingdom of Darkness

1. All kingdoms are built around the character of their leader
 - a. **fallen angel**
 - b. **blinded by pride and self-exaltation**
 - c. **murderer**
 - d. **liar**

2. Produces Leadership of Domination
 - a. Ungodly leadership will lie to itself and to others to achieve its purposes.
 - b. Operates to a great extent by fear.
 1. **Instead of motivating by love and by hope, the unrighteous leader guides through subtle or overt threats.**
 - a. **He himself fears exposure of his dishonesty and dreads losing his power and position, so he maintains control by producing fear in the hearts of others.**
 - c. Ungodly authority resorts to manipulation to govern.
 1. **Instead of leaning on the strength of character and principles of truth, ungodly leadership will arrange the chips to get its way.**
 2. **Positions itself to accomplish its end. (i.e. name-dropping)**
 - d. Has a low view of the sanctity of life. If a leader does not have a right and loving relationship with Jesus, it's impossible for him to have loving respect for man.

- e. Leadership of death. It is detached from the source of life (John 10:10)
 - 1. **It can only destroy. Its selfish interests will always collide with true human dignity and good.**

- f. Operates by force and control.
 - 1. **Has an insatiable appetite for control. Wants to direct, to guide, but deep in the reservoir of his/her being is a lust to control others.**
 - 2. **This leadership is a reinforcement of their longing for power and status.**

- g. An unrighteous leader will find it very difficult to walk away from a position of leadership, even if a better man is ready to take the job. He has been blinded by his power.
 - 1. **Often, if he leaves, he will not leave alone, but will take away others with him, even dividing a kingdom.**
 - 2. **He will resort to force to hang on to power**

- h. Goal of unrighteous authority is domination and control, ending in slavery and even death of the people. Not all unrighteous leaders show their colors in such a vivid way. They may be more subtle, but beneath the surface is domination that governs by force.

Kingdom of God (Light)

1. The territory and leadership methods take on the characteristics of the leader. In this case, the perfect righteousness and holiness of God shape a Kingdom.

- a. **Full of light and love**
- b. **Servant leadership is based on absolute truth and honesty.**
- c. **A righteous leader is honest with himself about his true sinful condition and submits his life to the mercy and transforming power of Jesus Christ.**
- d. **Able to live a life of humility and integrity**
- e. **He doesn't pretend to be someone he is not.**
- f. **Boasts of his weaknesses, knowing his real strength is found in leaning on the rock of truth.**
- g. **A righteous leader truly cares for the people and wants to serve them.**
 - 1. Loving leadership will always choose the highest good of both the individuals and the entire domain.
 - a. This may require gentleness and compassion or rebuke and righteous anger.
 - 2. Loving leadership takes into account protection of the domain or kingdom
- h. **A righteous leader constantly asks himself "How can I best use my abilities to serve and benefit others?"**
 - 1. **Does not seek his own status or position**
 - 2. **Does not resort to manipulation or deceit**
 - 3. **Wants to see others blessed.**

- I. Has a high view of the sanctity of human life. Believes that human beings are made in the image of God, so has a deep respect for the rights and responsibilities of men.**
- j. Leadership of servanthood is that of example and loving persuasion.**
 - 1. Does not force his rule upon his people**
 - 2. Appeals to their hearts and minds**
 - 3. Sets an example by the way that he lives and moves**
 - 4. Serves with his gifts and his life, and in doing so, he wins their love and respect.**
- k. The only area a righteous leader exercises control in is the realm of public behavior.**
- l. The goal of a righteous leader is freedom and life.**
 - 1. Seeks to lift people up and serve them**