



Sanctified Inbetween

John 3:16

Matthew 7:1-12

God's care for humanity was so great that he sent his unique Son among us, so that those who count on him might not lead a futile and failing existence, but have the undying life of God Himself. Dallas Willard

Kingdom Newbees

- **Born Again we lay aside anger, contempt, cultivated lusting and disbelief.**
- **We begin to seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness. (6:33)**
- **We travel with new power on the back of our tandem bike!**
- **As we stop and talk, laugh and delight in the beauty and fun we find along the way, he begins to show/teach me of the inner life of the kingdom. (Matt.7: 1- 6)**

Personal Relationships in the Kingdom of Heaven

1. It does not condemn or blame those around us. (1-5)
2. It does not force our “wonderful solutions” on others. (6)
3. It does use the drawing power of request. (7-11)

This cuts a fundamental human style of relating off at the knees.

- How will people know disapproval and wrongness?
- How is life done w/o condemnation and blame?
- How can others be “straightened out” w/o judging?
- How will it be clear I am on the side of “right”?

Condemnation: Making it clear that in some core maybe unchangeable way, they are wholly bad, unacceptable, reejected. This is a terrible power causing Reciprocity!

Pic. 1: The Law of Self at Work (3-5)

- Why is the judging one a hypocrite?
 - a) Because you have a character flaw?
 - b) Because we are not perfect?
- It is because condemnation is fundamentally a behavior that reveals our *self-righteousness*.
- Our plank of condemnation and blame is so big we cannot see our brother's real heart need.
- Our old kingdom is self centered. Our new Kingdom is Christ centered: selfless.

Pic. 2: The Law of Self at Work (6)

- **Of Dogs and Pigs.**
 - This is not a value statement, that some people are just dogs and pigs so don't share spiritual truth.
 - The point is neither the dogs nor the pigs *know what to do with the spiritual truth you are trying to push on them* while you are "speaking in love."
 - But they DO know what to do with YOU!
- **Kingdom life knows how to BE the treasure.**
- **Kingdom life is not about control, guilting, manipulation.**
- **Kingdom life is agape a life not dependent on the approval of others to seek first his righteousness.**

Life in the Upside Down Kingdom

- **The Laws of Love and Respect powerfully use the Law of Reciprocity and we just make Requests of one another.**
- **We do not have one posture before God and different one before men. We cannot love God and hate a people.**
- **In the Kingdom we learn to accept what we should accept and to change what we should change and develop the wisdom to know the difference.**

Consider This:

Glad you know about Jesus

Glad you know about the forgiveness of sin

Glad you know the initial Gospel story

NOW

You are invited to the “rest of the Good News”

The Life of a *set apart* Disciple awaits you

**The Daily Development of Christlikeness
(Sanctification)**

The Skill of Interdependence (12)

**Live life the Upside Down Kingdom Way and live life
MORE abundantly.**