

# **The Laws of the Kingdom**

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### Lesson 1

#### I. Our goal and purpose.

##### A. What is the Kingdom of God?

1. Psalm 103:19
2. Ephesians 1:21-22
3. Philippians 2:9-10
4. 1 Peter 3:22
5. Colossians 1:13

##### B. Of what does the Kingdom consist?

1. Jeremiah 33:25

A kingdom consists of a King, His subjects and His Laws, Covenants, Principles, Promises, and Proclamations.

**A Law:** A truth that is eternal, governs creation and establishes order and a foundation for living.

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**A Principle:** A revelation or declaration that explains how the laws of the Kingdom affect or should affect man. Principles are subject to man's freewill.

Spiritual law will govern your life one way or another, but God's principles (wisdom) can teach you how to live correctly in the context of Kingdom laws.

2. Romans 11:16
3. Galatians 4:1
4. 1 Corinthians 15:46
5. 1 Timothy 5:18

C. Why are the earth and its inhabitants suffering?

1. Isaiah 24:5

God's kingdom is design to govern all His creation through willful submission and recognition of His goodness. Not all have submitted.

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The kingdom of God embraces all created intelligence, both in heaven and earth that are willingly subject to the Lord and are in fellowship with Him.

- a. The kingdom of God is **universal** in that it includes created angels and men.
- b. The kingdom of God is **eternal**.
- c. It is **spiritual**—found within all born-again believers.

Luke 17:21

- d. The kingdom of God is a **relationship**.

John 3:3-5

D. What were the Jews expecting?

1. Matthew 10:7

2. Luke 10:9-11

3. John 18:36

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### 4. John 3:3

- E. Is there a difference between the terms ‘Kingdom of God’ and ‘Kingdom of Heaven’?

The terms “kingdom of God” and “kingdom of heaven” are interchangeable.

The term “kingdom of heaven” is a term found 31 times in Matthew’s gospel.

 Matthew 13:31

 Mark 4:30-31

“Kingdom of God” appears 68 times in 10 different N. T. books.

Often when Matthew uses the term “kingdom of heaven”, Mark and Luke will use “kingdom of God”.

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#### II. The Laws of the Kingdom Matthew 6:33

Spiritual laws can be defined as never changing rules or principles that govern all men, regardless of their belief system. On the other hand, God's promises are conditional (2 Peter 1:3-4, 2 Corinthians 1:20, Hebrews 8:6) and function according to the foundation of spiritual laws when faith is released.

#### **The Law of Genesis**

Everything reproduces according to its 'kind.' (nature)



 Genesis 1:21, 24, 26-27, 28

- A. God made man according to his 'nature.'  
Spiritually, man is 'of God' (until sin broke that connection)  
God intended for man to reproduce more men with His spiritual image.

1. We can only reproduce that which we are.

 Matthew 7:17-18

 Matthew 12:33-3

- a. Our words are the ‘fruit’ of the ‘root’ of our nature.
- b. You cannot produce the fruit of a different nature. That is called ‘religion.’  James 3:8-18
- c. Examples:
  - Marriage (spiritually incomplete people)
  - Children
  - Relationships
  - Job
  - Purpose
  - Healing  
(7 sons of Sceva  Acts 19:14-16)

All things in life produce after their kind. Your ‘kind’ will be revealed. Your fruit will be determined by your ‘kind.’

2. God’s words are the fruit of His nature  John 6:63

The Law imposed the ‘fruit’ without the ‘root.’ The Law served to show that the fruit was impossible without the ‘root’ of righteousness.

But now we are a ‘new creation.’  2 Corinthians 5:21

 John 15:5

 1 John 3:6-10

 Galatians 5:18-25

Failure to understand the Law of Genesis results in religion, traditions of men and law.

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3. Life produces life. Death produces religion, law, and condemnation. Religion will produce after its ‘kind.’



2 Corinthians 3:6-11

Law = Death


Spirit = Life


Religion: When we try to impose on others that which is not their nature, and we try to imitate that which is not our nature.

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### The Law of Purpose

 Hebrews 11:3      Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

 Isaiah 55:11      So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

- I. Every created thing and every Word of God has a divine purpose. When that purpose is understood, we can cooperate with it for our benefit.


When we don't understand something's purpose, we abuse it or lose its benefit.

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#### A. The purpose of God for creation

 Psalm 115:16      Creation was designed for man.  
Everything upon and within the earth is for our benefit  
and has/had a purpose. (Sin destroyed man's purpose.)

Man is God's ultimate purpose for creation.

#### B. The purpose of God for man

 Genesis 1:26-28      Man was created to be fruitful,  
multiply and subdue the earth. Man was created for  
dominion and for administration. Man has an attraction  
to beauty, order and prosperity.

#### C. The purpose of God in Christ

 Ephesians 1:9-10

 Ephesians 3:10-11

 1 John 3:8

 John 10:10      Abundant Life

D. The purpose of God for marriage

Marriage is God's plan for filling the earth.  
Marriage is the first institution that God created.  
The family is God's plan for raising children in His image.

When you don't understand the divine purpose for marriage and sex, you will abuse them.

Many of today's social problems stem from the abuse or ignorance of God's purpose for marriage and sex.

E. The purpose of God for children



Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

We are to help our children discover their purpose.

F. The purpose of food

Fuel for the body, or a substitute for lack of peace and joy?

G. The purpose of Grace

When one doesn't understand grace, it is used for an excuse for any type or behavior. You can abuse grace.

 Romans 6:15

 Titus 2:11

Grace is provision and strength.

Grace has a divine purpose. It is not a 'get out of jail free' card.

H. The purpose of the gifts of the Spirit


 Acts 26:18

I. The purpose of God for our lives

Until we discover our purpose in God, we will wander aimlessly through life.

 Romans 8:28

 Acts 26:16

 Genesis 12:1-2 – Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

- |    |              |                                    |
|----|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. | Get thee out | Separation unto God                |
| 2. | I will show  | Vision                             |
| 3. | I will make  | Formation/discovering your purpose |
| 4. | I will bless | Provision                          |

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5. I will make thy name great      Influence
  
6. You will be a blessing      Purpose fulfilled


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#### **The Law of Sowing and Reaping**

Whatsoever a man sows he will reap, in both the Spiritual and natural worlds. (Galatians 6:7-8)

 I Corinthians 3:1    Spiritual, Carnal, Babes  
How do we relate to truth?  
What is the ‘soil’ of our hearts?

 Genesis 1:29        The Principle of the Seed is established  
immediately after man receives his identity,  
authority, blessing and purpose.

The Law of Genesis and the Law of Purpose are involved.  
Every seed produces after its kind.  
Every seed has a purpose whether you are aware of it or not.

“Why is my life a mess?”

The Law of Sowing and Reaping has been misunderstood and many accuse God of negligence, hardness, lack of love and compassion, or even of judging and condemning the helpless and downtrodden due to ignorance of this law.

I. The Law of Sowing and Reaping is the fundamental law that governs the function of all things spiritual and natural.

In life we reap what we sow.

A. There are natural consequences, and spiritual consequences to all we think, say and do.



Genesis 8:22



Genesis 12:1-3



Galatians 3:19, 29



John 12:23-24



John 17:9

If I sow (give away) life to others, I will reap life myself. If I sow provision for others, I will reap provision for myself. If I sow forgiveness toward others, I'll reap forgiveness from others.



Luke 6:38

**B. How to cooperate with the Law of Sowing and Reaping**

1. Seed must be sown toward the future

 John 12:24

Sow toward the vision that God has given you.

2. The seed must die

 John 12:24

Beware of the wrong motivation.

 Luke 6:34-35

3. You must always sow that which you desire to reap

 James 3:10-18

Train yourself to be a positive ‘sower’.

 Romans 12:2

4. You determine the size of your harvest by the amount you sow

 2 Corinthians 9:6

A negative word can be more powerful than a positive word due to man's fallen nature. Man is negative by nature (lost) and even the saved often have negative minds.

5. The ground determines the result

 Matthew 13:8

Natural order will produce a bigger crop

 1 Corinthians 15:46

- a. There are two areas of impact when we sow.

- 1) The natural realm

- 2) The spiritual realm

 Philippians 4:15-17

 2 Timothy 2:2

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### Lesson 4 – The Law of Sowing and Reaping

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Communicate your faith. Give to others what God has given to you.

6. There exists a period of time between the sowing and the reaping.



Mark 4:26-27

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### Lesson 5


### The Law of Giving and Receiving

 Proverbs 11:24-25

#### A. The giving heart

 Luke 6:35-38      The giving heart

 2 Corinthians 9:6-7      A cheerful heart

 1 Corinthians 13:3      Motivated by love

 2 Corinthians 9:10      God multiplies the seed of sowers.


A giver identifies with the heart of God. He is a Giver.

 John 3:16

Love gives and love forgives (action and attitude)

B. The reason we give (Live to give.....Give to live)

The more you give, the more you will have for giving in every area of life.


 2 Corinthians 9:11 We are blessed in order that we might have more to give

Giving to get is not what Jesus taught. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

 Acts 20:35

C. The blessing of God

1. The blessings of God is upon the work of our hands

 Deuteronomy 28:1-8, 12

The blessing of God is referred to as rain.  
The blessing creates more work because there is more to harvest.

2. Your field is your area of gifting, labor and purpose.

 Deuteronomy 11:13-14

Your provision has a lot to do with living for your purpose.


 **Philippians 4:10-19**

Finances are a part of this world and are subject to the system of the world.

D. Our response to the blessing

Expect your field to be blessed and the work of your hands to find favor (especially if you are a giver).

 **Malachi 3:10-11** More blessings equals more work

 **Mark 4:26-29** He putteth in the sickle=WORK

Prosperous people work hard because the blessing of God has opened doors of opportunity and given them favor.

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### Lesson 6

#### **The Law of Active Pursuit/Perseverance**

##### A. The promise of pursuit


 Matthew 7:7-8

 Matthew 6:33

 Ephesians 3:20

 Philippians 2:13

Your life will follow your focus. God's purpose for you won't just happen without your cooperation.

 Luke 9:57-62 – Put your hand to the plow...don't look back. You will achieve that which you purpose.

You are either going forward or you are going backward. There is no standing still.

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### B. The promise to the slothful

 Proverbs 24:30-34

### C. The warning (there are two sides to the coin)

 Hebrews 3:13      hardened by sin

 Hebrews 4:14      hold fast our profession

### D. The challenge

 Matthew 11:12

“The kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing,” Jesus said in Matthew 11:12.

(1) And forceful people are laying hold of it

(2) -the kingdom is within us

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The kingdom of God suffers violence:

- (3) -the enemy is seeking whom he may devour  
(1 Peter 5:8)
- (4) -any sickness, disease or affliction is a violent  
attack against the kingdom

 Psalm 78:5-8, 37

 1 Corinthians 15:58

 Hebrews 3:14


 1 Peter 5:8-9

 2 Peter 2:20

 1 Timothy 4:1

E. How do you maintain your focus?



1. Seeing Him  Hebrews 12:1-3

2. Your purpose is your priority  2 Timothy 1:6

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3. Fight the fight of faith  1 Timothy 6:9-12
  
4. The reward  2 Timothy 4:7-8

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### Lesson 7

#### I. The Law of Faith

Spiritual laws function whether we are aware of them or not.

 Romans 3:27-28 *Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? Nay: but the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.*

#### A. Spiritual Law

If we can understand how faith works in salvation, we can understand how faith works in all areas of life.

It is a spiritual law that will always function in the same way.

 Romans 10:8-10 (the Word is near to all)

1. Authority established: Jesus is Lord
2. Belief in the heart (that He raised from the dead)
3. A revelation of salvation: the need is met
4. A confession with the mouth
5. Salvation is the outcome of the law of faith

There are NO exceptions!

Salvation = Sozo (v. 9) and Soteria (v. 10) = to save,  
preserve, heal, rescue, deliver

B. Two Kinds of Hearing: Natural and Spiritual

 Job 42:5


Faith is the fruit of a revelation.

It is not what we do but Who we know.

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing comes by the Word.  
Faith comes.....Hearing comes

Spiritual hearing is the source of faith.

When faith is born, its nature is to act and speak.

 2 Corinthians 4:13 (Law of Genesis)

C. God's faith

 Romans 4:17

He calls those things that are not as though they were.

D. Abraham's faith

 Romans 4:20-22

He believed God and the law of faith imputed righteousness unto him.

1. Not in only mental hope.
2. He believed in hope. (Hebrews 11:1)
3. According to that which was spoken; that which he heard
4. Therefore he was not weak in faith. He had heard the Word. Those who are weak haven't yet heard.
5. He did not use his senses to evaluate the Word.
6. He did not waiver. (James 1:8)
7. He praised God for the answer.


E. The key to faith

 Romans 10:17

**If you hear a Word from God you will move in faith.**

**If you believe in Jesus, you will be saved. It is a law.**

Faith sees the unseen

 2 Corinthians 4:18

Faith speaks what it believes

 2 Corinthians 4:13

Faith acts

 Hebrews 11

Faith receives

 Mark 11:24

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### Lesson 8

#### I. The Law of Sin and Death

 Romans 8:2

##### A. The problem

 Romans 8:13

##### B. The Law

 Romans 7:16, 21

Everywhere you drop an apple, whether in Germany, Japan or Iceland, it will *fall*. This means there is *a law* at work here. A law describes how things react when exposed to the same stimuli or circumstances. It happens every time! And it works everywhere! *The law of gravity* is an example.

Similarly, Paul discovered that *every time* he willed to do good, he sinned instead. It became a new *Law* or *principle* to him.

 Romans 7:18

 James 1:13-15

##### C. The Answer

 Romans 7:24-8:2

II. The Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

 Romans 8:2

*So long as we rely upon God to deliver us through faith in the fact that we died in Christ, we remain above the law of sin and death.*

**A. Dying to live**

 Romans 7:1-4

**B. Living by faith**


 Galatians 2:20

Faith is the ‘thrust’ that propels us into the Law of Life by the Spirit.

Gravity vs. Aerodynamics

You can be in the plane but still on the ground. Faith is the ‘thrust’ that lifts us above the Law of sin and death.

III. The Royal Law of Love

 James 2:8, God is love and love never fails

**A. God is love**

 1 John 4:7-8

**B. The Spirit is love**

 Romans 5:5

**C. The new birth manifests ‘agape.’**

 1 John 3:14

The test of the new birth is the love test. The new birth is the reception of the nature of God and God is Love.

A new commandment: Agape

 John 13:34

His ‘agape’ Son.

 Colossians 1:13

**D. The Law**

He that loveth not knoweth not God for God is love.

Only those who are born of God can manifest the God kind of love.

**E. Love: our nature is one with His nature**

 1 Corinthians 13

God is love. Human sacrifice, endeavor, and gifting are nothing without the love of God.