

# Our Personal Kingdom

Each of us has our own kingdom that we rule over.

As humans, we were placed on this planet to rule over it, and that hasn't changed, even with The Fall. Unfortunately, we rule corruptly, even as believers, because we don't realise who we are or that we have this kingdom rulership.

Our kingdom is our lives, and all those things/people we have authority over. For example: a father rules over his family kingdom – wife, children, house, property, possessions. An unmarried person has no jurisdiction over others (unless they are the head of an uncommon type of family) but they do rule over house, property and possessions.

Here's what Ray Ashmore has to say our personal rulership:

*“Each one of us has his own personal kingdom. That’s right. Even you and I are kings of sorts. You see, whatever I rule and have authority over in my life is my kingdom. My vocation, my home, my recreational choices, or even my vices may be my kingdom. Whatever I have the final say in is my kingdom. We may be church leaders who exert our wills over congregations or domineering husbands who verbally abuse our wives. Whatever exists in our lives over which we have control is our kingdom.*

*The length of time one rules over persons, places, or things is the reign of his kingdom. The persons one subjugates to his own will through intimidation, manipulation, or domination is the realm of his kingdom. The whole manner of one’s life and lifestyle reflects his kingdom choices.*

*One Baptist pastor, Mike Wilkins, said this: “We all rule or want to rule in some area of our lives. Are you living like the beast—ruling by force, devouring and trampling? Or are you living like the son of man—serving in humility and love, laying you life down for the sake of your friends?”*

*Please notice: Jesus Christ, as Lord, never rules through the manipulation of people to do His will or the domination of them with emotional, mental, or physical force. Nor does He rule through intimidation. He straightforwardly calls, commands, or compassionately leads us into His kingdom will. He does not contaminate His gospel message with licentious allure—encouraging us to give in order to get, indulge in order to be happy, flatter in order to win praise. His voice calls us to His cross, leads us to embrace our own crosses, and in love encourages us to support others as they bear their crosses. Oh, and yes, lay all our kingdoms at His feet.”<sup>1</sup>*

Be careful how you rule your kingdom. Your rulership affects others as well as The Kingdom.

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