

“8-The Kingdom is
Demonstrated”

**'The Kingdom' is not
a theology or a new
teaching**

**It's the message
about life as we're
meant to live it**

Let's start with a little-known principle:

In the Kingdom, Kingdom citizens don't have to prove anything

Paul calls us this
(Ephesians 2:19)

More on
citizens
later

That's because, in the Kingdom
things are demonstrated



These are demonstrated:

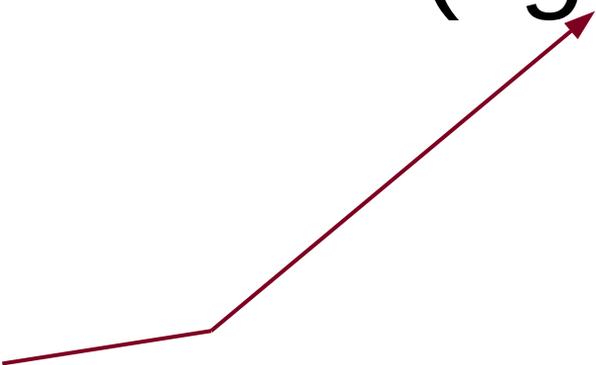
- **Love** (Hebrews 6:10; Romans 12:9)
- **Mercy** (Luke 10:37)
- **Faith** (1 Timothy 4:12; James 2:20)
- **Repentance** (Matthew 3:8)
- **Character** (1 Thessalonians 1:5b NET)



Love:

Jesus told his disciples to demonstrate love (*agape*)

Not *eros* or lust



He said:

“Love each other as I love you”

John 13:34



He also said:

“If you love Me, keep My
commandments”

John 14:15

'Keep' is
demonstration
in action



BTW:

How many commandments did
Jesus give his disciples?



ONE

So why “commandments” (plural)?

The Greek word used is *entolē*.

It means: '**order**', '**charge**', '**precept**'
& '**injunction**' – not just 'commandment'

Legalists prefer
to use this word



So Jesus most likely said this:

“Keep my injunctions”

Meaning:

“Keep the Kingdom precepts I taught you”



This is why TLB paraphrases it to this:

“If you love me, obey me”

How many injunctions/precepts
did Jesus give his disciples?



**In The Kingdom
everything is
demonstrated**

These are also demonstrated:

- Forgiveness
- Righteousness
- A person's giftings
- A person's mantle
- A person's authority



All these and much more are
demonstrated

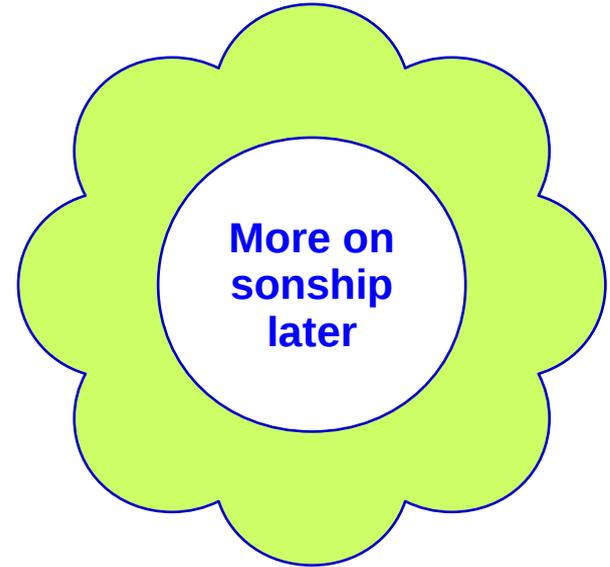
This is the basis of Jesus'
teaching on bearing fruit

Fruit is the demonstration
that something is happening



Sonship is also demonstrated.

- It's not something that believers take upon themselves because it's in the Bible
- Sonship is not a title
- Sonship is **lived**



Kingdom citizens learn to live as
sons and operate as sons –
this is demonstration

By being genuine sons, Kingdom
citizens don't have to prove
anything to anyone

They don't even need to justify
themselves to others



Normally, when you come into the presence of somebody, you should be able to work them out within the first couple of minutes of conversation.

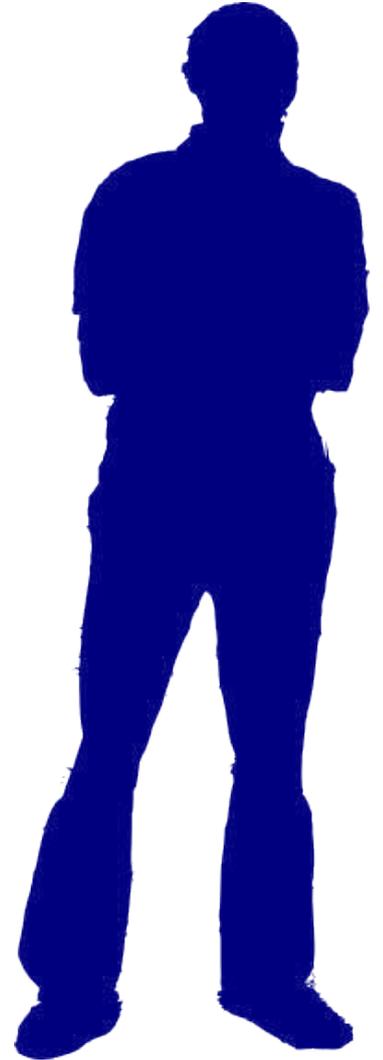
You do this through discernment and through your mind and your senses.



You can find out so much about them from their demeanour, by what they say, how they say it, and by their body language

When you're in their presence,
of a citizen of The Kingdom
everything is there for you to
see and experience because
they are open and not operating
with a facade →

Kingdom sons are not
cardboard replicas,
pretending to be
someone they are not



**It's all demonstration
in The Kingdom
(it's not 'show')**

Paul demonstrated
The Kingdom

Paul wrote to the churches in Asia Minor stating that when he comes, he will demonstrate the Kingdom because the Kingdom is not in talk – it is demonstrated →

Paul wrote:

“For the kingdom of God is demonstrated **not** in idle talk but with power.”

1 Corinthians 4:20 (NET)

What people say,
theologize or teach



He also wrote:

“My conversation and my preaching were **not** with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power”

1 Corinthians 2:4 (NET)



What he said

And:

“...in that our gospel did not come to you merely in words, but in power and in the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction...”

1 Thessalonians 1:5 (NET)

Gospel of the Kingdom

More on this
Gospel later

**It's all demonstration
in The Kingdom**

Jesus demonstrated
The Kingdom

Everything he did and said
demonstrated that he was
sent by Father God

With the miracles he performed by
the power of the Spirit, he never
elevated himself –
he pointed to The Kingdom →

He said:

But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the Kingdom of God has come upon you.

Luke 11:20 (NKJV)

Jesus was never an “I” person

- He never called himself the Messiah, but 'Son of Man'.
- He never called himself a king, even though he was, but said, “So you say”.



Jesus demonstrated his task in
The Kingdom – his Messiah role

He demonstrated it by doing 5 different activities that the Jewish leaders of his day had worked out that the Messiah would do when he came

#1

He waited three days before going to raise Lazarus from the dead

#1

The Jews believed that a person's spirit stayed with their body for three days and then it left. So when Jesus raised him on the 4th day, he demonstrated that he was the Messiah

#1

No rabbi could raise somebody
after the 3rd day – but Messiah
could

#2

He spat and made mud and then
put it on a blind man's eyes

#2

Everyone who saw him do that would have known that he was the Messiah because Jews would try to do that

#2

The Jews didn't do it because they believed that God used the moisture of his breath to make man from the dust of the ground

#2

When Jesus did this when healing the blind man, he was copying the creation of Adam – the spittle (moist breath) and the dust

#2

When the man was healed, it was totally obvious that he was the Messiah, because he was able to create

That's just 2 of the 5

Jesus instructed his
disciples to demonstrate
The Kingdom

He told them:

As you go proclaim that the Kingdom of Heaven has arrived. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure the lepers, drive out devils

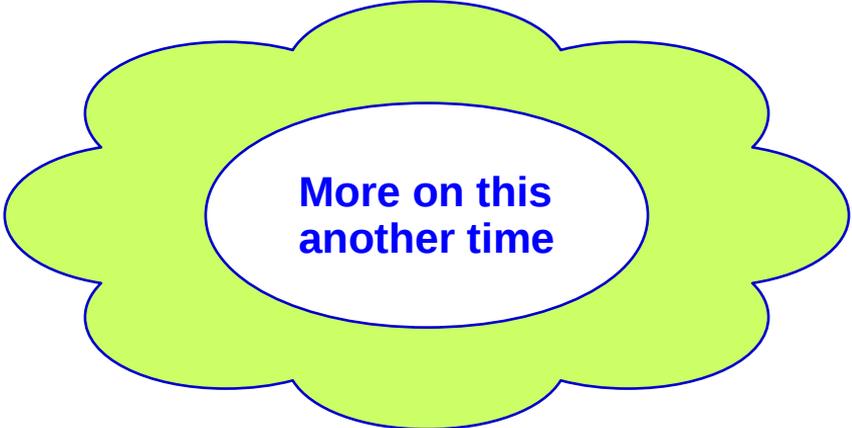
Matthew 10:7-8a (PHILLIPS)

Engizo – 'approach',
'bring near', 'bring nigh'

His disciples were to announce
The Kingdom and then
demonstrate that it had come

Important:

The Kingdom is demonstrated
when **the favour of Heaven**
manifests on the Earth



**More on this
another time**

**In The Kingdom
everything is
demonstrated**

If that's the case, why did Paul write about himself if he was to demonstrate his citizenship?

Paul wrote to the Churches in Asia Minor and told them things that they needed to know about him

He told them about his:

- Apostleship
- Revelatory knowledge
- Life's routines
- Trials and the troubles



He did this in humility, not in pride

He wasn't trying to promote
himself or justify himself



He did it because these church groups were ignorant of him and what he was about. That's because he wasn't with them.

Some would talk about him behind his back and say things like, “He’s just a nobody who’s in Jerusalem or Rome or somewhere. Who does he think he is?”

So Paul wrote to them to let them know who he was and his right to be a father to them

(1 Corinthians 4:15)

This was all part of the knowledge they needed to have so that they could relate to him properly

What they said about him was different to what they experienced when he was present – then he demonstrated who he was

He demonstrated his:

- Apostleship (*appointed*)
- Authority
- Giftings
- Abilities



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**But information may be
necessary for clarity**

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