

“Kingdom Citizens Don't Work At It”

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PART 1 of 2

A strange title?

Stay tuned.
All will be revealed.

Definition: 'Work'/'Works'

In the context of this teaching I'm using the biblical use of 'work' in terms of that which is done by human effort, arising from human desires and planning

I've found that one of the BIG problems of Christians – including myself in the past – is that they are:

**Doing
the Lord's work
instead of
the work of the Lord**

By that expression I mean:

They are busy doing what they think God wants them to do instead of what he's assigned them to do

This results in them:

Doing things God's is
supposed to do and
neglecting what he's
wanting them to do

This has its origins sometimes in:

- Ignorance
- Fear
- Pride
- Arrogance

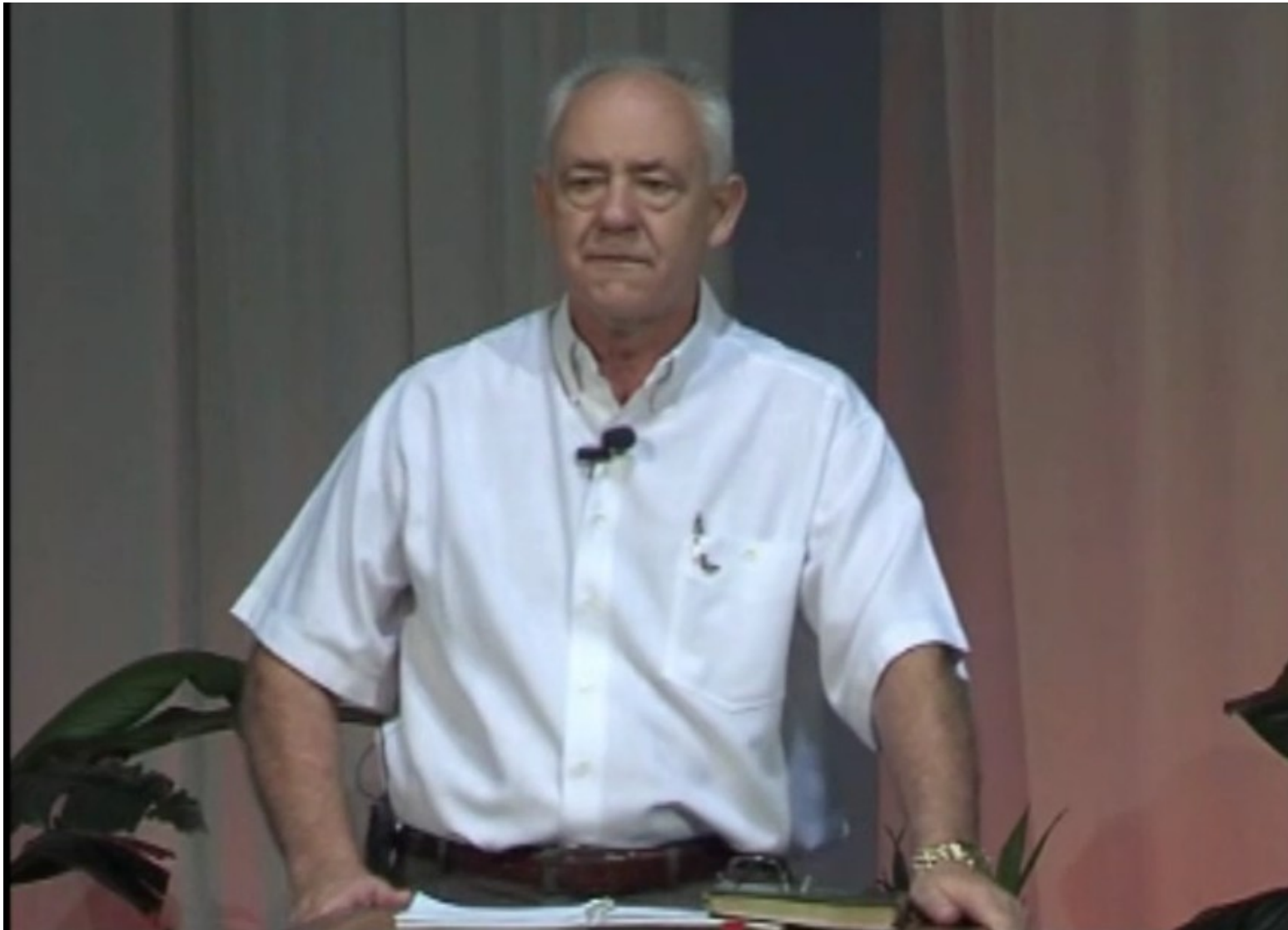
The basis of it is a lack of:

- Sound teaching
- Accurate mentoring
- Spiritual understanding
- Hearing the Spirit

The cause is:

- **RELIGION**

In essence, **religion** is people doing what they think will please God.



Here's an
example
of the
dilemma
we face in
making
decisions

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Let's check out how we
'work' for the Kingdom

“Babylon Revealed”

(Clay Sikes)



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Allow me to demonstrate that spiritual knowledge is gained by hearing the *rhema* from our Sovereign Lord, not by reading Bible *logos*.

Listen with your spirit while I present this teaching and you will be surprised what is deposited in your spirit.

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My notes are in BLUE

God is equipping His remnant people
with an understanding of the times.

It is not His desire that His very elect be deceived, thus He is raising voices in the wilderness to proclaim prophetic truth for this hour in which we live.

This teaching is heavily influenced by the
mandate in Ezekiel 33:6 →

“But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes someone’s life, that person’s life will be taken because of their sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for their blood.”

Ezekiel 33:6 (NIV)

This reference outlines the critical importance of directional prophetic messages being presented to the relevant people despite **opposition** from those hostile of this type of prophecy.

This word is a shot across the bow of our proverbial boats to warn us, to encourage us, but most of all, to awaken us.

Let us awaken from the slumber of self-will, presumption, and apathy that we may follow the steps that have been ordered for us since the beginning of time.

Joseph Herrin wrote, "Babylon is a land of works where man must accomplish every task and fulfil every mandate. Babylon knows nothing of rest and faith. Oh yes, Babylon speaks very much about faith, but it is a faith that is rooted in man's ability.

"Babylon's faith is founded upon man's ability to envision some end and to see it through. Babylon is built with blueprints, planning sessions, organization, fund drives, pep rallies, and the sweat of untold men and women.

"Then when it is all said and done and some project has come to completion, the people of Babylon feel justified to stand and proclaim: 'Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built...by the might of my power...?'" (Daniel 4:30)

"Zion, however, is not seeking to build anything of her own will and initiative. Zion is a people of faith. Zion knows that salvation is of the Lord, as is sanctification, and as is glorification.

"Zion does not labour to build a city, for she seeks a city not built with hands whose builder and maker is not man, but God.

"Zion does not seek to work for the approval of Yahweh, she works because she is approved by Yahweh...Zion is a city of rest.

"This does not mean that those who are of Zion are doing nothing, it means that they are doing nothing of their own initiative.

"They are doing those works that God prepared beforehand for them. They are not dreaming up their own works, nor are they stretching out their hands to labour in fields to which they have not been sent."

In April of 1988 God began dealing with me about this very time in which we now live, and about understanding the difference between the World's System and the Kingdom of God...

It began on an afternoon jog with God speaking clearly, "Forego the world's system for your reward and gain the Kingdom's method of receiving. If you engage the world's system you will be dependent upon it for your reward."

There is a Kingdom principle which states:

“Whatever you lean on
becomes your source of
supply”

This principle works out this way:

Father allows us to use our free will to choose what supplies any of our needs.

He wants us to choose him (Matthew 6:33), but he won't force us. Whatever we choose to supply each of our needs, he will permit us to do it, but is won't be as good as his supply.

Without realising it at the time, God was speaking Revelation 18:4 to me. →

“Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues;”

Revelation 18:4 (NIV)

I knew I was being called 'out,' and 'to' something much better than anything I had experienced, but wasn't sure of what. I also knew I was being called into something, but wasn't sure of that either.

Was it my business, my church, the town I live in, my group of friends, or simply my method of doing things? I didn't have a clue.

During much of the last 22 years, God has revealed the dichotomous nature of these two systems, especially in the realm of personal experience.

When I touched one system it produced life, while touching the other produced death.

Experientially, I began to see a pattern.

I have touched the World's System with severe consequences, while touching the Kingdom with equally dramatic results on the opposite end of the spectrum.

You can argue my doctrine, but you cannot argue my testimony.

As stated, one produces death, while the other produces life and it more abundantly.

One is based upon my goodness, good ideas, good intentions, creative ideas, and motivations, while the other is based purely upon entering His rest, ceasing from my own works and being obedient to do what Father has said.

Try this scenario:

Picture yourself as a servant of Henry VIII, doing whatever you like.

Can you now image the king's attitude to the servant?

So, why do we think as immature vassals of the King of the universe that we can do whatever we like, thinking we are pleasing him?????

Sounds like presumption to me!

These two systems are constantly competing for our alliance and affections.

Most of our training, indoctrination, and natural inclinations are aligned with one, while the spiritual force of God, the peace within is aligned with the other.

One is natural, the other Spiritual.

One requires that we think, analyze, toil and strain to succeed (Genesis 3:17); the other requires ~~prayer~~ [spiritual communication], hearing God, and obeying (Genesis 2:15).

One requires me to work for things; the other allows things to work for me.

One is based on works, the other based on obedience.

The amount of lordship that we maintain over our lives ~~relegates~~ [shows] which of these two systems we are most tied to.

Again, self-will, coupled with intellectual logic and reason epitomise the World's System, while faith, trust, hearing, and obeying God are aligned with the Kingdom.

In the world little is accomplished without toil.

Toil is work that is accomplished only with great and painful effort.

We labour in the Kingdom of God, but the Lord's yoke is easy and His burden is light. →

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11:29 (NIV)

I asked the Lord a few years ago how this statements works out in life. He gave me this understanding:

“All I require of you is that you:

- Love me,
- Listen to me, &
- Obey me.”

He then dropped into my spirit:

- “See how easy it is?”

Since then he talks to me about compliance, **not** obedience. Why?

- Slaves must obey
- Sons need to comply

In His Kingdom, far more is accomplished
with less effort.

All toil brings weariness, but the labour in Christ, regardless of whether it is secular or a spiritual endeavour will bring rest and refreshment.

The World's System (Babylon) in human form is:

ME DOING MY OWN THING!

Babylon is all about **ME:**

- my ideas,
- my great works,
- my goodness,
- the righteousness I have attained for myself through my works.

Much of what we see in the institutional church today is man doing man's thing.

Anything we do for God – whether it's worship, service, etc. – that he hasn't instigated is: 'us doing our own thing'.

Personal thanksgiving, personal adoration & personal communication are the exceptions.

Much of what we see with most
Christians, is:

US DOING MY OWN THING!

The system that I engage the most is the system to which I belong.

Does the Spirit lead me, or am I led by my own ambitions, good ideas, intentions, and conveniences?

Make no mistake about it. At the risk of redundancy, Babylon screams that righteousness can only come through works.

The Bible shows us that God's attitude is different. →

“So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.”

Ephesians 4:17,18 (NIV)

“Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you thinks that he is wise in this age, he must become foolish, so that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, “He is the one who catches the wise in their craftiness”; and again, “The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are useless.” So then let no one boast in men.”

I Corinthians 3:18-21 (NASB)

(1) Most are caught short in understanding the Holy Spirit's desire to guide and lead with specific instruction.

(2) There are others who have progressed beyond the point of the first group, but who will not yield to the Spirit when it is not convenient.

(3) And then there are those who after hearing God's instruction act presumptuously calling their presumptive efforts GOD, and blaming Him when things don't work out!

None of these are Sonship in action as described in Romans 8:14 "Those that are led by the Spirit of God are the Sons of God", nor is it walking in the Kingdom.

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