



How things fit together in the Kingdom

Capitalism and the Kingdom

An important concept (reality) of the Kingdom that we need to come to grips with is this: The only things that have a place in the Kingdom are the things of the Kingdom. Anything outside of that, including what's man-made, or from human-imagination, doesn't belong in the Kingdom. The things of the Kingdom are birthed in Heaven and are designed from Heaven's blueprints. That will include things given by the King to people for them to create, which is a function of our creative role as sons, albeit only a tiny fraction of our creativity.

Before going any further, we need to define capitalism?

Capitalism is an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit. The central characteristics of capitalism include capital accumulation, competitive markets, price systems, private property, recognition of property rights, voluntary exchange, and wage labour. In a capitalist market economy, decision-making and investments are determined by owners of wealth, property, or by the ability to manoeuvre capital or production. On the other hand, prices and the distribution of goods and services are mainly determined by competition in markets.¹

Capitalism, in its modern form, can be traced to the emergence of food producers and merchants in the early Renaissance, in city-states like Florence. Capital has existed in a small-scale rudimentary form for centuries with merchants, renting and lending activities, and occasionally, as small-scale industry with some wage labour. Simple commodity exchange and simple commodity production, which is the initial basis for the growth of capital from trade, have a very long history.²

In reference to the Kingdom, capitalism is not a Kingdom financial system. That means capitalism has no place in the Kingdom and will cease to operate when The Restoration of All Things has been completed. Capitalism is a construct of the human mind, for human purposes, mainly for wealth-generation and power. That may seem a bit negative, but despite the philanthropic heart of many capitalists, the bottom line is that the driving force behind it is money-making. Now, making money for the purpose of living so that a person can purchase all their needs, is not wrong. Since The Fall, people have had to do things the hard way, a consequence of being outside the Kingdom benefits of paradise in the Garden.ⁱⁱ

With that in mind, we should not defend capitalism today, from the standpoint of our sonship. However, we live in a capitalist society and have to operate in it, just as we are to operate democratically in our democracy. However, sons need to learn to operate in Kingdom ways so that the Kingdom can manifest and the favour of Heaven can be released. That's going to be hard for us as we're so stuck in Western capitalism, one way or another.

Let's look at the Kingdom from the Kingdom perspective and see how things work there in the area of finance and the like. Jesus of Nazareth taught on this topic all of the time, but we need to update unchangeable Kingdom concepts so we see them from a 21st century perspective, not a 1st century one.

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It should be noted here, that Jesus opposed the Jewish marketing and financial system of his day, on various occasions, because it was not Kingdom based.

Basically, Kingdom operations can be understood by looking at the IPO model³ of systems. Here's the basic concept:



Everything we receive from the kingdom should be utilised following the IPO model.

- **INPUT** – Any Kingdom benefit we receive
- **PROCESSES** – Any Kingdom benefit is used for ourselves and family
- **OUTPUT** – The same benefit is passed on, one way or another

The Kingdom is not a ‘cheapskate’ system, but one of overflowing benefit. So, it’s not wrong to use Kingdom benefits, they’re actually there for sons to receive and use – all of them.

How does all this play out. Here’s a few examples so you get the picture:

- **FINANCE** – When we receive finance from the Kingdom it’s used by us and we are extravagantly generous in passing on what we don’t need.ⁱⁱⁱ
- **BLESSING** – When we receive any form of blessing from the Kingdom we use the benefit and we bless others in any way that’s appropriate.
- **FORGIVENESS** – As Father has forgiven us, we receive that forgiveness in full, live in peace and rest, and we freely forgive others.
- **GRACE** – As Father treats us with unlimited grace, we receive that grace in full, live contentedly in it, and we are extravagantly gracious to others.
- **MERCY** – As Father shows unlimited mercy to us, we receive that mercy in full, live in peace and rest, and we are extravagantly merciful to others.^{iv}

Get the idea?

Getting back to capitalism, sons’ financial transactions must eventually become Kingdom ones, so we can add spiritual weight to the Kingdom, so that it’s influence is expands on the Earth. It’s going to be a ‘hard slog’ for us to allow our minds to be reprogrammed in the way we handle finance, and to actually live under the Kingdom’s financial system.

Here’s a starter:

- The way you approach giving should show honour to the receiver, but it should also mirror your Kingdom values as the giver.

As an encouragement to start somewhere, here’s some very important points from Bill Johnson recently. Read these and let the Spirit speak to you about them and let Bill’s spirit-words settle in your spirit.

- Only someone who sees the wealth that they have in God, is able to let things go, whether in wealth, status, position, or in anything else that the world values.⁴
- *“The need to be right comes out of poverty of heart. The need to be vindicated in the eyes of people, comes from the poverty spirit.”⁵*

3 – en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IPO_model

4 – THE SENTIMENT OF: Bill Johnson “The Power of Royal Generosity” www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDRNeSPCr24 [20:10]

5 – TRANSCRIPT: Bill Johnson (14-7-2023) “The Power of Royal Generosity” [9:35-20:01]

- *“Favour that ends with us, is pouring into a Dead Sea. Favour is always to flow through us to impact and transform the people around us. It's the purpose of divine favour, and this concept of kings building kingdoms, that's what God warned Israel about.”⁶*
- *“Every time I fight with the concept of generosity, I'm fighting with the concept of my identity. A generous lifestyle affects how you see the world around you. It's going to affect money. But let me tell you something, if generosity for you is only the dollars of your pocket, then you haven't learned generosity. This is not about money, but it will include it. It's about our lives.”⁷*
- *“Something happens in the life of a person that starts to see who God says they are. Now, you and I can quote all the right things, [and] we can say all the right things. But it's when push comes to shove, when we're in conflict, when there's difficulty going on and the enemy comes in with that famous question he asked Jesus, “If you're the Son of God”, and then he tries to get us to act out of that insecurity. When those things are settled in a person's heart it affects everything about their life and their contribution to planet Earth. Everything changes. Everything changes.”⁸*

Finally, here's an example of kingly giving, seeing we're kings in the Kingdom:

“Giving is not dependent on the nature or level of the receiver but should mirror the nature of the giver. It is my pleasure to announce to you that you are royalty. Therefore, always give like the royalty that you are. Let your value system and true nature be reflected in your giving...”

No other illustration paints a clearer picture of this than the story told of a roadside beggar who asked alms from Alexander the Great as he passed by. The man was poor and wretched, and had no claim upon the ruler, no right even to lift a solicitous hand. Yet the Emperor threw him several gold coins. A courtier was astonished at his level of giving and commented, "Sir, copper coins would adequately meet a beggar's need. Why give him gold?" Alexander responded in royal fashion, "Copper coins would suit the beggar's need, but gold coins suit Alexander's giving.”⁹

Update

Methods of handling money that the world uses, or our culture practises, do not align with the Kingdom. Here's an example of one that doesn't, even though believers may operate that way sometime, oblivious that it is unrighteous.

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