

# KINGDOM THINKING

## NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST | AN INSPIRING LOOK AT COLOSSIANS

### **Kingdom thinking:**

Colossians 2:8 Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. NLT

Colossians 2:8 See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. NIV

1. Our thinking affects our identity, actions, and experience.
2. There are diametrically opposed ways of thinking.
3. These ways of thinking have spiritual sources.

### **Human thinking**

Your only hope is here.  
You can change your life.  
Live for yourself.  
Creation is supreme.  
You can be good enough.  
You are forever unworthy.  
Getting saved is the end goal.  
All striving and effort is bad.  
Independence is ideal.  
Human study is key to understanding.  
A disciplined life is legalistic.  
Christian responsibility ends at belief.  
Righteousness comes from religious observance.  
You are unholy and unloveable.  
Wives submitting is unhealthy.  
The Bible promotes male chauvinism.  
Children are incapable of obeying.  
Your only reward is in this life.  
The rich and powerful have an advantage.

### **Kingdom thinking**

Your ultimate hope is in heaven. 1:5; 3:1-4  
God changes lives. 1:6  
Live for the Lord 1:10  
God is the supreme creator. 1:15  
Christ's blood cleanses our sins. 1:20  
Christ made you holy and blameless. 1:22  
We should all grow to maturity. 1:28; 4:12  
It is healthy to struggle through Christ's power. 1:29  
Interdependence is supreme. 2:2; 3:18-19  
Treasures of wisdom and knowledge are in Christ 2:3  
There is a commendable way to live as we should. 2:5  
Jesus calls us to follow him. 2:6  
Righteousness comes through Christ. 2:17  
You are holy and loved. 3:12  
Submission is good and fitting. 3:18  
God calls husbands to be loving and not harsh. 3:19  
Children can be expected (and trained) to obey. 3:20  
The Lord has an inheritance for you. 3:24  
There are no favorites with God. 3:25

## **Keys to kingdom thinking:**

### **Make peace with God.**

Colossians 1:19-20 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in [his Son], <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. NIV

### **Walk with Jesus in Peace.**

Colossians 1:22-23 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— <sup>23</sup> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. NIV

Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. NIV

### **Follow Jesus and grow through him.**

Colossians 2:6-7 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him. <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. NIV