

KINGDOM CITIZENSHIP – PRAYER STRATEGY FOR GO GROUP LEADERS

- 1. Can we pray for those who we know, family members, friends, colleagues, who have as yet not made the transition from earthly citizens to Kingdom Citizens. Let us pray for them to know Jesus as their Lord and Personal Saviour and for them to be brought in as members of God's Household.**

Ephesians 2:12-13

Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now **in Christ Jesus** you who once were far away have been brought near **through the blood of Christ**.

Ephesians 2:19

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens [outsiders without rights of citizenship], but you are fellow citizens with the saints (God's people), and are [members] of God's household.

- 2. Let us pray for an increase in men and women in government and in the private sector who have INTEGRITY and/or surround themselves with Godly men and women of INTEGRITY.**

2 Corinthians 1:12

Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that **we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity**. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace.

We conduct ourselves on a daily basis at our places of Employment, at our various institutions of Higher Learning and Education, in our circles of friends, in church settings, at youth meetings, in worship and prayer sessions, in Go group meetings, in brothers and sisters meetings. Every time we strike up a conversation or entertain someone else's conversation, we are busy conducting ourselves in a certain manner that is either befitting the vocation by which we have been called or it is not. More and more in government and in business alike, INTEGRITY is becoming one of the rarest commodities to come by. It is a characteristic so hard to find amongst men and women alike, young and old, rich and poor, and dare I say it Saved and unsaved alike. It's what we do and who we are when we think absolutely no-one is looking.

- 3. Using the early church as recorded in Acts Chapter 2 as a point of departure, let us pray concerning an increase amongst ourselves, in the "Do's" as listed below:**

Acts 2:42 They were devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:44 All who believed were together and held everything in common, 45 and they began selling their property and possessions and distributing the proceeds to everyone, as anyone had need. 46 Every day they continued to gather together by common consent in the temple courts, breaking bread from house to house, sharing their food with glad and humble hearts, 47 praising God and having the good will of all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number every day those who were being saved.

DO's

Do conduct yourself with integrity and godly sincerity.

Do conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ

Do stand firm in one spirit, contending side by side for the faith of the gospel.

Do devote yourself to teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Do gather together and hold everything in common.

Do meet one another's needs through acts of selflessness.

Do convey attitudes of gladness, humility and good will to all.

Do come together to praise your King.

Do act in accordance with the will of the Father.

4. In the same manner can we pray for a decrease in the DON'Ts as listed below:

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of heaven—only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. 22 On that day, many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, and in your name cast out demons and do many powerful deeds?' 23 Then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you. Go away from me, you lawbreakers!' (Matthew 7:21-23) DONT's

Matthew 6:19-21 ¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves [material] treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in and steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there your heart [your wishes, your desires; that on which your life centres] will be also. DONT's

Luke 12:32 Do not be afraid *and* anxious, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. DONT's

DON'Ts

DO NOT ACT OUTSIDE OF GOD'S WILL

DO NOT NEGLECT RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

DO NOT WAIVER IN KEEPING HIS COMMANDS

DO NOT CREATE TREASURE TROVES IN THE WRONG PLACE

DO NOT BE FEARFUL OR ANXIOUS

A SHIFT IN FOCUS

- 5. Let us pray that we would on a daily basis experience a SHIFT IN FOCUS!! May our trajectory always be upwards and our Focal Point always be Jesus Christ. May we look to the unseen and eternal and not to the seen and temporal.**

Colossians 3:1-3

Therefore if you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, sharing in His resurrection from the dead], **keep seeking the things that are above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² **Set your mind *and* keep focused *habitually* on the things above** [the heavenly things], not on things that are on the earth [which have only temporal value]. ³ For you died [to this world], and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God.

Ephesians 2:6 And He raised us **up** together with Him [when we believed], and seated us with Him in the **heavenly places**, [because we are] in Christ Jesus,

2 Corinthians 4:18 So we look **not at the things which are seen**, but at the things which are **unseen**; for the things which are visible are temporal [just brief and fleeting], but **the things which are invisible are everlasting and imperishable**.