

**Bible Study Series: "Not So With You" (lesson 11) Jesus & the World (pt. 4)**

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**August 5: Jesus is Lord, the authority of heaven & earth!**

**August 12: Christ-Followers are a Royal Priesthood,**

**August 19: Kingdom Work (Ministry) is the continuation of the Compassion-driven Ministry of Jesus!**

As we let all of this soak in, we face one other question: **How are we to do this Kingdom Work?**

**3 Very Dangerous Attitudes exist within the Christian Community concerning Kingdom Work:**

1. Many who consider themselves Christians either struggle to accept their role as Royal Priest & Ambassador or completely reject it all together, opting to live a "life of Christianity" of their own design, not God's design.
2. Many Christ-Followers eagerly embrace the role of Royal Priest & Ambassador but employ methods to advance the Kingdom that are in opposition to the methods used by Jesus & the Holy Spirit.
3. Oftentimes the above described Christ-Followers think 1 & 2 are talking to somebody else, not them!

**Kingdom Methods need to Reflect the Values of \_\_\_\_\_.**

"Therefore everyone who **hears these words of mine and puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup>But everyone who **hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice** is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Matthew 7:24-27

**Kingdom Fruit Must Bear the \_\_\_\_\_ to be Legitimate.**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes<sup>a</sup> so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>**Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.**

<sup>5</sup>"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>**If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.** John 15:1-8

**True Building Work Must Be Done \_\_\_\_\_!**

So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: '**Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,**' says the LORD Almighty. Zechariah 4:6

**Conclusion:**

1. **What do you see that would break Jesus' heart?**
2. **What would Jesus DO to bring healing & hope to the situation?**