



The Key to Kingdom Leadership

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"Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, 'The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.'"

Luke 17:20-21

There is something highly significant that Christ wants us to notice in Luke 17:21. This is the only verse in the Bible where the word "behold" (Greek: *idou*) is used three times.

Two times people are quoted saying, "Behold! Look!"

Christ uses the word once.

Understanding the distinction between what **people** say about the kingdom and what **Christ** says about the kingdom is the key to kingdom leadership.

<u>People's Kingdom Perspective</u>	<u>Christ's Kingdom Perspective</u>
External	Internal
Military, political	In the human spirit
Forced	Free
Controlling	Empowering
Sociological	Transformational

"Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, 'The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed'" Luke 17:20. The word "observed" here means "seen with the eye" and is used only once in the New Testament.

"Behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst [Greek: *entos* = inside] of you." Luke 17:21

The Greek word "*entos*" is used only one other time in the New Testament; Matthew 23:26 "Wash the inside [*entos*] of the cup, not the outside."

Kingdom leadership starts on the **inside!**

- If you want to be a kingdom leader, you must be led.
- If you want to parent others, you must be re-parented yourself.
- If you want to walk in kingdom authority, you must come under authority.
- If you want to empower others, you yourself must be empowered.
- If you want to teach others to pray, you must be taught to pray yourself. *"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."* Romans 8:26

- If you want to build a praying church, you must allow God to build your own prayer life. *"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'" Romans 8:15*
- If you want to teach others to hear from God, you also must learn to hear from God. *"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."* Romans 8:16

You will never forcefully advance Christ's kingdom until you allow Christ's kingdom to forcefully advance in you. *"From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force."* Matthew 11:12

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