

# THE FRUIT OF THE KINGDOM OR THE FRUIT OF THE WORLD

To remind you, what we are dealing with is two different kingdoms with two different ways of living, motives, and laws (rules of action). They are constantly in conflict over the souls of men.

1. The kingdoms of this dark world system, under their master the devil, operate under the law of sin—possessing the attributes of pride, greed, lust, selfishness and oppression (lording over) “...*bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.*” (Rom. 7:23) The strongholds of the enemy influence and even control the ones bound by the “law of sin.” Slaves to do his bidding. **Sin is the food the devil feast on to grow in strength over ones life.** The enemy has no power over us but that which we give him through sin.

2. The Kingdom of Heaven, with the Sovereign King Jesus, operates by the law of love—possessing the attributes of peace, joy, goodness, kindness, faith, righteousness, serving, giving and humility. “...***I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.***” (Jer. 31:33) When we are “born again” we become citizens of the Kingdom of God and He writes His law on our new heart. We are no longer the OLD self in bondage to the “law of sin.” In faith, we are a NEW MAN with a new spirit that walks in righteousness. We grow and mature, as we “*are partakers of the divine nature.*” (2 Pet. 1:4) In the Kingdom of God we no longer desire “detestable things.” It’s about knowing Christ and enjoying a Kingdom build on relationships. Our King is a “family man” who loves His children.

*“And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. 19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh.”* (Eze. 11:18-19)  
*“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.”* (Eze. 36:26-27)

Everyone has a choice of what Master they will serve, what nature they will follow and what laws they will obey? Every day we make choices based on this fact—we will reap what we sow.

The book of 2 Peter says:

*“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.” 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.* (2 Pet. 1:3-11)

The book of Galatians says:

**“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”** (Gal. 6:7-9)

**“But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”** (Gal. 5:15-25)

The book of Romans says:

**“For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.”**

(Rom. 8:5-8)

Based on the understanding of the above scriptures, we either reap life and peace (Kingdom of Heaven) or death and destruction (kingdom of the world). Sin breaks down the protective hedge of God and we suffer destruction by the assaults of satan. Sin brings a curse on our lives! Sin not only leaves us vulnerable to attack, if unrepentant for, even YAWEH will judge us. Let us not resist God! By His grace we need to walk holy before Him. It’s choices we all need to make **ON A DAILY BASIS**. Will we obey God or will we obey the influence of the devil and this world?

**“The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not...”** (2 Cor. 4:4)

As Ambassadors we need to take caution and **“...walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,”** (Eph. 5:4) so we are not influenced by the same “god of this world” that blinds the minds of unbelievers. We must resist temptation and embrace purity. We must be alert and keep in the Light so we can see!

Romans 1 says:

**“20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened... 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between**

*themselves: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, **burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful.***” (Rom. 1:20-21, 24-31)

“God gave them over to a reprobate mind.” If we continue in sin we flirt with fire. Our conscience becomes seared and we run the risk of a “reprobate mind.” The key to avoid this is to humbly evaluate our souls and embrace the revelation of His grace. To win daily in this ancient struggle it is important to possess the mindset of the Kingdom and operate by its governance (the Holy Spirit and Scripture) without compromise. **WHO OWNS US? WHO DO WE WORSHIP?** This is the question posed to everyone. Wicked men, evil governments, and false religious systems are controlled (“blinded”) by the devil; therefore they will act like their father and worship him. Those that are the possession of YAHWEH will act like Him and worship Him. “Father like son.”

*“You know a tree by its fruit.”* (Matt. 12:33)