

Pursue the Kingdom, Not Power

Man lives his life seeking success - success in his home, in his employment, in his finances, in all of his accomplishments - because there is a great satisfaction in such achievements. But why? "*The boastful pride of life*" (1 John 2:16) motivates many to compete in life for control, for power. Man relishes the feelings of being on the top, an outstanding champion.

The pursuits for great achievements in this life though end up being "*vanity and striving after wind*" (Ecclesiastes 2:11). All people, the simple and the great, return to the dust from which they have been created. Those seeking self-elevation will be brought low (cf. 1 Peter 5:5). Like life itself (cf. James 4:14), power also is a vapor which slips through men's hands, leaving him again powerless.

Therefore, pursue that which is unshakeable and eternal (cf. Hebrews 12:28). Pursue the kingdom, God's heavenly kingdom (Matthew 6:33). This spiritual pursuit is not for power, nor for prominence, but rather, to be ruled by Another. The dominion of the One who is "*King eternal*" and "*immortal*" (1 Timothy 1:17) is not passing away. It is a kingdom governed by He who is Light and Love, who is holy and just.

Thus, to "*seek first His kingdom*" is to persevere for Christ to have His way in us, to desire above all else to fellowship in the joyful blessings of humble submission to the Victor, who is both the Lion and Lamb of God (cf. Revelation 5:5, 6).