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Related scriptures: John 14:47, Hebrews 13:15,

Introduction

Kingdom citizens are going through a growth process as a tangible sign that we are on the right track, doing what God called us to do. When directions are given landmarks are signs of secure paths. This same principle also applies to our Christian walk with Christ. Spiritual landmarks are used to confirm God’s will and to expand God’s kingdom.

Main Points

Acts 2:1-4 & 42-47

This scripture contains spiritual landmarks that are much needed for kingdom advancement. These landmarks are kingdom principles for growth and advancement. When these landmarks are evident in your life there is no doubt that you are going and growing in Christ.

Part one of our study on “Landmarks for Spiritual Movement” gave use knowledge of the first five landmarks used to confirm God’s movement in our lives. Let’s review them....

- **A persevering body of believers** – we are many members joined together. Each member must choose to press on and never give up.
- **Reverence and true belief in the power of God and His Work through the man and woman of God** – kingdom citizens should exemplify that God’s Word has meaning, truth and immeasurable power. Acknowledge God’s ability to speak directly to your needs.
- **Reverence the man and woman of God** - God has ordained spiritual leaders to help you and bless you.

- **Unity amongst the body** – as a kingdom citizen you should cover others and supply the needs of your brothers and sisters.
- **Submit our worldly and spiritual gifts to God** – your tangible possessions were given to you so you can submit them back to the Lord. You must also submit your inner being and talents to the Lord. Your personality and handicaps should not hinder you from fulfilling God’s purpose and plan for your life.
- **Demonstrate an increase in desire and value of the Word of God** – show others that your time spent in church and studying the Word is needed more than food; it is the your life-steam.

Tonight’s lesson

Each of these spiritual landmarks are equally important. They often work together for individual spiritual enhancement and kingdom advancement. As we are introduced to the remaining landmarks notice the correlations between them and the landmarks we previously learned.

The four remaining “Landmarks for Spiritual Movement” are rich with simple life applications for kingdom expansion. They are....

John 14:47

Have peace in your personal life – *Elevate your belief in the power of God to produce peace in the mist of chaos.* Only God’s peace can contain you in the mist of unpleasant circumstances. The world’s peace only brings temporarily comfort when circumstances and situations are favorable. *Use peace to exercise your authority to silence the enemy.* When you reverence the Lord and believe in His power your faith will be elevated to a level that is able to maintain peace in your personal life. You have the ability to prophesize to your situation with gladness and peace, knowing everything is going to be alright. *Be a visual example of true peace. Speak kind words even when others act unkindly unto you.* As you maintain peace throughout difficult situations others will be encouraged that God will help overcome adversities. As a citizen of God’s kingdom, peace is your inheritance.

Hebrews 13:15

Consistently (continually) praise God – *Make it a personal goal to please the Lord. Give God whatever He wants, when He wants it.* Praise does not always look the same, the pleasures of God may manifest in many different forms.

Matthew 5:14-16

A manifestation of Godly change in the people in which you associate – *Let your light shine so that your praise and morals will draw others to glorify God.* Every dark area needs light to make a change. God promised if He be lifted up, He would draw **all** men unto Him. “All” includes those portrayed to be your enemies and those who show no form of

godliness. The foul-mouthed, the seductive dressers, and even those who show abuse all have godly treasures buried under all the dirt you see. All they need is a bright light to be a positive example, prayer and borrowed faith to break the chains of bondage. The same people who crucified Christ showed favor to God's people.

Acts 2:47

You will see an increase of souls in the kingdom and your local body
– *Allow your life to bring about Godly change in the life of others*, then the empty seats in your church body will be filled and new names will be added to the book of eternal life.

Consequences: Without peace you will be prohibited from sharing the spring of wealth in honor of the Lord and forward movement will be expelled. If you do not maintain peace the enemy will aggravate and intimidate you. If pass the opportunity to advance soul for the kingdom, you may go to heaven with blood on your hands.

“Lift Christ up so all humanity will be drawn unto Him!”