

# Advancing God's Kingdom: Serving God with a Kingdom Warrior Heart

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## Introduction:

- In Matthew 24, Jesus describes conditions at the end of the age. No one but the Father knows when Jesus will return (Matthew 24:36). But He does remind us to be very watchful (Matthew 24:42; 25:13).
- Paul describes in II Timothy 3:1-5 the state of godlessness in the last days. This is a warning to believers.
- Peter exhorts believers in II Peter 3:10-14 how we should conduct ourselves as we anticipate the end of time and “the day of the Lord.”
- God's Kingdom is advancing and will continue to advance. The question is, “Will you and I be an active part of advancing His Kingdom?”
- As we will learn, if we choose to be warriors in God's Kingdom, then we will submit to his government in radical obedience. Obedience to King Jesus always brings blessing and results in Kingdom advancement, even in the dark days preceding the Lord's return.
- Serving God with a warrior heart will be challenging and difficult, but God has promised every resource we need for life and godliness (II Peter 1:3-4)

## Overview of Teaching:

- A. Basic Introduction to the Kingdom of God
- B. Defining the words, Kingdom and warrior
- C. Nominal Christianity versus Kingdom warrior
- D. Important reasons why we must serve God with a warrior heart
- E. Ways to develop a Kingdom warrior heart
- F. Challenges a Kingdom warrior will face and how to overcome them

## Objectives:

1. Gain increased understanding of the Kingdom of God and how it impacts our lives as children of God
2. Understand the meaning of “Serving God with a warrior heart”
3. Motivate believers to a radical Kingdom lifestyle
4. Give biblical and practical insights on how to serve God as a Kingdom warrior

**Note:** The word Kingdom in this teaching is capitalized to signify that it is the Kingdom above all kingdoms.

## **A. BASIC INTRODUCTION TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

### **1. The Kingdom of God and the New Testament**

- a. Four gospels – Kingdom – approximately 125 times
- b. Balance of New Testament – approximately 30 times
- c. The Kingdom of God and Kingdom of Heaven are often used interchangeably.

### **2. Jesus talked about and demonstrated the Kingdom (following are a few samples)**

- a. Matthew 3:23 -Jesus preached the good news of the Kingdom.
- b. Matthew 5:3, 10, 19 & 20 – Jesus spoke of the Kingdom in his Sermon on the Mount.
- c. Matthew 6:10 – Jesus invites us to pray that his Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.
- d. Matthew 6:33 - Jesus commands us to seek his Kingdom first.
- e. Matthew 7:21 – Jesus states the qualifications of entrance into the Kingdom.
- f. Matthew 11:12 – Jesus said, “The Kingdom of Heaven has been forcibly advancing and forceful men lay hold of it.”
- g. Matthew 18:1-4 – Jesus describes who is the greatest in the Kingdom.
- h. Acts 1:3 – Before Jesus went back to heaven, he appeared to his disciples over a period of 40 days and spoke about the Kingdom.

### **3. The apostles and others spoke about the Kingdom**

- a. Acts 8:12 – Philip preached about the Kingdom in Samaria.
- b. Acts 14:22 – Paul said that we must go through many hardships to enter the Kingdom.
- c. Acts 28:23 – At the end of Paul life in Rome, “*From morning to evening he explained and declared to them about the Kingdom of God.*”

### **4. Present and future aspects of the Kingdom of God**

- a. Present Kingdom – supernatural, glorious, transcends cultures and earthly kingdoms
- b. Future Kingdom – Christ’s Kingdom will ultimately triumph over all the kingdoms of the world (Revelation 11:15-18; 12:7-12; 20:1-10). As Kingdom warriors, we are on the winning side. We have something to anticipate!

### **5. Two Kingdoms**

- a. Colossians 1:13 – Kingdom warriors are rescued from Satan’s Kingdom and brought into God’s Kingdom.
- b. Matthew 12:25 – Satan will do everything in his power to oppose God’s Kingdom.

**For reflection: It is more important to understand and apply the present aspect of the Kingdom of God in one’s life than spend so much time trying to speculate the future aspect of God’s Kingdom. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?**

## B. Defining the words, Kingdom and warrior

### 1. The value of God's Word

- a. Hosea 4:6 – If Satan can keep us from knowing the truth of Scripture, then we will be ineffective as Kingdom warriors.
- b. James 1:22-25 – To avoid self deception, we must not only *know* the Word, we must *apply* it.
- c. John 8:32 – God's Word is TRUTH and Truth gives freedom!

### 2. Definition of the word "Kingdom"

- a. "A kingdom is defined as a sphere of influence in which a king rules. Therefore, wherever God rules we find an expression of the Kingdom of God." Dale Stoll, Good News that Transforms, Restoration Press, Bristol, Indiana
- b. "The Kingdom of God can be defined as being ruled by the Word of God in our heart rather than controlled by some external system or force." Dr. Bill Winston, The Kingdom of God in You, Harrison House
- c. "The sovereign rule of a king over territory (domain), impacting it with his will, purpose, and intent. In the biblical text, the word 'kingdom' as used by Jesus refers to God's government, God's rulership, God's dominion over the earth." Dr. Myles Monroe, Understanding the Kingdom, Destiny Image Publishers
- d. In summary, we can say in the context of the Kingdom of God, Kingdom means God's rule and authority. Under whose rule am I living? Is it God or self?

### 3. Definition of the word "warrior"

- a. In the natural or military understanding, a warrior is one who goes fearlessly into battle no matter what the cost, even death.
- b. The Bible speaks about our warfare as believers: (Ephesians 6:10-18; II Corinthians 10:3-6; I Timothy 1:18-19; James 4:1; I Peter 2:11). Satan's intense desire is to "steal, rob, and destroy (John 10:10a)." Therefore, the Kingdom warrior is one who actively engages the enemy, Satan, and does not run from him.
- c. KINGDOM WARRIORS WILL NOT BE PASSIVE TO SATAN'S DESTRUCTION. THEY WILL EXERCISE THEIR AUTHORITY IN JESUS CHRIST TO OVERCOME SATAN THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, THEIR TESTIMONY, AND NOT RESISTING MARTYRDOM! (Revelation 12:11)!

#### For reflection:

1. If a true believer in Jesus Christ is going to develop as a Kingdom warrior, why is it necessary to hear, understand, and apply God's Word to their lives?
2. As a believer who is called to peace, do you struggle with the concept of being a "warrior" in the Kingdom? Why or why not?

3. How does the believer keep a good balance between being alert to Satan's schemes and keeping one's eyes on Jesus?

**C. Nominal Christian versus Kingdom warrior**

**1. The warning of Jesus to the churches in Revelation and to the church today**

- a. Revelation 3:15-16 – Luke warm
- b. Revelation 2:1-5 – Forsook their first love
- c. Revelation 3:1-3- Appearance of being alive but in reality is dead

**2. Jesus in earthly ministry gave similar warnings**

- a. Mark 10:17-31 – To be a part of God's Kingdom requires absolute loyalty to the king above all else.
- b. Luke 6:46 – We can't proclaim Jesus as Lord or King and then do our own thing.

**3. Contrast nominal Christian to Kingdom Warrior**

Note: The outline below gives some practical meaning to the definition of Kingdom warrior, both as an individual and congregation, in contrast to nominal Christianity.

	<b>Nominal Christian</b>	<b>Kingdom Warrior Christian</b>
1.	What can I get from the church or how can the church help me?	How can I bless the church through loyal commitment and service
2.	Face trials with fear	Face trials with faith
3.	Serve the Lord based on how I feel	Serve the Lord with conviction and gratitude
4.	Prayer is a ritual I must perform	Prayer is a privilege which I enjoy
5.	View national and international affairs out of my control	View national and international affairs as a mandate for intercession to affect history
6.	Often unaware of what the powers of darkness are doing	Alert to the powers of darkness and confront them in the name of Jesus
7.	Lack spiritual discernment	Seeks spiritual discernment
8.	Primary focus is advancing personal interests	Primary focus is advancing the Kingdom of God
9.	Partial surrender and partial obedience to the Lord	Fully yielded to the Lord in absolute surrender
10.	Living in the flesh	Living by the Holy Spirit
11.	View giving of my finances to the Lord as a hardship and obligation	View giving of my tithes and offerings as a sincere joy
12.	Practice spiritual disciplines (prayer, Bible study, etc.) as an obligation	Practice spiritual disciplines with joy and view as a means to draw closer to God
13.	Little passion for spiritual growth	High passion for spiritual growth
14.	Worship is a ritual to fulfill with little transformation	Worship is a moving experience that transforms my life

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**4. Contrast nominal Christian congregation to Kingdom warrior congregation**

	<b>Nominal Christian Congregation</b>	<b>Kingdom Warrior Congregation</b>
1	Lack of commitment to the Lord and the church	Strong and loyal commitment to the Lord and the church
2	Low expectation for God to work	High expectation for God to work
3	Low or limited interest in corporate prayer	High interest in fervent and intercessory prayer
4	Little passion for spiritual growth	High passion for spiritual growth
5	Limited interest in outreach or evangelism	Zeal for evangelism
6	Little interest in people and events beyond congregational needs	Actively engaged in community, national, and international concerns
7	Members often control leaders and may rebel against leaders and vision	Members look to leaders for dynamic spiritual and visionary leadership and submit
8	Leaders are expected to do most of the ministry	Leaders actively equip members spiritually and release them in ministry
9	High concern and passion to advance congregational programs	High concern and passion to advance God's Kingdom
10	Worship is a ritual to fulfill with limited transformation of lives	Worship is a moving experience that transforms lives
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**5. Necessary steps to move from “nominal Christian” to “Kingdom warrior.”** Note: More practical steps will be defined later in the lesson but the following are the first three steps that one must take.

- a. Repent of specific sins – “turn around” – This is what Jesus asked the churches to do in Revelation in scriptures given above in III – A.
- b. Surrender our will – Philippians 2:12-13 – We make the choice to surrender to a Kingdom lifestyle and not a nominal Christian lifestyle.
- c. Live by the Spirit – Romans 8:4 – We make a choice to live by the power of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:16 to 6:20 – Paul gives very specific instruction what “living by the Spirit” will look like.

**For reflection:**

1. Do the descriptions of the churches in Revelation reflect any of my current lifestyle? If so, what? What action steps will I take to become a Kingdom warrior?

2. Without falling into condemnation, after reviewing the contrast between a “nominal” Christian” and a “Kingdom Warrior”, where would you see yourself in a continuum between 1 and 10? (1= very nominal and 10 = very strong Kingdom warrior)

## D. Important reasons why we must serve God with a Kingdom warrior heart

**Something to remember:** God is more concerned that His Kingdom advance than our church programs. Church programs are good and needed but we must understand that they are only a tool for Kingdom advancement. As individuals and congregations, we must constantly evaluate whether or not what we consider is important is really advancing God’s Kingdom.

Matthew 11:12 (NIV) - *“From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.”*

Matthew 11:12 (KJV) - *“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”*

We must exercise a holy violence over the flesh, the world, and anything that hinders us from taking a firm stand for righteousness.

## SERVING GOD WITH A KINGDOM WARRIOR HEART IS IMPORTANT SO THAT WE CAN...

### 1. Claim our destiny

- a. Genesis 1:26; Psalms 115:16 – God gave man dominion over the earth. Through sin, Adam and Eve relinquished their authority and sin held captive all who were born in bondage (Romans 5:12-14)
- b. Hebrews 2:14-15; Romans 6:6-7 – Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, Kingdom warriors claim their deliverance from the bondage of Satan.
- c. Revelation 1:18- Because of the triumph of Jesus, Kingdom warriors will walk in faith instead of fear.
- d. Matthew 16:19 – As Kingdom citizens, we now have the “keys” to the Kingdom. As a Kingdom warrior, we will exercise our legal right to unlock the power of the Kingdom and make it work in our lives to the honor and glory of God.

### For reflection:

1. If I as a Kingdom warrior truly embrace the important principle of “claiming my destiny”, how will this be reflected in my lifestyle as a believer?
2. If we’ve been given the keys to the Kingdom, to unlock all of it’s resources, why are so many Christians living in defeat?

### 2. Live Victoriously

- a. Romans 5:17 – A Kingdom warrior will “reign in life” because of God’s abundant provision of grace made possible through Jesus Christ.

- b. I Corinthians 15:57 – A Kingdom warrior lives in the victory made possible through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

(See reflection questions on the next page)

## **SERVING GOD WITH A KINGDOM WARRIOR HEART IS IMPORTANT SO THAT WE CAN... (Continued)**

**For reflection:**

1. Why do so many believers never seem to experience ongoing victory in their lives?
2. What are the consequences of not living in victory?

### **3. Defend Truth**

- a. II Timothy 4:3 – Many false teachers and prophets will rise up in the last days. So many leaders and denominations that once stood for truth now defend sinful practices. The Kingdom warrior will defend the truth of God’s Word in face of criticism and intimidation.
- b. Psalms 86:11; John 1:4; John 16:13a; Ephesians 4:15; II Timothy 2:15; I Peter 1:22 – The Kingdom warrior will fully recognize, embrace, and live by the truth of God’s Word. Defending truth will help us to overcome deception.

**For reflection:**

1. How can we be sure that we are defending truth and not someone’s opinion?
2. How has living by the truth of God’s Word made a difference in your life?

### **4. Overcome passivity**

- a. I Timothy 4:12-16 – The Kingdom warrior will not be lazy or spiritually indifferent to what is happening in the world or to their own spiritual life. Take note of the numerous commands in these verses.
- b. I Corinthians 16:13 – The Kingdom warrior will always recognize that the source of passivity is Satan and the flesh. The way to overcome passivity is to be filled with the Holy Spirit and by making a daily choice to resist spiritual laziness.

**For reflection:**

1. What are signs of spiritual passivity? How does passivity affect my life?
2. How have I discovered victory over spiritual passivity?

### **5. Be stable**

- a. Ephesians 4:11-16 – The Kingdom warrior will seek to know their place in the body of Christ and grow into maturity. This is a life-long process.
- b. James 1:8 – The Kingdom warrior will not be double minded. The Kingdom warrior will believe and not doubt. Unbelief is the biggest hindrance to stability in a believer’s life.

For reflection:

1. Why are so many believers not growing in maturity?
2. Why is unbelief the biggest hindrance to stability in a believer's life?

## **SERVING GOD WITH A KINGDOM WARRIOR HEART IS IMPORTANT SO THAT WE CAN... (Continued)**

### **6. Influence our world**

- a. Matthew 5:13-16 – A Kingdom warrior will stand out in the world because they are truly “salt” and “light”.
- b. Acts 4:13 – A Kingdom warrior will primarily influence the world by the power of the Holy Spirit, not because of their brilliance. A Kingdom warrior will recognize it is the power of God working in them and not their own abilities.

For reflection:

1. What are practical ways we can be “salt” and “light” in the world?
2. Give an example of someone that you know, even yourself, which has made an influence in the world? What did they do? Was there fruit?

### **7. Finish well**

- a. II Timothy 4-6 – Paul is an excellent example of a Kingdom warrior who finished well. There is not a greater tragedy in the Kingdom of God than a person who lives faithfully for God but in the end falls into the clutches of Satan and ends life in defeat.
- a. Acts 7:59-60 – Stephen is an excellent example of a Kingdom warrior who finished well. In the face of death, his last words were the same as the last words of Jesus on the cross. The Kingdom Warrior will draw fully on the grace of God to finish well.

For reflection:

1. Why is it that some Christians do not finish well? What precautions should be taken?
2. Give examples of believers you know that finished well. How would you characterize their life?

## **E. Ways to develop a Kingdom warrior heart**

Developing a Kingdom warrior heart should be a high priority for every believer. Many references could be given in the following points. Because of time and space, there will be minimal references given. I challenge you to do further study on this theme. Summary reflection questions will be given at the end of this section.

### **1. Exercise humility**

- a. I Peter 5:5-6 – A Kingdom warrior will clothe themselves in humility. Through humility we are able to access God’s grace or power.
- b. Philippians 2:5-11 – A Kingdom warrior will pattern their life after Jesus. His humility enables him to face the cross and defeat the power of Satan and death. There is no victory apart from the cross.

**Ways to develop a Kingdom warrior heart... (Continued)**

**2. Gain knowledge and wisdom**

- a. Luke 8:10a – Jesus wants Kingdom warriors to become knowledgeable of Kingdom secrets. Kingdom keys give access to God’s power and authority.
- b. Proverbs 11:2; Colossians 1:9-10 – As a Kingdom warrior grows in knowledge of God’s will through spiritual wisdom and understanding, they will live a life that is pleasing to the Lord.

**3. Live with integrity**

- a. Psalms 25:21; 41:12; Proverbs 11:3 – The Kingdom warrior is aware that there is protection and blessing in living with integrity.
- b. Matthew 5:8 – Integrity equals purity of heart. Having a pure heart enables the Kingdom warrior to gain access to the Father who gives strength and courage for the battle. Purity of character carries influence and advances God’s Kingdom.

**4. Practice intercession**

- a. Matthew 6:10-11; 9:38 – A Kingdom warrior will intercede through prayer because they know they’ve been given the authority by God, through Jesus, to carry out God’s intended purpose for creation. Kingdom warriors are history makers!
- b. James 5:17-18; Daniel 9:3 – Kingdom warriors know that their cooperation with God through intercession enables God’s will to be accomplished. Lack of cooperation hinders God’s will to be accomplished (Ezekiel 22:30-31).

**“God’s giving is inseparably connected with our asking...Only by intercession can that power be brought down from heaven which will enable the Church to conquer the world.” – Andrew Murray**

**5. Develop passion**

- a. Luke 13:31-33 – Jesus had a passion to fulfill his destiny—the cross. Nothing would stop him. Kingdom warriors will have a passion to fulfill God’s call for their lives 24/7.
- b. Ecclesiastes 9:10 – The Kingdom warrior will do whatever they are called to do with all their might!

**“Passion is a driving force of energy that shapes a person’s lifestyle, thinking, and action until that person sees a total fulfillment of what they are pursuing.”  
– Dr. Jonathan David**

## **6. Grow in faith**

- a. John 14:12-14 – An important key to opening the warehouse of God’s Kingdom is the prayer of faith and the name of Jesus. Asking in faith will always be in agreement with God’s will.

### **Ways to develop a Kingdom warrior heart... (Continued)**

- b. I Timothy 6:11-12 – Paul is challenging Timothy, a Kingdom warrior, to “fight the good fight of faith.” Kingdom warriors know that without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6).

## **7. Be committed**

- a. I Chronicles 12:18 – Kingdom warriors will be committed and loyal, first of all to King Jesus, and secondly to the ones to whom they are called to serve.
- b. Acts 26:15-19 – Paul, as a Kingdom warrior, was fully committed to the call God placed on his life, no matter what the cost.

## **8. Demonstrate love and compassion**

- a. Mark 1:29-34 – Jesus demonstrated love and compassion by healing the sick and delivering the oppressed. Kingdom warriors will be full of love and compassion and carry out the present day ministry of Jesus to a broken world.
- b. John 4:7-12 – The love of God is made complete in us as we love one another. Kingdom warriors break down walls of division, push back Satan and overcome fear as they grow in demonstrating love and compassion.

## **9. Maintain discipline**

- a. I Corinthians 9:24-27 – Kingdom warriors are disciplined and will “run the race” to win! To the extent that we grow in discipline, spiritually and physically, we will grow as a Kingdom warrior.
- b. Luke 9:23- The Kingdom warrior recognizes that denial of self is necessary to walk in godly discipline.

## **10. Persevere joyfully**

- a. James 1:2-4 – The Kingdom warrior will face trials joyfully and with perseverance and in so doing will grow in maturity. In the English language there is a saying, “No pain, no gain.”
- b. Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5,12, 21; 21:7 – A Kingdom warrior is an overcomer. Many promises are given to those who persevere and overcome.

### **For reflection and action:**

1. On a separate sheet of paper, or in the margins, write down practical ways that you can develop in each of these necessary areas of growth for a

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Kingdom warrior. Be specific in how God is speaking to you. For example, as a way to express humility, I will not be defensive when someone tries to correct me. Or, I will have a forgiving heart like Jesus when people oppose me.

2. What three categories do you see yourself as being very strong as a Kingdom warrior?
3. What three categories do you want to grow in as a Kingdom warrior? What specific steps will you take to accomplish these goals?

## F. Challenges a Kingdom warrior will face and how to overcome them

As Kingdom warriors, there are numerous challenges we will face. Challenges develop character and maturity in us. Kingdom warriors never run from the battle. They run toward the challenge with faith! Once again, because of space and time, minimal references will be given. Search the Scriptures for additional ways as to how you can overcome challenges that come your way.

Point “a” under each main point will define the challenge

Point “b” under each main point will state how (very briefly) to overcome the challenge.

### 1. Insecurity

- a. Insecurity often comes because we haven’t totally embraced the fact that we are fully accepted by God. Insecurity is demonstrated by being defensive, easily offended, etc. The fruit of insecurity is discouragement, unrest, and fear of man.
- b. Ephesians 1 clearly states our position in Christ, the foundation of security. By faith, receive God’s acceptance. Confess and repent of the sin of insecurity when it dominates our life. Grow in intimacy with the Father and receive his love.

### 2. Discouragement

- a. Discouragement is the biggest tool that Satan uses to bring defeat to the Kingdom warrior. The fruit of discouragement is a loss of vision and motivation. When not dealt with it can lead to levels of depression and despair.
- b. Psalms 42:5 – A Kingdom warrior, when faced with discouragement, will command the soul to align itself with God’s will. “Put your hope in God.”

### 3. Negative criticisms and accusations

- a. Negative criticisms and accusations can cut to the heart and soul of our being. When received, it can lead to deep discouragement and defensiveness. Every true Kingdom warrior in the Kingdom of God will experience this.
- b. Nehemiah 2:19-20; 4:1-5, 7-9; 6:1-13 – Like Nehemiah, Kingdom warriors, when receiving negative criticism and accusation, will discern the source, pray and declare God’s faithfulness, remain calm and confident, etc.

### 4. Weariness and tiredness

- a. Weariness and tiredness may come, among many things, as a spiritual attack or it can be because of taking on too many pressures in our lives. Yes, we can be weary doing good things, too many good things.
- b. Isaiah 40:28-31 – We need to come back to the source of our strength which is intimate fellowship with the Heavenly Father. Practically speaking we may need to make some choices to eliminate some unnecessary involvements in our life. Lack of discipline and order can lead to weariness.

## 5. Trials

- a. Trials or tests are an excellent opportunity for a Kingdom warrior to grow in faith in God.

### **Challenges a Kingdom warrior will face and how to overcome them (Continued)**

- b. Exodus 14:13-15 – Moses, a Kingdom warrior, in the midst of a test spoke words of faith over the children of Israel: “Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord!” Then God said, “Move on.” Tests develop character and Satan will use them to stop us. But, a Kingdom warrior will overcome by moving forward in confidence of God’s promises and presence.

## 6. Failure

- a. Failure is humbling, can be embarrassing, and may lead to despair. It doesn’t have to. Failure can be the launching pad into something greater. Baseball players are considered great if they hit one third of the times they are at bat. Actually, they fail to hit two thirds of the time. Inventors fail numerous times until they achieve their goal.
- b. Psalm 51 – David, another Kingdom warrior miserably failed as a king. However, he humbled himself and God still saw him as “a man after His own heart.” Kingdom warriors will turn failures into opportunities!

## 7. Doubt

- a. Doubts about God, our abilities, and perhaps others are another tool of Satan to hinder the Kingdom warrior. The fruit of doubts are numerous unanswered questions. Why did God allow this? Am I every going to make it? Maybe you thought God gave clear instructions about a project but it seemed to fail. Doubts not dealt with, lead to deep discouragement.
- b. Jeremiah 1:6: Jeremiah, a Kingdom warrior, doubted his call. He received God’s call and became a mighty prophet of God. A Kingdom warrior will receive God’s mandate for their life and will become effective in that which they are called to do. Also, when we cry out to God, we should never doubt or we are like the waves of the sea that are tossed about (James 1:6). Kingdom warriors overcome doubt by a firm faith in God’s Word!

## 8. Frustration

- a. People frustrate us by unfulfilled expectations. We can be frustrated with ourselves because of lack of achievement in goals we set. Frustration can come because of personal conflicts in relationships, etc. The fruit of frustration can be anger and impatience.
- b. Matthew 11:28-30 – The key to overcoming frustration is coming to Jesus and allowing him to give rest to our soul. By yoking up with Jesus we may be amazed how frustrations will begin to melt away.

**For reflection and action:**

1. What challenges above can you identify with? Give examples. How did you overcome the challenges?
2. What are additional challenges a Kingdom warrior may face?
3. Someone once said, "I don't have problems, just challenges." Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?
4. Give examples of people that you know that overcame huge challenges in their life. What was their secret of success?

**Conclusion:**

- God is not glorified by defeated Christians. God is honored and glorified by Kingdom warriors who trust His Word and live in absolute obedience.
- Individual believers and congregations must embrace a Kingdom warrior mentality if we are to experience Kingdom advancement.
- Consistent leadership and discipleship training is necessary in order to develop Kingdom warriors.
- Developing clear strategies on how to face the multitude of conflicts is necessary if we are going to be effective as Kingdom warriors and Kingdom warrior congregations.
- Ephesians 3:20-21 – *“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*