

REFLECTIONS OF THE FATHER'S HEART

[Exhortations From The Father]

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* If one does not diligently seek My Kingdom *[with all of their heart]* day in and day out THEN it is certain that they will remain "enslaved", to some degree by the counterfeit "kingdom of darkness" - and, thus, remain in a position far below their true, spiritual positioning, in Christ.

"enslave" - to subject to a dominant influence *[in this case, by the bondage of the "world" and its systems];*

...."do you not know that [heart] friendship with the world [and its systems] is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God".... James 4:4 NASB

...."Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves [is in "heart-fellowship" with] the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world [and its "father"] . The world ["system"] is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the Will of God lives forever".... 1 John 2:15-17 NASB

...."the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God".... 2 Corinthians 4:4 NASB

THEREFORE

...."seek [aim at and strive after] first of all His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right]".... Matthew 6:33 The Amplified Translation

AND

...."Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and

adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]".... Romans 12:2 The Amplified Translation