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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Kansas City, Missouri

**6-DAY DEVOTIONAL**  
**Kingdom Living Through**  
***Time, Talent, Treasure & Trust***

*“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,  
and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

— **Matthew 6:33**

Based on the Teaching of

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## DAY 1 — UNDERSTANDING THE KINGDOM ASSIGNMENT

### Scripture Reading

#### Matthew 6:31–33

*So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

### Devotional Thought

When most people consider a new job, they ask the same familiar questions: What does it pay? What are the benefits? What do I get? Far fewer stop to ask: What does this role actually require of me? What qualifications must I bring? Am I prepared for this assignment?

Dr. Archie opened this teaching with that striking parallel because many believers approach the Church the same way. We arrive seeking blessings, comfort, provision, and encouragement — all legitimate needs — yet remain largely unaware of the Kingdom assignment that comes with belonging to the body of Christ. Jesus did not build His Church around convenience or spiritual consumerism. He built disciples. He built a movement. He built a Kingdom.

***“God never made you for the world. He always made you for His Kingdom.”***

Every ability, career, relationship, gift, experience, and opportunity you carry has been entrusted to you as a tool for Kingdom advancement. The believer’s life was never meant to be divided between “church life” and “real life.” Kingdom living is not a Sunday morning category — it is the lens through which every Monday, every decision, and every relationship finds its truest meaning.

The central question is not “What can God do for me?” but rather “How am I participating in His agenda on earth?” When we begin to answer that question faithfully, everything changes.

### PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. *Do I approach church primarily as a consumer seeking benefits, or as a disciple accepting an assignment?*
2. *Am I more focused on what I receive from God than on what I bring to His Kingdom?*
3. *In what specific areas of my daily life is God calling me to advance His Kingdom right now?*
4. *What tools — gifts, experiences, relationships, or resources — has God placed in my hands for Kingdom work?*

## DAY 2 — SEEKING THE KINGDOM CHANGES YOUR VISION

### Scripture Reading

**Matthew 6:33**

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

### Devotional Thought

Imagine trying to navigate the world with uncorrected vision. Distant objects blur. Familiar paths become uncertain. You adapt — but you are never quite seeing what is actually there. Dr. Archie used this picture to describe the spiritual condition of many believers who are straining to make sense of life through the wrong lens.

When we filter our understanding of the world primarily through politics, race, culture, fear, emotion, or material circumstance, our spiritual vision goes foggy. The problems around us look bigger than God. The needs feel more urgent than the calling. The noise drowns out the voice.

Jesus' instruction cuts through all of that with stunning clarity: Seek first the Kingdom. Not second. Not eventually. First. When the Kingdom becomes our primary lens, everything else comes into proper proportion. Clarity increases. Purpose sharpens. Decisions align with divine design rather than momentary pressure.

***“Pagans chase after these things because they do not know the Father. Kingdom citizens trust that God already knows their needs.”***

The issue is never whether we need things — we do. The question is whether we are trusting the One who supplies all things before we run after them ourselves. Seeking the Kingdom first is not a spiritual platitude. It is a practical reordering of our daily priorities, our mental frameworks, and our emotional responses. It changes what we see, how we interpret what we see, and what we choose to do about it.

### PERSONAL REFLECTION

5. *What primary lens am I currently using to interpret my circumstances — Kingdom perspective or worldly pressure?*
6. *What specific distractions or fears cloud my spiritual vision most consistently?*
7. *If I genuinely sought the Kingdom first this week, what would change in my daily decisions?*
8. *In what areas of my thinking do I most need the corrective clarity of Kingdom perspective?*

## DAY 3 — TIME: THE MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

### Scripture Reading

#### Hebrews 10:22–25

*Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings... Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

### Devotional Thought

One of the greatest gifts a believer can contribute to the Kingdom is something deceptively simple: showing up. Consistent, intentional presence within the body of Christ is not a minor spiritual discipline — it is a foundational one.

***“Spiritual maturity cannot develop without intentional participation and relational connection.”***

The Christian life was never designed to be lived in isolation, no matter how many podcasts we stream or devotionals we read alone. God develops His people through fellowship, accountability, correction, encouragement, worship, and shared growth. These things do not happen in isolation. They happen in community.

Dr. Archie drew a powerful parallel from the COVID pandemic, when students across the country continued receiving information through screens but fell years behind in social, emotional, and developmental growth. Information without presence has a cost. Many believers have made a similar trade — staying spiritually informed while becoming relationally disconnected — and then wondering why their faith feels stagnant.

The church is not a content platform. It is a covenant community. Your presence strengthens the faith of others. Your absence quietly weakens it. When you show up consistently — in worship, in fellowship, in service — you are exercising the Ministry of Presence, and it matters more than you may realize.

### PERSONAL REFLECTION

9. Am I consistently and intentionally present within my local body of believers — in worship, fellowship, and service?
10. Have I allowed spiritual isolation to develop under the guise of staying “informed” or “busy”?
11. How has genuine fellowship and community strengthened my faith in the past?
12. Whose faith is quietly strengthened — or weakened — by whether I show up?

## DAY 4 — TALENT: THE MINISTRY OF FUNCTION

### Scripture Reading

#### Romans 12:3–5

*For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

### Devotional Thought

God did not design the Church for spectators. He designed it for participants. Every believer — every single one — carries gifts, experiences, abilities, and insight that are not merely personal assets. They are Kingdom resources, given by God and needed by the body.

Dr. Archie issued a direct challenge on this point: many believers abandon the very areas where God has called them to serve because they become frustrated by what is lacking. Something isn't being done well. A need is going unmet. A gap is visible. And instead of stepping into that gap, they step out the door.

***“Your gift is often embedded in the very thing that irritates you most when it's not happening.”***

That irritation — that holy frustration — is not a reason to leave. It may be the clearest signal of where God is calling you to serve. The problem you cannot stop noticing may be the assignment you were designed to solve.

The Kingdom functions like a body: every part matters, every role has value, and the body is incomplete without each member doing its work. God never intended believers to function independently, self-sufficiently, or from the sidelines. The church operates collectively. Your talent was never just about you — it is about the body you belong to and the Kingdom you serve.

### PERSONAL REFLECTION

13. *What gifts, abilities, and experiences has God specifically placed within me for Kingdom use?*
14. *Where is God clearly calling me to serve, lead, or contribute within the body?*
15. *What recurring problems or gaps do I consistently notice — and might those be signals of my Kingdom assignment?*
16. *Am I actively functioning as part of the body, or have I been watching from the sidelines?*

## DAY 5 — TREASURE: THE MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP

### Scripture Reading

#### **Matthew 6:19–21, 24**

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and money.*

### Devotional Thought

Money is one of the most honest mirrors we own. It reflects — with remarkable clarity — what we actually value, what we actually trust, and where our heart actually lives. Dr. Archie did not shy away from this truth: how we handle our treasure is a direct declaration of our spiritual priorities.

***“Where you put your money is a determination of where your priorities are.”***

Many believers invest generously in appearance, entertainment, comfort, status, and experiences that will fade — while giving God only what remains after every other category has been satisfied. Jesus saw this pattern clearly and called it out directly: you cannot serve two masters. Whatever controls your financial decisions controls your life.

The issue is not wealth itself. Dr. Archie was clear: the problem is not having money. The problem is when money has us. Kingdom stewardship is the deliberate choice to honor God first with our resources — to invest in things that outlast us, to support the work of the Kingdom, and to refuse the quiet tyranny of materialism.

When believers treat Kingdom investment as optional — something for when finances are comfortable — the mission of the local fellowship is weakened. Faithful stewardship is not just a financial discipline. It is a spiritual declaration that God is Lord over every area of our lives, including our wallets.

### PERSONAL REFLECTION

17. What does my current spending pattern honestly reveal about my spiritual priorities?
18. Am I honoring God first with my financial resources, or giving Him what remains?
19. What temporary things most consistently compete for the financial devotion that belongs to God?
20. What would it look like for me to grow in practical, faithful stewardship beginning this week?

## DAY 6 — TRUST: THE MINISTRY OF COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

### Scripture Reading

#### Proverbs 3:3–6

*Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

### Devotional Thought

We live in a culture that wears its trust wounds like badges. “I have trust issues” has become almost a point of identity — a shorthand for disappointment, betrayal, and self-protection. Dr. Archie gently but directly challenged this framing: many of what we call “trust issues” begin not with broken trust, but with broken choices.

Genuine trust is built — through faithfulness, consistency, accountability, love, and obedience over time. It is not demanded; it is earned. And in covenant community, trust is the infrastructure that holds everything together. When trust is present, the church grows together effectively under the authority of Christ. When trust erodes, so does unity, accountability, and the capacity for real discipleship.

Dr. Archie offered a memorable picture of what it means to trust God’s leadership: a football player who argues with the coach in the middle of the game, convinced he knows better — despite the fact that the coach can see the entire field from a vantage point the player simply does not have. When we refuse to trust God’s direction, we often end up on the scenic route — longer, harder, and full of detours that could have been avoided.

***“God is the Head. We are the body. Trust is what allows the whole to move with purpose.”***

The Kingdom functions most powerfully when believers surrender — fully and continually — their time, talent, treasure, and trust to God’s agenda. Not when everything makes sense. Not when all the risks have been removed. Now. In faith. In obedience. In covenant.

### PERSONAL REFLECTION

21. Do I genuinely trust God’s leadership in my life, especially in the areas that feel uncertain or out of my control?
22. What specific areas do I still insist on managing myself, holding back from full surrender?
23. How has distrust — of God, of leadership, or of community — hindered my spiritual growth?
24. What would complete surrender of my time, talent, treasure, and trust actually look like in my life right now?

## CLOSING PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

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*Lord, teach us to live as true Kingdom citizens — not consumers of Your grace, but participants in Your purpose. Develop within us the discipline of Presence: may we show up consistently, invest in community, and refuse the comfortable distance of isolation. Activate in us the Ministry of Function: may we serve with the gifts You have placed within us, finding our Kingdom assignment in the very places that stir our deepest conviction. Transform our relationship with Treasure: may our finances reflect Your lordship, our generosity reflect Your grace, and our stewardship reflect our trust in Your provision. And above all, Lord — deepen our Trust. In You. In Your leadership. In the covenant community You have placed us within. Where we have withheld surrender, grant us the faith to release. Where we have taken the scenic route, redirect our steps. Let our Time, Talent, Treasure, and Trust be fully Yours. Let our lives advance Your Kingdom agenda — in our homes, our workplaces, our city, and our world. In the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.*

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