## WISDOM JOURNAL DAY 16

## SUBJECT: THE CHURCH AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

I grew up in church. My mother took me to church every Sunday. I went to Sunday school, Vacation Bible study, choir rehearsal, night service, watch service, you name it and I was there. I thought it was mandatory to attend church.

When I was attending these services I hated it. I didn't see the point. I was still living the way I wanted to. I heard the preacher talk about God but I never internalized the information. I was going to church because I thought that's what I was suppose to do. Foolish right? I know.

As I got older and more mature I started to learn about the Kingdom of God. I **DIDN'T** learn about the Kingdom of God accurately in church. I learned it outside the church. The Holy Spirit knew that I was falling into the bondage of religion. I didn't realize it. I say this next statement very strongly.

If you are attending church while remaining **IGNORANT** to the Kingdom of God you are wasting your time. Hopefully, you are attending a church that is teaching the Kingdom of God. If not, attending church will do you more harm than good. Attending a church that doesn't teach about the Kingdom of God is simply a religious experience.

It took me sixteen years to understand the difference of what I just mentioned to you. The Kingdom of God is **NOT** the church. It is the administrative domain of the church. When I learned about the Kingdom that's when I began to change my wrongful ways.

Learning about the Kingdom will transform your life.

Attending church will **NOT** change your life. Learning about the Kingdom of God will transform your mind. Trust me. I'm a living witness.

Matthew 15:9 says, "They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules." (Any doctrine that is not focused or based on the Kingdom of God is worthless according to King Jesus.)

**TAKEAWAY:** Attending church **VOID** of learning the Kingdom of God is **WORTHLESS**. Attending church gives you the ability to look Godly. However, the Kingdom of God gives you the ability to walk in the power of God.

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