



# The Notes

## A BETTER KINGDOM Part 3: “Would You Just Make Up Your Mind Already?!”

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*“The weapons I fight with are not the weapons the world uses. In fact, it is just the opposite. My weapons have the power of God to destroy the camps of the enemy. I destroy every claim and every reason that keeps people from knowing God. I keep every thought under control in order to make it obey Christ.”*

**2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NIRV)**

### I’LL KNOW THAT A BETTER KINGDOM RULES MY MIND, WHEN...

1. ...I’VE STOPPED THINKING ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_ I  
WANT TO \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world. If it belonged to this world, my servants would have fought to keep me from being given over to the Jewish leaders. But my kingdom is from another place.’”*

**John 18:36 (NCV)**

*“For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark*

world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places."

**Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)**

**2. ...I'M NO LONGER WAITING FOR "BAD \_\_\_\_\_" TO END OR "\_\_\_\_\_ THINGS" TO BEGIN.**

*"Then some Pharisees asked Jesus a question. 'When will the kingdom of God begin here?' Jesus replied, 'When God begins to rule here, people will not see it with their eyes. Nobody will say, 'Look everyone! God is ruling here,' or 'Look! God is ruling over there.' No, it is not like that. God is already ruling in the lives of his people.'"*

**Luke 17:20-21 (EASY)**

*"Some of the Pharisees asked Jesus, 'When will the kingdom of God come?' Jesus answered, 'God's kingdom is coming, but not in a way that you will be able to see with your eyes. People will not say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' because God's kingdom is within you.'"*

**Luke 17:20-21 (NCV)**

*"Great blessings belong to those who know they are spiritually in need. God's kingdom belongs to them. Great blessings belong to those who are sad now. God will comfort them. Great blessings belong to those who are humble. They will be given the land God promised. Great blessings belong to those who want to do right more than anything else. God will fully satisfy them. Great blessings belong to those who show mercy to others. Mercy will be given to them. Great blessings belong to those whose thoughts are pure. They will be with God. Great blessings belong to those who work to bring peace.*

*God will call them his sons and daughters. Great blessings belong to those who suffer persecution for doing what is right. God's kingdom belongs to them.*"

**Matthew 5:3-10** (ERV)

### 3. ...I'VE QUIT MEASURING MY \_\_\_\_\_ WITH \_\_\_\_\_ SCALES.

*"About that time the followers came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in God's kingdom?' Jesus called a little child to come to him. He stood the child in front of the followers. Then he said, 'The truth is, you must change your thinking and become like little children. If you don't do this, you will never enter God's kingdom. The greatest person in God's kingdom is the one who makes himself humble like this child.'"*

**Matthew 18:1-4** (ERV)

*"In God's kingdom, what we eat and drink is not important. Here is what is important: a right way of life, peace, and joy—all from the Holy Spirit. Whoever serves Christ by living this way is pleasing God, and they will be accepted by others."*

**Romans 14:17-18** (ERV)

*"But the fruit that the Spirit produces in a person's life is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these kinds of things. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their sinful self. They have given up their old selfish feelings and the evil things they wanted to do."*

**Galatians 5:22-24** (ERV)