

ESTABLISHING KINGDOM CULTURE pt1

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Roman 12:1-2; Judges 6:25-30



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What is Culture?

- The word ***culture*** is Middle French and comes from the Latin *cultura*, which is borrowed from the Latin word *colere* meaning **to till, tend or cultivate**

Sociological Perspective:

- Culture is the customary beliefs, social forms and material traits of a of a particular period, class, community, or population

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What is Culture?

Scientific Perspective:

- **Culture** means to grow or **DEVELOP** in a **prepared medium**.
- Each of us arrived here on earth in a prepared **environment**, the country and **culture** of our birth. **EVERYTHING in that medium shaped our LIFE**

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Social Norms:

- A pattern of behavior in a particular group, community, or culture, accepted as normal to which an individual is expected to conform.

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Interesting points about Culture

1. Man creates culture. Gives it permission to influence his civilization
2. Culture shapes a person's Worldview
3. Culture Influences the way people think & behave
4. The greater the Civilization the more persuasive its Culture

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Major Areas Culture Influences

1. Family/Social Structure
2. Customs/Traditions
3. Language
4. Arts & Literature
5. Government & Laws
6. Economics
7. Religion

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- **We are Born Again Into a New Culture – Kingdom Culture**
- **Kingdom Culture** is all about **TRANSFORMATION**
- *³ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are **born again (transform nature)**, * you cannot see the Kingdom of God.” Jn 3:3(NLT)*

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Kingdom Culture requires a transformation in behavior
(1Pet 1:6b -2:1-3)

- *Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.*
- *Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ² as **newborn babes**, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.*
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Kingdom Culture requires a transformation in thinking

- *Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a **new person** by changing the way you think. (Rom 12:1-2a)NLT*

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- **Kingdom Culture in reality is Counterculture**
- **Counterculture:** a way of life and set of attitudes opposed to or at variance with the prevailing **social norm**.

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3 Points to Implementing Kingdom Culture

Must be Missional – Mark 6:7&12 GW

- He called the twelve apostles, **sent** them out two by two, and gave them authority over evil spirits....¹² *So the apostles went and told people that they should turn to God and change the way they think and act.*

Must come In Power – Mk 6:12-13 GW

- ¹² *So the apostles went and told people that they should turn to God and change the way they think and act.* ¹³ *They also forced many demons out of people and poured oil on many who were sick to cure them.*

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3 Points to Implementing Kingdom Culture

Must be Transforming – Eph 4:22-24 GW

- *²² You were taught to change the way you were living. The person you used to be will ruin you through desires that deceive you. ²³ However, you were taught to have a new attitude. ²⁴ You were also taught to become a **new person** created to be like God, truly righteous and holy.*

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