



BIB 310 - 3 credits

# Principles of the Kingdom

## Description:

This course will help define what the Gospel of the Kingdom is, and how we can live in the principles and attitudes of the Kingdom more fully. We will be examining the Sermon on the Mount, which has been called the Manifesto of the King. We will take a verse-by-verse examination of this to see how we should be developing in character as its citizens, and what the relationship of the Kingdom of Heaven is to the world.

## Texts:

*Principles of the Kingdom* by Mark Freer

*The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*Sermon on the Mount* by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

*The Be-Happy Attitudes* by Robert H. Schuller

## Objectives:

- You will be able to quote Matthew chapters 5-7, the Sermon on the Mount, from memory.
- You will know the principles of living in the Kingdom of God as presented in the Sermon on the Mount.
- You will allow the Holy Spirit within you to mold your attitudes in accordance with the Father's will, as portrayed in the Sermon on the Mount.
- You will begin to live by the principles of the Kingdom to such an extent that they become a natural way of life to you. You will become supernaturally natural, and naturally supernatural. You will live the Christian life as a lifestyle born within, rather than a religion imposed from without.

## Course Requirements:

1. Carefully study the *Principles of the Kingdom* text, filling in all blanks, answering all questions, and completing all exercises and applications. This text directs your personal study of the Scripture and, therefore, it is to be the first text you turn to after reading the assigned Scripture passage. Here you will examine the precise meaning of original words and trace themes throughout the rest of the Bible. Here also you will find directions for quieting yourself in the Lord's presence to hear directly from Him how He wants you to apply what you are studying. The importance of these exercises cannot be overstated.
2. Carefully read the other texts as assigned.  
*The Cost of Discipleship* is a classic study on discipleship in the New Testament, including a section on the Sermon on the Mount. This author speaks with authority because his life and death demonstrated his intimate knowledge and practice of the subject, and the text resonates within the believer's heart as a result.  
*Sermon on the Mount* is classic commentary on the Sermon on the Mount which will give the believer a wealth of knowledge and truth about this foundational teaching of Jesus.  
*The Be-Happy Attitudes* is a more contemporary text, applying the teaching of the beatitudes to today's life.
3. Memorize the entire Sermon on the Mount, Matthew chapters five through seven. You may use any translation you prefer. This will be the only memory work for this course. Make sure you stay on top of this, learning the passages as they are assigned in each lesson. Don't leave it all until the end of the course! You will be required to quote Matthew 5-7 from memory as your final exam. You may do this by writing it all out or speaking it onto cassette or video, whichever is easier for you.

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## Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, “C” or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least “B” (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a “B”.

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, CLU is training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- “D”
  - Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
  - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- “C”
  - Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
  - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- “B”
  - Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
  - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- “A”
  - Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
  - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.



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## BIB 310 Principles of the Kingdom Course Schedule

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### Lesson One

Read Matthew 5-7.

Read the Foreword, Memoir, Introduction, and Part I (Chapters 1-5) of *The Cost of Discipleship* by D. Bonhoeffer.

Memorize Matthew 5:1-8.

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### Lesson Two

Read Matthew 5-7 in a different translation than you used in the last lesson.

Read page iv and complete page 2 and 3 (The Beatitudes) of *Principles of the Kingdom*.

Read Chapters I-III (pages 9-41) of *The Sermon on the Mount* Volume One by Lloyd-Jones.

Memorize Matthew 5:1-16.

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### Lesson Three

Read Matthew 5:1-6.

Complete pages 3-13 of *Principles of the Kingdom*.

Read Chapter 6 of *The Cost of Discipleship*.

Read the Introduction and Chapters 1-4 of *The Be-Happy Attitudes*.

Read Chapters IV-VIII (pages 42-94) of *The Sermon on the Mount* Volume One.

Memorize Matthew 5:1-24.

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### Lesson Four

Read Matthew 5:1-12.

Complete pages 14-31 of *Principles of the Kingdom*.

Read Chapters 5-8 of *The Be-Happy Attitudes*.

Read Chapters IX-XIII (pages 95-148) of *The Sermon on the Mount* Volume One.

Memorize Matthew 5:1-37.

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### Lesson Five

Read Matthew 5:13-20.

Complete pages 32-43 of *Principles of the Kingdom*.

Read Chapters 7, 8 of *The Cost of Discipleship*.

Read Chapters XIV-XIX (pages 149-209) of *The Sermon on the Mount* Volume One.

Memorize Matthew 5:1-48. You will be tested on this chapter in the next lesson.

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### Lesson Six

Read Matthew 5:21-42.

Complete pages 44-65 of *Principles of the Kingdom*.

Read Chapters 9-11 of *The Cost of Discipleship*.

Read Chapters XX-XXVI (pages 210-279) of *The Sermon on the Mount* Volume One.

Memorize Matthew 6:1-15.

Complete Test One and submit it to your instructor.