

#4 Gain By Losing!

KINGDOM LAW #4: GAINING BY LOSING

Mark 8:34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Philippians 3:7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ...

Two Keys to Understanding this Principle:

- The Long View: Lose the temporary in order to Gain the eternal
- The Spiritual View: Lose the material in order to Gain the spiritual

Losing to Gain!

1. Lose your **RIGHTS** and Gain Greater Likeness to Jesus (*and freedom from anger*)

Philippians 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

- the right to have an easy, pain-free life
- the right to have the picture-perfect FB life that others seem to have
- the right to live The American Dream
- the right to have my way, my agenda
- the right to be free from anyone telling me how to live
- the right to be respected, to always be right
- the right to have a perfect spouse, perfect kids, be in a perfect church
- the right to have lots of loyal friends who never disappoint me
- the right to control my environment and what others think
- the right to determine my own future

*Anger is usually the result of Claiming Rights that you perceive have been violated... THE SCARY PRAYER OF SURRENDER!

2. Lose your **REPUTATION** and Gain Freedom to Gladly Glorify God (*and sweet release from exhausting image-management*)
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3. Lose your **RESOURCES** and Gain a Greater Harvest

2 Corinthians 9:6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

4. Lose your **RELIGIOUS RIGHTEOUSNESS** and Gain a Real Relationship with God!

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What is Jesus calling YOU to let go of in order to obtain what He really wants you to have?

