

Evict and Invade **The Kingdom Series (4)**

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He told them still another parable: “**The kingdom of heaven is like yeast** that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

MATTHEW 13:33

**Evict worldliness
Invade the world**

¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.
¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.
¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

JOHN 17:15-18

¹ Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people **who live by the Spirit** but as people who are still **worldly**—mere infants in Christ. ² I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³ You are **still worldly**. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you,

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-4

are you not **worldly**? Are you not acting **like mere humans**? ⁴ For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not **mere human beings**?

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-4

**Worldliness is the primary source
of powerlessness**

¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:17

We wage war differently

¹ By the humility and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you—I, Paul, who am “timid” when face to face with you, but “bold” toward you when away! ² I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward **some people who think that we live by the standards of this world.**

2 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6

³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we

2 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6

take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. ⁶ And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:1-6

**1. Understand
you have power with God**

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have **divine power** (power in the sight of God, power before God) to demolish strongholds.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:4

⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his **chosen ones**, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, **he will see** that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

LUKE 18:6-8

**2. Listen
to our commander**

**3. Remember
this is a war not a fight**

For though we live in the world, we do not **wage war**
as the world does.

(strateuometha - to lead an army)

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3

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