

In Training To be a King

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Everyone!
Quickly!
Come!

Come close to me and listen well. I have news to tell from the greatest and most powerful king of all. He is the king of all the heavens. He is the King who has created you and me.¹

What I have to tell you is true. This is not a story like Jack and the Beanstalk. What I have to say is for all of you—young and old—who are listening to me right now. I have been sent by the Great King to tell you wonderful things.² He wants you to know that He wants you to be a king in His kingdom.³ He wants you to rule with Him for ever and ever.

THE GREAT KING

Maybe you don't know this king. I will tell you who He is. He is the God who created all things that we can see and everything that we cannot see.⁴ The Great King, our God, came to the earth and His name on earth was Jesus.⁵ Jesus told us about a wonderful plan that God wants you to be part of. He told us that this world is going to end very soon and God's kingdom is going to take its place. He told us that we can enter this kingdom by changing the way we live and living according to His instructions.⁶ God wants you to be a king in His kingdom to rule over everything with Him and He wants you to start training to be a king in heaven right now. Would you like to be a king and to rule with the Greatest King there is?

YOU CAN BE A KING

I know this sounds incredible...but it is true. God wants you—yes, you—to be a king. You can be a real king...would you like to know how? Let me tell you what the Great King tells us in His book, called the Bible.⁷ Come near to my voice and listen closely as I tell you things that will help you to become a king. Are you ready? Listen to what I have to tell you now.

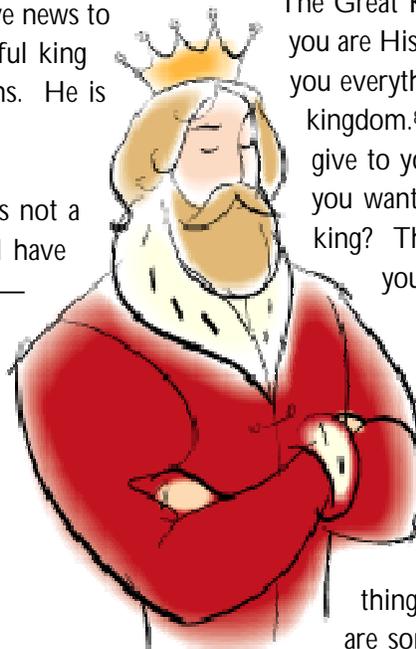
CHILD OF THE KING

The Great King wants you to be His children. When you are His children, then He will teach you and show you everything you need to know to be a king in His kingdom.⁸ This is a great privilege that God will give to you if you want to be trained by Him. Do you want to be trained by the Great King to be a king? Then listen closely to what I have to say to you next.

OBEYING THE GREAT KING

To be trained by the Great king, you need to first become His child. To be His child you need to stop doing those things that a king's child should not do. Here are some of the important things He wants you to do.⁹

1. Only be trained by the Great King and no one or anything else.
2. Don't let anything get in the way of you being trained by the Great King, even if it seems good and beneficial to you.¹⁰
3. Don't talk bad about the Great King. Always talk with respect and honor about Him.
4. Set aside one day a week so you can learn about the Great King and talk with Him.
5. Never talk bad about or do anything that is not right to those who are your parents or who



have taken care of you. Always talk and act with respect and honor toward them.

6. Learn to be patient, gentle, and kind when bad things happen to you. Don't be angry, or hateful, or hurt other people.
7. Kings in training have only one wife and do not have many girl or boy friends. Treat your wife as if she is married to a king...because she is.
8. Never take anything that doesn't belong to you. Never encroach upon others or their property.
9. Always be a man or woman of your word. Don't say something you don't mean or something that is not true.
10. The Great King wants you to be great givers to other people, not takers from others. Just because you want it or can get it doesn't mean you should have it.

When you obey the Great King in these instructions, you will now be ready to learn greater things about the Great King and His kingdom.

FRIENDSHIP WITH THE KING

There are two ways you can get to know the Great King better. You can read the book that He has written for you, then obey what you read.¹¹ This book is called the Bible. The second way you can get to know God more is by talking with Him. This is called prayer.¹²

When you get to know the Great King, He becomes the most wonderful friend and Father that anyone could have and will not let anything happen to you that is not the best for you. Everything good and everything bad is always for your benefit when you are

in training to be a king. God wants you to be a great king. .¹³

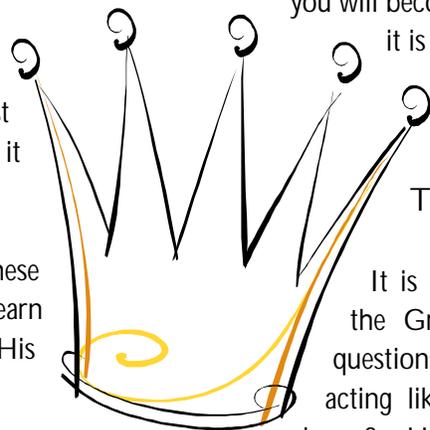
HANG OUT WITH KINGS IN TRAINING

While you are in training to be a king, it is also important to hang out with other people who are also training to be kings.¹⁴ Here's a question for you to answer. What will happen if you go swimming in a mud puddle? That's right, you will get muddy, real muddy; head to foot covered muddy. Here's a second question for you: What will happen if you go swimming in red paint? You are correct again...you will have red paint all over you. When you hang out with other people who are trying to be kings, you will become like they are—kings in training, learning to act like the Great King. But if you hang out with people who are not doing what the Great King teaches, then you will become like them. Do you understand why it is important to hang out with people who are also training to be a king in God's kingdom?

THE KING'S SPIRIT

It is also important to receive the Spirit of the Great King in you. Here are a few questions for you to answer. Can a dog stop acting like a dog? Can a bird behave like a horse? Have you ever seen deer acting like a monkey swinging from tree to tree?¹⁵ You are 100% correct when you answer no to each of these questions. A dog behaves like a dog. A bird behaves like a bird. And a deer behaves like a deer.

Now I have a really tough question for you to answer. Do you have your brain cells charged and your imagination sharpened? Good. Here's the question: Can a person quit acting like a person? I told you this would be tough. Set aside this paper for a moment and think about our question. Can a person quit acting like a person? Can a person quit acting like a person? Can a person quit acting like a person? HMMMMMMMMMMMM?



O.k. You're back. What is your answer? Did you say no? If you did, you are not correct. The right answer is...yes, a person can quit behaving like a person.¹⁶

I know. You're thinking that I fell off the roof, hit my head, cracked it open, and let a few brain cells leak out...but I am serious. As a child of the Great King, learning to be a king, we are able to quit acting like people and act like the Great King who is not a person, but is God. We are able to behave like God instead of a person.¹⁷ If you want to know how people behave, read the following verses in the Great King's book: Romans 1:21-32 and Galatians 5:19-21.

When we become God's children, He gives to us a new spirit to live inside our bodies. A dog acts like a dog because of the spirit that is in it. A person acts like a person because of the spirit that is inside him or her. If you were able to put the spirit of a dog inside your own body, then you would act like a dog and not a person.¹⁸ When God puts His Spirit inside of people, they are then able to act like God. God's Spirit is different from a person's spirit. God's Spirit allows you to behave with love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control. The Great King teaches us to behave like Him.¹⁹

BEHAVING LIKE A KING

The Great King teaches us to behave like a king. He does this by allowing situations, circumstances, people, thoughts, and feelings to come to us that make us want to not behave like God, but like a person. This is called temptation.²⁰ When we don't become angry, impatient, or irritated especially when we want to, then we are becoming more and more like the Great King and are learning to be a king in His kingdom. It is important to understand that the Great King is not just training you to change the behavior that everybody can see, but also your thoughts, attitudes, and motivations are being trained.²¹ You may think what I am going to say is incredible, but you never do or say anything unless you first had a thought or feeling about it. Who you are on the inside can be known by who you are on the outside. When your thoughts, attitudes, and

emotions are behaving like the Great King, then your words and actions will behave like the Great King.

OUR ETERNAL INHERITANCE

Once we go through our training here on earth, the Great King will then bring us into His kingdom. When we are there, He will give to us a crown,²² a mansion,²³ cities to rule over,²⁴ and many more wonderful things that a king will need in order to rule with God for ever and ever in heaven. Imagine how long that will be...one million years from now you will still be alive and ruling as a king in heaven—incredible!

That is all I have to say about how to be a king in the Great King's kingdom. There is much more to be said, but I would like for you to find out about those things for yourself. You can do this by reading the Great King's book, talking to Him, and maybe even writing about what you have learned like I have done here.²⁵

Wow! Imagine. I am in training to be a king in the kingdom of the Greatest King ever. Incredible...but absolutely true—100% guaranteed. Wow!

How about you? Have you started your training to be a king in God's kingdom? Why don't you start today?

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End Notes

¹ Genesis 1:26,27: And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

² Matthew 28:18-20: And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

³ Revelation 1:6: And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. See also Revelation 5:10; 20:6.

⁴ John 1:1-3: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² The same was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

⁵ Luke 1:31: And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

⁶ Mark 1:14,15: Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵ And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

⁷ Hebrews 4:12: For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

⁸ John 1:12,13: But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: ¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. See also Romans 8:12-17; Galatians 3:26; 1 John 3:1.

⁹ Exodus 20:1-17: The Ten Commandments.

¹⁰ Genesis 3:6: And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

¹¹ 2 Timothy 3:16: All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.... See also James 1:22; Luke 8:15. 11:28; 1 John 3:24.

¹² 1 Thessalonians 5:17: Pray without ceasing. See also Luke 21:36.

¹³ Romans 8:28: And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. See also 1 Corinthians 10:13.

¹⁴ Hebrews 10:25: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

¹⁵ Jeremiah 13:23: Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

¹⁶ 1 Corinthians 16:13: Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

¹⁷ Galatians 5:16: This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. See also Galatians 5:25.

¹⁸ Nebuchadnezzar was a king who God gave the spirit of a beast and he certainly acted like a beast and not a man. Read what happened for yourself in Daniel 4:31-33; 5:21

¹⁹ Galatians 5:22-23: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, ²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

²⁰ James 1:2-3: My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; ³ Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. ⁴ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

²¹ Romans 12:2: And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. See also 2 Corinthians 10:5 and Matthew 5, 6, 7.

²² 1 Peter 5:4: And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. See also 1 Corinthians 9:25; James 1:12; 2 Timothy 4:8; Revelation 2:10, 3:11.

²³ John 14:2-3: In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

²⁴ Luke 19:17,19: And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. ¹⁹ And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.

²⁵ Proverbs 25:2: It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.