Are You Fit for the Kingdom?

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INTRODUCTION

- My question to you this morning is, are you fit for the kingdom of God?
- The word fit suggests meet for, suited to, capable of and prepared for the duties that accrue to and that belong to citizenship in the kingdom.

1 Three Would-Be Disciples

Matthew 6:33

- I believe we have here in this context three would be disciples they were more would be than they were fit.
- He did not come to build houses and to establish earthly kingdoms. He came to seek and to save that which is lost.
- Do not be a wavering disciple, always finding excuses or reasons for not doing what the Lord would have us to do.
- He doesn't promise it to the quitter. He doesn't promise it to the half-converted.
- The idea that I'm trying to get over is if you are to stay fit, you must work at it.

2 Divided Affections

Matthew 6:24; 2 Timothy 4:9–10

- A plowman looking backward suggests to me divided affections.
- No man can serve two masters. For he will either hate the one and cleave unto the other, or he will love the one and despise the other.
- And mammon is anything that is of a physical and earthly and temporal nature.
- Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world.
- Whatever I have and whatever I own belongs to the Lord.

3 Double-Mindedness or Instability

James 4:1–8; 1 Corinthians 15:58

- If a man puts his hand to the plough and looks back, indicates sort of instability.
- Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God.
- Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double-minded.
- Be ye therefore steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as you know that your labor is not vain in the Lord.

4 A Lack of Confidence or Trust

Matthew 25:24–30; Matthew 6:33

- A third thing is a lack of confidence or a lack of trust.
- Fitness requires discipline. Fitness requires thought. And fitness in our Lord's service requires prayer.
- Our dependence is not to be in man, our dependence is to be in God and in God's word.
- You can trust in God and in Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit implicitly.

5 No Place for Slothfulness or Lack of Objective

- So there is no place for slothfulness, and we illustrate that many times in the Bible.
- There's no place for the lack of an objective.
- This one thing I do, forgetting those things that are behind and stretching forward to those things that are before.

6 No Fear of the Future

Hebrews 13:5–6

- Be free, brethren, from the love of money, content with such things as you have.
- For himself has said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee.
- The Lord is my helper. I will not fear. What shall man do unto me?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you calling upon the name of the Lord so as to be fit for his kingdom?**

MY NOTES