

The Path of God's Kingdom - Where Do You Want To Go?

Open with prayer and ask for the Lord's wisdom.

Driving on the tollway is often a faster, more safe path to travel in order to reach our destination. However, to do so, we must pay tolls; it's a trade, and the tolls are a loss. Jesus' kingdom is also the best, most direct, and most safe way to get to our destination, eternal life with Him. However, here is a major difference - in traveling with Him, what we give Jesus returns to us perfected. This is no trade. Because Jesus loves us and directs us, we are better for what we sacrifice, not worse off. For this blessed reason and much more, we sacrifice our all because we love Jesus, and our love for the Father is our motivation to give. You can see how Jesus' kingdom is a new order altogether. All are welcome in His kingdom, but we need to understand that the nature of the kingdom is service under Jesus' leadership. Giving allegiance to other things, or others, in place of Jesus is not acceptable.

Read Luke 9:23-27.

Consider with prayer these questions on you own or discuss them with your family: Where is your allegiance - honestly? Is there something or someone in your life who means more to you than your Lord and Savior? How rare is it that only by losing your life will your life be saved?

Close in prayer with thanksgiving to God the Father.