

WHO WILL & WILL NOT ENTER Scripture List & Worksheet

Matthew 5:3, 10, 18-20: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for **theirs is the kingdom of heaven**. ... Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for **theirs is the kingdom of heaven**. ... For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called **least in the kingdom of heaven**, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called **great in the kingdom of heaven**. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly **not enter the kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 7:21-23: "**Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven**, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

John 3:3-8: Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, **no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again**." "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, **no one can enter the kingdom of God** unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

Acts 14:22b: "We must go through **many hardships to enter the kingdom of God**," they said.

Mark 12:33-34a: To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "**You are not far from the kingdom of God**."

Matthew 18:1-4: At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the **greatest in the kingdom of heaven**?" He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, **unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven**. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the **greatest in the kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 19:23-24: Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich **to enter the kingdom of heaven**. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich **to enter the kingdom of God**."

Matthew 23:13: "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! **You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven** in people's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.

Mark 9:43-48: If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. **It is better for you to enter life [in the Kingdom]** maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. **It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God** with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where " 'the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.'

Luke 9:57-62: As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but **you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.**" Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is **fit for service in the kingdom of God.**"

1 Corinthians 6:9-11: Or do you not know that wrongdoers **will not inherit the kingdom of God**? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers **will inherit the kingdom of God.** And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 15:48-50: As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man. I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Galatians 5:19-21: The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this **will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

Ephesians 5:5-6: For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a person is an idolater--**has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.** Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.

Colossians 1:12-14: and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us **into the kingdom of the Son he loves**, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

2 Thessalonians 1:4-5: Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring. All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be **counted worthy of the kingdom of God**, for which you are suffering.

James 2:5: Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and **to inherit the kingdom** he promised those who love him?

2 Peter 1:10-11: Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and you will **receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

Revelation 21:7-8: Those who are **victorious will inherit all this [the Kingdom]**, and I will be their God and they will be my children. But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars--they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

Galatians 6:7-8: Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life [in the Kingdom.]

Practical Application:

What do these Scriptures reveal to you about the Kingdom of God?

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List three types of people or behaviors that qualify us for the Kingdom of God.

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List three types of people or behaviors that disqualify us for the Kingdom of God.

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In what ways does this challenge your concepts about the heart of God and His Kingdom?

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How is God asking you to personally respond to these Scriptures in your own life?

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