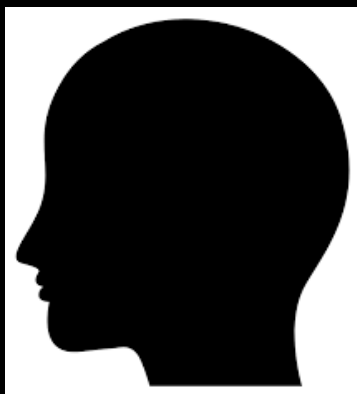


Profile of a Christ Follower



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Matthew 7:1-23

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Our aim to answer the question:

**What is the profile of a
Christ follower engaged in
successful kingdom living?
What does she or he look
like, characteristically?**

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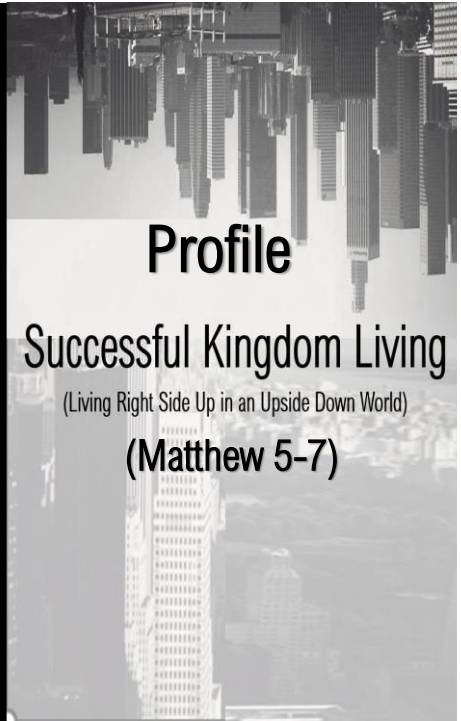
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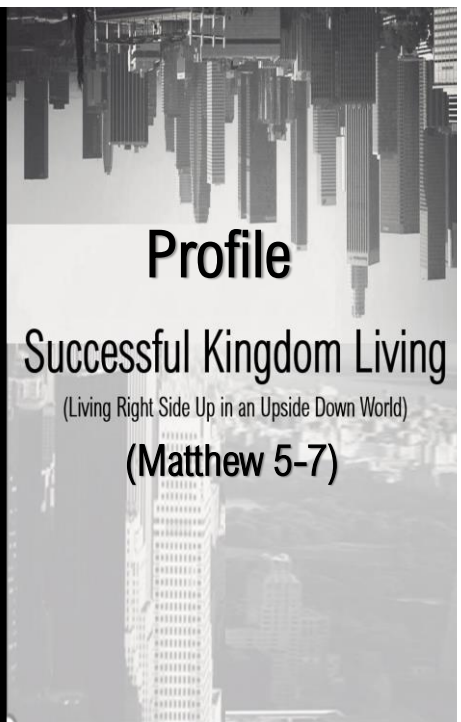


IV. Humble.



IV. Humble rather than Hypocritical

"Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. ³ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"



IV. Humble rather than Hypocritical

⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵ **You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.**

(Matthew 7:1-5).



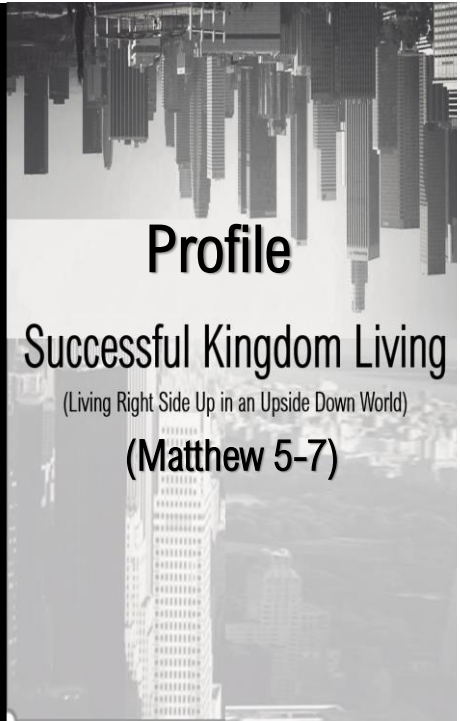
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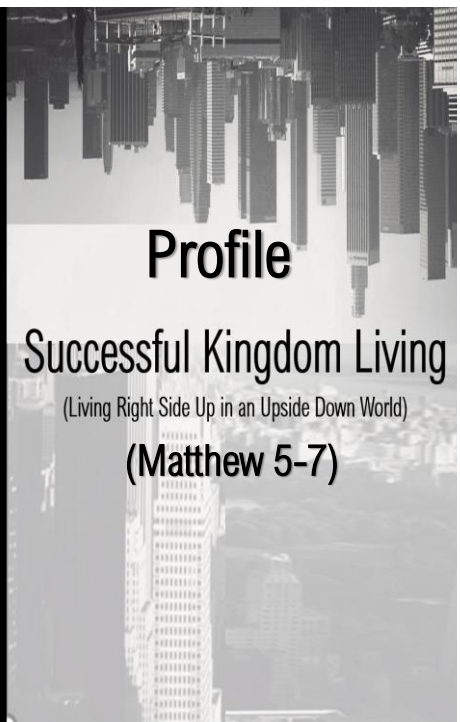
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**...judge with right judgment."
(John 7:24)**



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³⁷ "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:37-38)



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Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. (Galatians 6:1-3)



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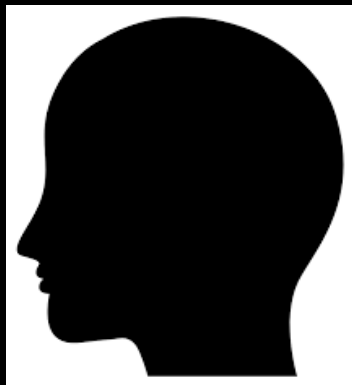
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V. Reverent.

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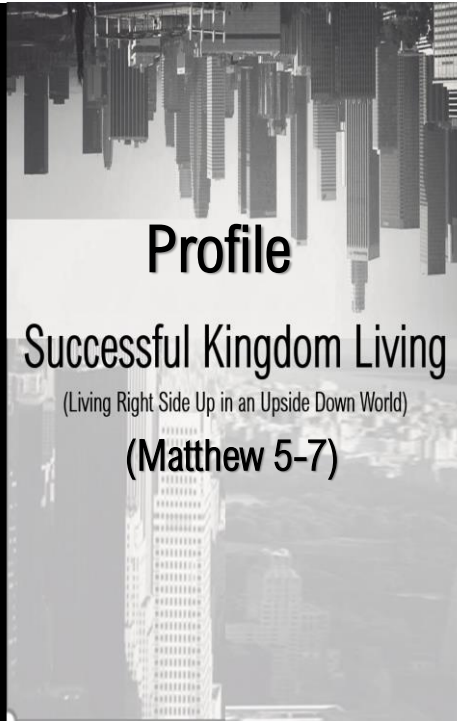
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V. Reverent not Wasteful.

**Do not give dogs what is holy, and
do not throw your pearls before
pigs, lest they trample them
underfoot and turn to attack you.
(Matthew 7:6)**



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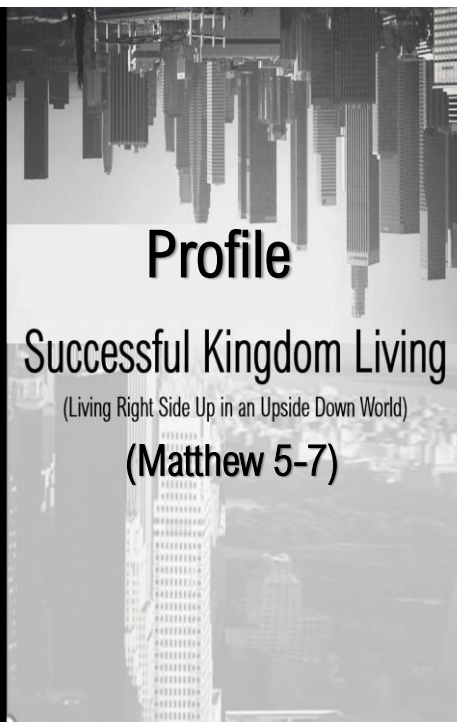
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**"You shall not take the name of
the LORD your God in vain, for the
LORD will not hold him guiltless
who takes his name in vain.
(Exodus 20:7)**



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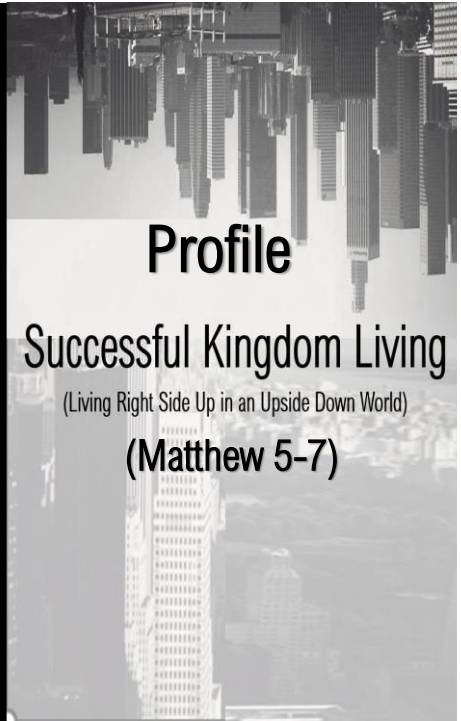
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Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

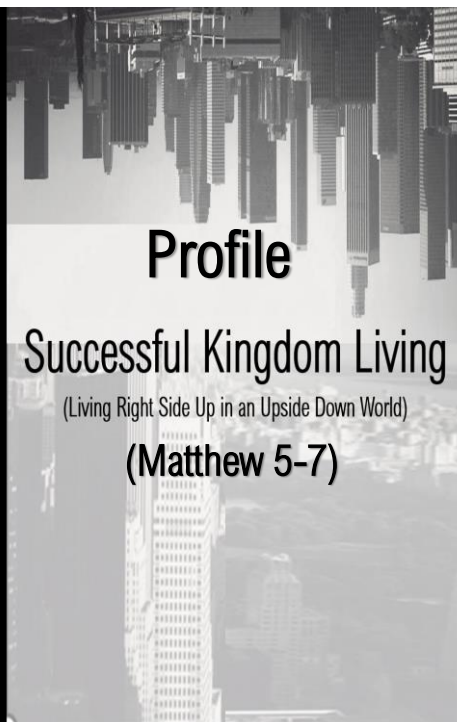
(Philippians 2:12-13)



V. Reverent not Wasteful.

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

(1 Peter 1:17-19)



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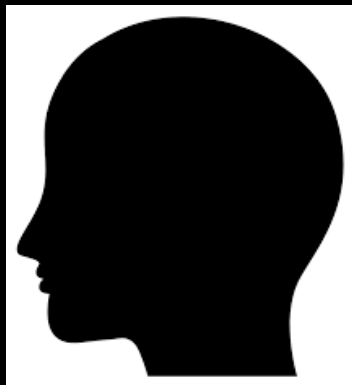
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VI. Obedient.

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VI. Obedient not Complacent.

¹³ "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

(Matthew 7:13-14)

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VI. Obedient not Complacent.

⁴⁶ "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷

Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like:

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⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.

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⁴⁹ **But the one who hears and does not do them** is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and **the ruin of that house was great.**"

(Luke 6:46-49)

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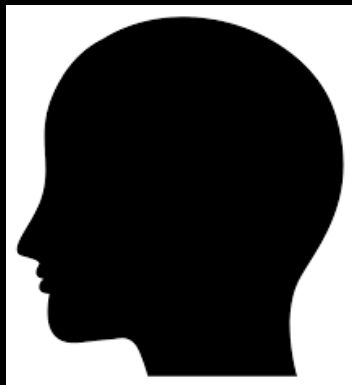
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VII. Discerning.

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VII. Discerning rather than Naïve.

¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ **You will recognize them by their fruits.** Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit.

(Matthew 7:15-18)



VII. Discerning rather than Naïve.

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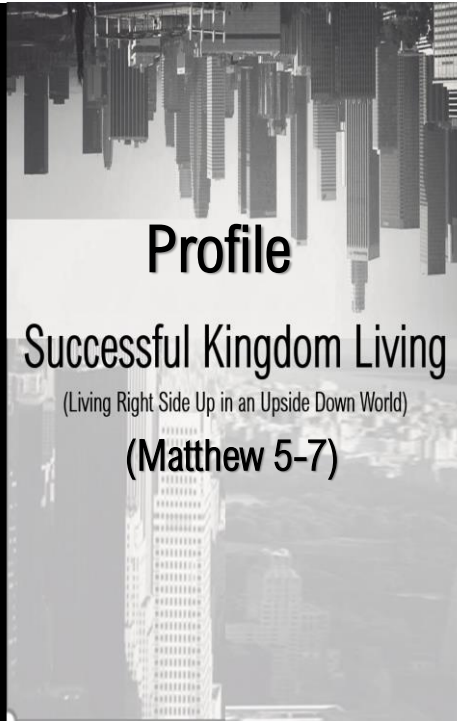
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⁴ For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. (Jude 4)



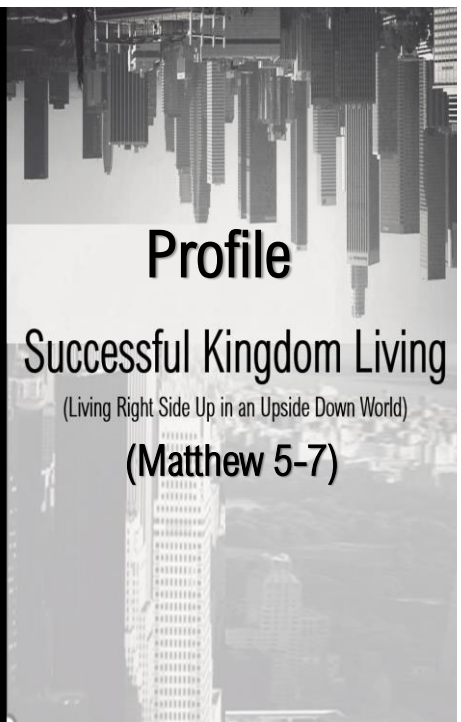
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²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, **if possible**, even the elect. ²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand. (Matthew 24:24-25)



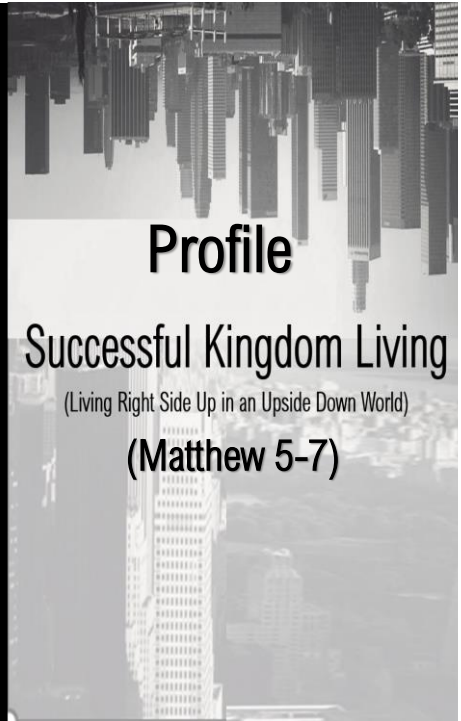
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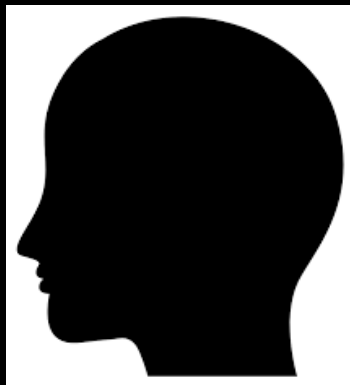


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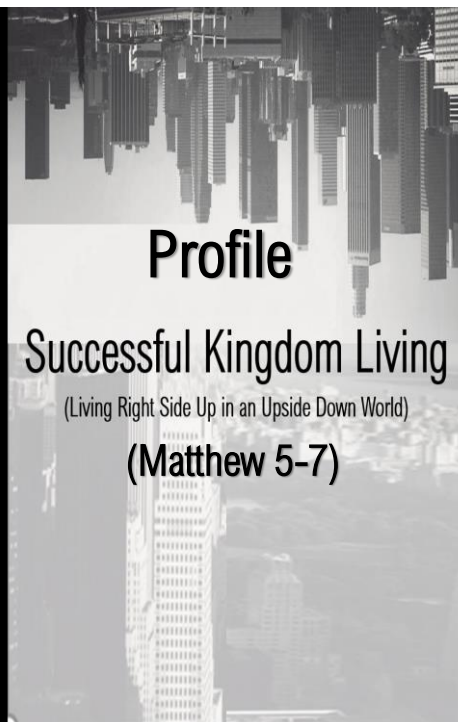
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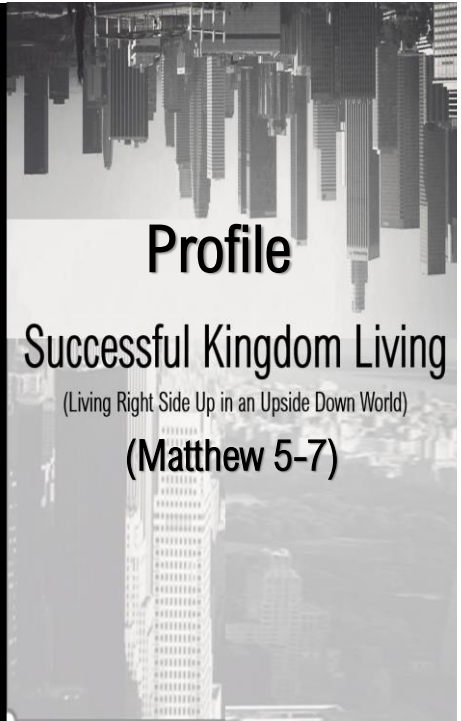
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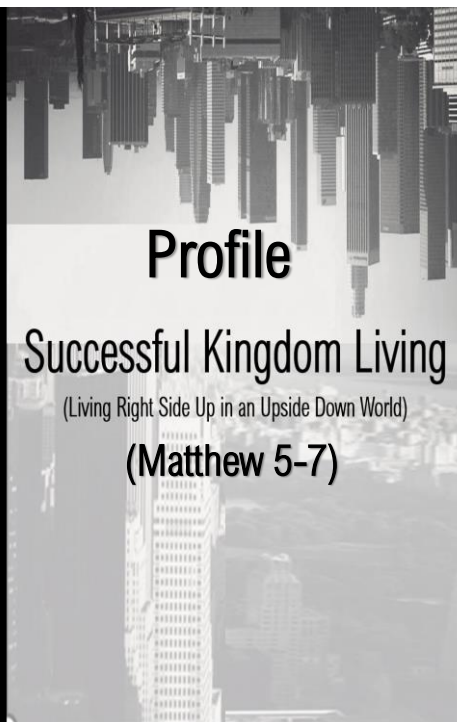


VIII. Authentic.



VIII. Authentic not Casual.

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and



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and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' (Matthew 7:21-23)

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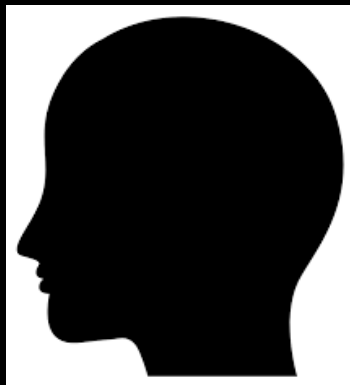
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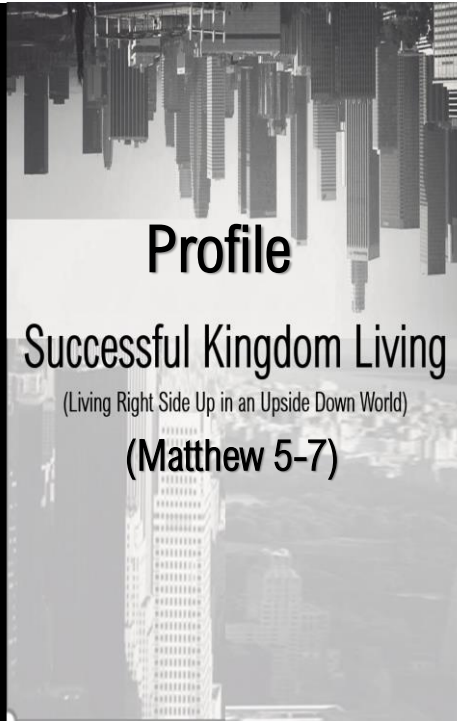
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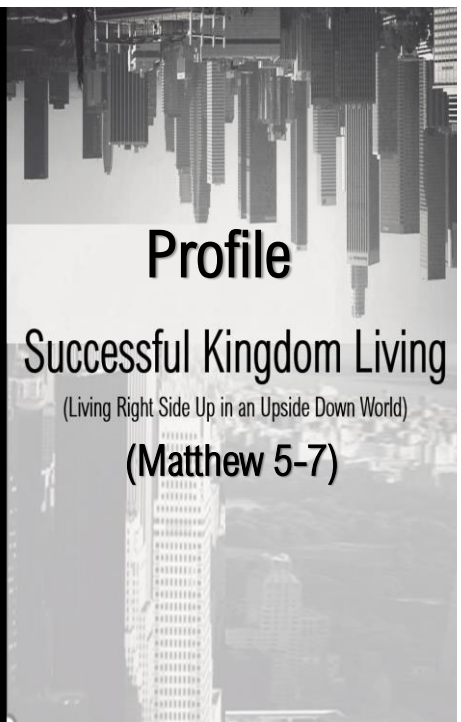
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- 2. Fear-less.**
- 3. Focused.**
- 4. Humble.**



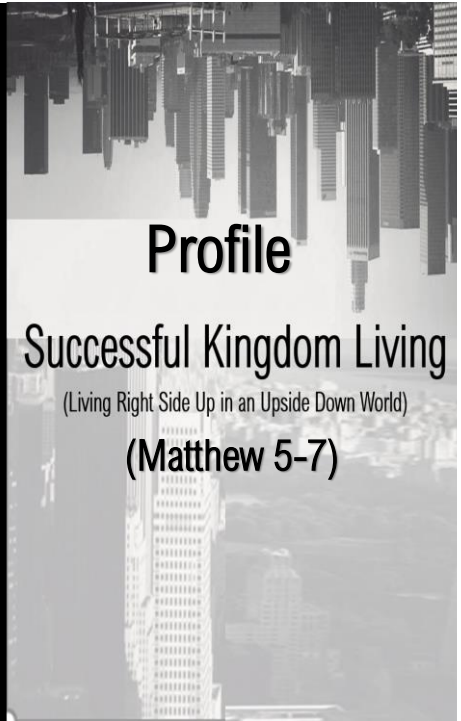
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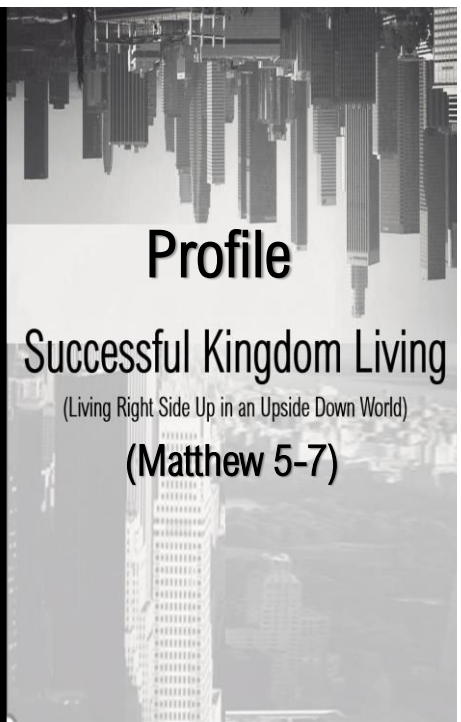
Application:

Use this profile as a mirror for self-evaluation rather than a pair of binoculars for critiquing others.



Application:

What are my next steps?



Resource

There is a tool some might find helpful for self-evaluation on the tables in the lobby.

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