



An In-Depth look at a the KING and those who display king-tendencies in their giftings!

The following information gives you some insight into how each “type” relates to the other.

Introduction:

King's in Scripture, were those who were instituted and called as governing authorities by God (Rm. 13:1). They were called to maintain justice for the people and to make a way for God's people (Ezra 1). They were to hate bribery, dishonest gain, revelry, powerful dominance, false worship of gods, or anything causing harm to people (1 Sam. 8:1-22). Like Nimrod, they invented cities (Gen. 10:8), as well as they arranged people in orders, practices and ordinances (for good or for bad). Many times kings conquered nations (Ezra 6:21-22, 2 Kngs. 17:6), made war (1 Chron. 20:1, Rev. 20:7-9), or claimed territory on behalf of God, or in opposition to God's people. Due to their heavy responsibility, kings were often famed, had great wealth, and were of high esteem. (Eg. Melchizedek, Gen. 14:18). Like King David, some used their influence to defend righteousness, the word of God, and the command of the Lord. Other times, however, like with King Nebuchadnezzar and Xerxes, they used their rule to enforce and encourage false idol worship and oppression upon the poor and those who followed the God of the Bible. They wrapped themselves up in partying, sexual looseness, gluttony and many other things.

We can see that King's were designed by God to rule with integrity, honor, strategy, policy, administration, rule, organization, decree, and with a heart for God. However, Satan loves to rule (Eph. 2:2); he loves to rule in kings (Eph. 6:11-12), and even rules leaders in the end times (Rev. 17:10-12)... Satan attempts to use kings to display his image of pride and oppression and attempts to steal away the king's display of the Triune God. Christ on the other hand, gives us power (1 Ths. 2:18), training (1 Tim. 3:6-7), and a mind conditioned for war (Jms. 4:7). He can guard us against expected attack (1 Pt. 5:8-9), through Christ's name (Rev. 2:13). Amidst the world's constant assault on our minds, our bodies and our souls (2 Cor. 10:4), Christ is ALWAYS the high King (Rev. 17:14), and was given this name by His Father. Though Jesus is called a KING, all His authority on earth was “given” to him by his Father (Mt. 28:18). While on earth Jesus took His orders from, and followed the organization of His Father. He submitted to the will, decree and decisions of His Father in heaven. Christ is King, but in 1 Cor. 15 it tells us that at the end of time he will hand the keys to heaven back to the Father. Therefore, the Father's will, the Father's rule and the Father's reign will dictate the Kingdom of heaven, and we will be HIS sons and daughters.

In this way, the king on earth reflects the role of the Father in heaven. When the people in Samuel's day cried out for a king, God told them He was their King. God's kingdom is a Theocracy not a Democracy. God rules and reigns. Therefore our God plans his families' life (Eph. 1:5), prepares his kingdom life (Jn. 14:3), and in Proverbs 3:19 it says, “the Lord by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew.” As King, the Lord founds and establishes new works, he fills his creation with policy, commands, rules and standards that protect earth, and in his timing he knows when to implement decisions and when to hold back. Even Jesus acknowledged that His work on earth and in death was planned before the foundations of the world were laid (Eph. 1:4); and even Jesus did only the Father's will (Jn. 5:30).

Therefore, the King's role in family, in the workplace and community, and in church and ministry is one of great importance. A King is to protect freedom, protect people, protect God's mission, protect God's commands, protect God's truth, and to protect how people do things through organization. By policies, administration, systems, vision, and good legislation, the King may aid God's people into taking hold of all that God has planned for His kids. In this short document, we detail the CROSS. This is an acronym that briefly describes all the ways in which God and humans act out life. A king relates in C.ommunity, a king R.easons in how he/she does things, a king O.rganizes life, a king learns in S.cripture, and a king leads in S.ignature Mission. All of his dealings SHOULD BE modeled after our Triune God as best displayed in Jesus—for in Jesus was all the fullness of the Father (Col. 1:19). In the GODHEAD we have a KING, and we should best understand how the Godhead works so that we can best love, relate to, protect, provide for and help each other.

In the following we will look at the king as a “Function” and see how “kingly” type people relate to Priestly or Prophet-type people

NOTE: we as humans are fallen and sinful, therefore we do not image the Godhead perfectly. Our sin should not imply that He has sin. Merely, we should know that our lives will help God's family in a kingly way to understand and point to the PERFECTION that is our KING.

DISCLAIMER: It should be stressed before we move any further that the Prophet, Priest, King wording does not give you a “Title,”—like you’re a (P)rophet on par with the OT Prophets. Scripture is very clear that elders, deacons, pastors, saints, and ministers are correct “Titles” for the people of God in the NT. However, the PPK assessment describes your “Tendencies.” Whether you have the title of pastor, teacher, parent, son, daughter, engineer, CEO, accountant, mechanic, manager, employee etc. you have a “Tendency” in how you carry out your “Title”; whether it be in a more priestly, prophetic, or kingly way. Knowing your tendencies can make you more effective in building up the body of Christ.

Secondly, we must remember that in the New Testament, every believer is called a prophet¹, a priest² and a king³. These names are gifted to us in Christ as “identities” that affirm our value, worth, and placement within His kingdom. Therefore, we cannot avoid becoming more priestly, more kingly, or more prophetic simply because we see ourselves as weak in one particular area. God has gifted us with His identity in these areas, and expects us to become rounded in our approach to kingdom life. However, the fact still remains that we may lean toward a specific “tendency” in how we approach our role in His kingdom, and thus we need to combine our gifts with the gifts of others in the body to help us grow in our approach. We are all to become like Jesus—and Jesus displayed the full likeness of the Triune God—we are to bear His image. Though we may play a role individually, we can still learn from and exhibit the other traits of those in God’s community.

¹ All can prophesy (Acts 2:16-21), all can discern truth as led by the Holy Spirit (1 Jhn. 2:20,27), all can admonish and encourage one another (Col. 3:16; Heb. 3:13), all can instruct (Rom. 15:14), and all can live a life that brings others to salvation (1 Cor. 9:19-23; 10:31-11:1)

² All of us are a royal priesthood (1 Pt. 2:9) having access to God through Christ (Heb. 4:14-16). We are daily offerings and sacrifices unto Him (Rom. 12:1-2), worshipping him (1 Cor. 14:26), and doing good as we share with others (Heb. 13:16).

³ All believers rule and reign with Christ (Eph. 2:6) in a kingdom of selected leadership (Acts 6:1-6) which are elected by the people in order to lead the whole unto maturity (Eph. 4:11-13). The kingship of every believer gives them power to fight and defeat the world, the flesh and the devil (Eph. 6:11-18; James 4:7; 1 Jhn. 2:27; 4:4; 5:4), and enables us all to participate in the royalty of Christ (1 Pt. 2:9).

How a King relates? C.ommunity

King

Relating to a Priest: ***(From here on out, every mention of prophet, priest or king, is spoken of in the spirit of tendencies not titles.)***

A Priest most enjoys the process of entering into a person's "story" through prayer, counseling, and enjoying the moments etc. A King enjoys the process of ordering a person's "story" to best glorify God. We encourage the King to learn from the Priest. The Priest will teach the King to chill out and enjoy people, but in the process the King should realize they are not all that different from the Priest. Both love people, just in different ways, so they can help each other. The King will stress out often times at the "laid back" and relational nature of the Priest. However, the King needs to learn to appreciate that "sitting" with people and joining in their lives in mercy and compassion is as important as connecting people to the right resources that will help their lives to reach their goal.

1. In the Community and Workplace

- Pros: A King tends to relate to a Priest in helping them plan for their life and work in a way to make them successful.
- Cons: The Priest may feel the King is too concerned with solutions and not simply enjoying relationship.

2. In the Family and in the Home

- Pros: King's tend to relate in the home in ways that make a Priestly spouse, children, or parent feel secure.
- Cons: A Priest may not respond to every Kingly idea and may require slow convincing through dialogue, connection and relationship.

3. In the Church and in Ministry

- Pros: A King tends to gravitate toward helping people and ministries to come up with written documents, policies and procedures that will help the church protect, provide, and present themselves well to the community and members.
- Cons: A King can overlook the real needs of the church because they are so focused on the tasks to be done.

Relating to a Prophet:

A Prophet in Scripture did two things: they called out sin and they called to righteousness. In this manner, the King will enjoy working with the Prophet, for the King can help people in how to process out of their sin into living righteously. In other words, a Prophet is good at identifying the problem and the King is great at coming up with a solution. However, the Prophet is more concerned with the content and beliefs of a person or church, and a King is more concerned with how those beliefs are carried out. This can provide tension as the Prophet and King work together if they have different Theological ideas, but it can be a source of great teamwork and friendship as well. The Prophet will teach the King theology, and the King will teach the Prophet how to apply it.

1. In the Community and Workplace

- Pros: A King works well with a Prophet for they can take the Prophets ideas and form them into an actual workable and measurable plan.
- Cons: King's are highly motivated, and can sometimes confuse their plans with the actual plan of the Prophet and leader.

2. In the Family and in the Home

- Pros: Kings and Prophets make great teachers in the home for they structure everything very well to include

content that really impacts and teaches everyone who enters.

- Cons: They can become so focused on educating themselves “side by side” that they forget to be friends and meet “face to face.”

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How a King does things? Reasoning

King

Getting things done with a Priest:

King's tend to be visionary thinkers and intensely detailed about how things are to progress. Kings tend to get work done through policy and "top down" initiative. Priests tend to more fluid, laid back, and less solidified in their thinking. They also are more prone to be in amongst the people and tend to carry their decisions from the "bottom up." A King in approaching a Priest will tend to use logic, presentation and diagrams to persuade and initiate a course of direction or decision. The King needs to be who they are but realize that a Priest processes information more emotionally and relationally then that of system thinking. Therefore, the use of a person's and church's time, talent and treasure is going to be seen through "governing" eyes by a King, as through a Priests eyes, they will view decisions through the lenses of the people they're working with. A strategic King will enlist the help of a Priest before making policy. People don't care how much you know unless they know how much you care. In a sense, the Priest will help the King to walk the "floor" so to speak, before they try and take the "stage."

1. In the Community and Workplace

- Pros: They are highly effective, task driven, and motivated toward an end goal. They tend to make great executives, managers, President's, CEO's, and take jobs that are highly challenging, highly stimulating and require a great deal of creativity.
- Cons: The King can easily overextend themselves and forget about the important people and moments in their life.

2. In the Family and in the Home

- Pros: Kings can be very hospitable, have a great place in the community, and be highly effective parents and spouses. They are always longing to get better and will always continue to refine their life, checkbook, house care, maintenance etc. to be more efficient.
- Cons: Marriage and parenting are not all about efficiency.

3. In the Church and in Ministry

- Pros: A King can carry a huge amount of responsibility and task list in order to care for a lot of people.
- Cons: A King can easily run too fast for a Priest and tend to run over people. The King can easily overextend themselves and forget about the important people and moments in their life.

Getting things done with a Prophet:

A Prophet tends to move in a direction when they can see it is the best and most "right" option. A King would do well in working with a Prophet to not only consider one direction, but like a Prophet, look at all things from a variety of perspectives. Once all the options are considered, a Prophet will choose the best and most righteous option. The Prophet's tendency will help the King to think more thoroughly through how they do things (from every angle), and will challenge the King to put forth the best and most well reasoned course of action in order to convince the Prophet of its legitimacy. Lastly, a King likes statistics, graphs, cultural norms, surveys etc., but a Prophet will be more concerned with what is in right as the Bible declares it. The King can help the Prophet stay relevant and strategic in bringing truth, and the Prophet can help guard the King from veering from the tenants of Scripture.

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How a King organizes life? Organization

King

Organizing with a Priest:

The issue here is between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law. The King will tend to expect the letter of the law. They will organize with strict guidelines and policies and many times will leave little room for creativity, innovation, spontaneity, expression, or originality. The Priest will help balance law with grace and policy with mercy. The King will learn from the Priest to adjust expectations and allow for the policies to craft direction and relationship, but not control it.

1. In the Community and Workplace

- Pros: Maintains a high standard for excellence. The King is often the visionary, strategist, and overseer who knows “how” and “what” to do to get things done. They relate to people by helping them with things like budgets, systems, planning, meetings, calendars and spreadsheets.
- Cons: Can overally expect perfection. Can become too driven by tasks and products and get distracted from people.

2. In the Family and in the Home

- Pros: Can become a great leader of the home for the King values structure. Thus, they will pay close attention to how Christ is the Head of the Church, and the wife is the one called alongside.
- Cons: The King may be so organized that they forget to parent and relate to their spouse and kids in a way that helps them process through all that’s being done in and around their home.

3. In the Church and in Ministry

- Pros: Maintains a high standard of excellence and can keep Priest’s on task.
- Cons: Can overly expect perfection, be driven by performance, and can struggle to be patient with a churches slow growth and development.

Organizing with a Prophet:

The issue here is between the letter of law and the grace of the law. The Prophet—one who is rightly prophesying—will proclaim both sin and grace in their content. They will again help the King to allow moments of relationship and grace in the systems, and not over prioritize law without grace. Therefore, the Prophet will be of great value to the King in allowing them to maintain a balance.

1. In the Community and Workplace

- Pros: The King and Prophet both value to do the best thing for the community or workplace they’re in.
- Cons: The King may tend to outrun the Prophet and make decisions too hastily or based on incomplete data.

2. In the Family and in the Home

- Pros: The King and Prophet work very hard to come up with what’s best for the home, and in parenting the King parents a child who is a Prophet in a way that helps the child put into action what they believe.
- Cons: The King can overlook a spouse or child’s need for dialogue and discussion around beliefs and decisions.

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How a King learns? S.cripture

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Learning with a Priest:

A Priest tends to be drawn more toward story, analogy, parable, allegory, narrative, or real life situations that help them grab onto very real truths. A Priest likes biographies of people and likes Documentaries of real life. A King tends to like systems books, journals, stats, cause and effect, and results. A King likes Jesus' Sermon on the Mount for its cause and effect, whereas a Priest enjoys the story of the Prodigal Son for its allegory and storyline. Therefore, a King must learn the importance of people's real life stories and must learn to connect business principles, budgeting, and administration to the real lives of people. When a King sits down with a Priest, they should spend their time asking about what things interest them, draw them in, inspire them, or capture they're creativity. This will help the King to better communicate to people through emotional and empathetic means.

1. In the Community and Workplace

- Pros: A King will often see further and faster into concepts, vision, or answers to things than that of the Priest.
- Cons: The King will confuse their quick grasp of things with the fact that they "are right" or they have learned all they need to know. They will then tend to push ahead without understanding all the variables.

2. In the Family and in the Home

- Pros: They will be very good at history, math, business, theology etc.—anything that has a system or a defined progression to it.
- Cons: They may tend to neglect the arts, the social sciences or the humanities—of which a Priest is very interested.

3. In the Church and in Ministry

- Pros: They will be very good at history and maintaining the theological and historical roots of the church and of faith.
- Cons: They may tend to neglect the arts, the social sciences or the humanities—of which a Priest is very interested.

Learning with a Prophet:

A Prophet surrounds themselves with blogs, journals, theological manuals, an ever-growing list of books on Amazon's Wish List, and anything that can help them tackle an idea, concept or truth. The thinking of a King is very similar. A King looks for how to tackle an idea or a problem. Therefore a Prophet can enrich the King's understanding of the actual problems and the King can devise solutions that are creative and effective. A Prophet also tends to focus more on the learning of truth rather than that of the King who focuses more on the doing of truth. The King can learn to linger in their learning and not move onto quickly. This will help the King to implement a more thoughtful and inspired solution to finances, family, business, work, study etc.

1. In the Community and Workplace

- Pros: Kings like new ideas, inspiration and innovation.
- Cons: They may move more on the sound of the idea than really weigh all the ramifications of carrying out the idea in full.

2. In the Family and in the Home

- Pros: Kings are always wanting to try new things as a family, reorganize life to better the home, and they are quite motivating to their kids and spouses learning.
- Cons: They can become too concerned with the behavior of the family, and neglect the motives or the heart of the families' actions and decisions.

3. In the Church and in Ministry

- Pros: Kings like new ideas, inspiration and innovation.
- Cons: They can become too concerned with how the people are acting in rule following, and not embrace the Prophet's focus on the motives of why people are acting as they do.

How a King leads? S.ignature Mission

King

Leading with a Priest:

A King inspires people through great ideas, vision, plans of action and a well thought through process. Priests however, listen with an entirely different set of ears. A Priest wants to be led by real contact with real people within real systems. In leading, there is always God's will, God's avenue and God's timing. The King is great and determining God's avenue, but must seek insight on how to lead in the right timing. The King can rely on the Priest to teach them the felt needs of people in the desired location, and the Priest can inform the King how to implement strategies, when to implement strategies, and can also provide good feedback on how people are responding to the vision.

1. In the Community and Workplace

- Pros: A King is very thoughtful and very persuasive.
- Cons: A King can sometimes create distrust in their Priestly followers if their leadership is based strictly in what works.

2. In the Family and in the Home

- Pros: A King is very thoughtful and persuasive in leading their family.
- Cons: A King can fail to listen to a spouse, a parent or a child who is more Priestly due to the fact that they may seem to approach issues from a different perspective.

3. In the Church and in Ministry

- Pros: A King is very calculated, strategic, and creative about how to teach, train and equip the church.
- Cons: A King can get pulled too much so into one idea and not balance it with the perspectives of others.

Leading with a Prophet:

In leading, there is always God's will, God's avenue and God's timing. The Prophet is most skilled at discerning what God's will is. They typically know the right and correct way to go, but sometimes lack the ability to get there, or where to implement their discoveries. The King will need to consult the Prophet for the "content" of their plan as they lead the "charge" of their plan, and must also guard the "care" of their plan with insights from the Priest. The King will sometimes be frustrated with the Prophet if the content and plan don't line up. It's very important that the King have the right plan for their church, business, finances, family etc., but to the Prophet, it's very important that the plan is done for the right reasons.

1. In the Community and Workplace

- Pros: A King will lead a Prophet well in their leadership will be very thoughtful, planned and strategic.
- Cons: A King will frustrate the Prophet in how quickly or rashly they appear to act sometimes.

2. In the Family and in the Home

- Pros: A King will be great with spouse, children or parents in that they will listen to information and instruction and do their best to act upon it.
- Cons: If a Prophet maintains strong convictions that are contrary to the King, the King will have a difficult time getting them to move in the desired direction without a lot of discussion and debate.

3. In the Church and in Ministry

- Pros: A King will serve and be self-motivated in service.
- Cons: A King may become frustrated with how slow things are moving, or that a Prophet takes so much time assessing details without considering the bigger picture.

