

## Advance The Kingdom

Matthew 11:12 NLT

And from the time John the Baptist began preaching until now, the **Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing**, and violent people are attacking it.

### 1. Follow God's **Vision**.

Acts 26:19-20 NLT

19 "And so, King Agrippa, **I obeyed that vision from heaven.**

20 I preached first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that all must repent of their sins and turn to God—and prove they have changed by the good things they do.

### 2. Accept **Angelic Assistance**.

Acts 5:18-20 NIV

18 They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. 19 But during the night an **angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.** 20 "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and **tell the people the full message of this new life.**"

### 3. Develop the habit of **Giving**.

Acts 20:35 CEV

By everything I did, I showed how you should work to help everyone who is weak.

Remember that our Lord Jesus said,

**"More blessings come from giving than from receiving."**

### 4. Demonstrate the **Authority of the King**.

Mark 16:15-20 NKJV

15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And **these signs will follow those who believe:**

**In My name** they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And **they went out** and preached everywhere, **the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.**

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# The Kingdom of God

## 8 Ways To Advance The Kingdom In A Violent World

### 5. Preach in the **Persecution**.

Acts 8:1-4 NLT

1 **A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church** in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria. 2 (Some devout men came and buried Stephen with great mourning.) 3 But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison. 4 But **the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.**

### 6. Make **Prayer & Fasting** the new normal.

Matthew 6:10 NKJV

**Your kingdom come.** Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

Acts 13:2-3 NLT

2 One day as these men were **worshiping the Lord and fasting**, the Holy Spirit said, "Dedicate Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them." 3 So after **more fasting and prayer**, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.

### 7. Stay strong in your **Faith**.

Acts 11:24 NLT

Barnabas was a good man, **full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith.**

And **many people were brought to the Lord.**

Hebrews 11:1 NLT

**Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen;**

it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

### 8. **Exalt Jesus as King!**

Luke 19:38-40 NKJV

38 saying: **"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"**

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." 40 But He answered and said to them,

**"I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."**

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