

# MARKET PLACE MINISTRY

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# INTRODUCTION

**I**n John 10:10, Yahshua, Jesus gave us a clue to a three prong strategy of Satan in dealing with things of Elohim in the earth realm: to steal, kill and to destroy.

*The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10: 10*

On the other hand Yahshua, Jesus described Himself as the giver of abundant life. The word abundant connotes the following: “full measure”, “prosper”, and “bloom”. Most times, saints read the bible in a religious context thereby missing the wider implications of the divine counsel. Here, Yahshua Jesus was not just telling the disciples how Satan attacks Christians; He was speaking of the universal principles that undergird the intent and work of Satan in all situations.

If you translate this principle to the Church which Yahshua, Jesus activated in the Upper Room on the day of Pentecost, it is clear that Satan would seek to:

- Steal the strength of the Church.
- Kill the very spiritual body of Yahshua, Jesus just as he tried to do with its Head at Calvary.
- Destroy the mission of the Church on earth so that it is unable to manifest Yahshua’s exalted Person and Nature to those who are under the grip of Satan. Ultimately, the enemy’s delight in hindering the capacity of the Church is the harbinger of the manifest state of the Kingdom on earth.

Thank Yahweh that John 10:10, has two parts. While much emphasis has always been laid on part [a], the real deal is in part [b]. What this means, when translated to the issue of the Church of Yahshua, Jesus is that:

- Yahshua, Jesus came to give life to His Church.
- The life of Yahshua, Jesus in His Church is to be abundant – so real and tangible in every respect that people will know that it is a divine institution anywhere and everywhere they encounter saints. This is of extreme importance in the end times when heaven is decorating the Church anew for the ultimate marriage supper of all time. As Ephesians 5: 27 says, Jesus will decorate His Church to be radiant and dazzling before He returns.

## THE TRUE CHURCH

The true Church was not ordained for and cannot be confined to buildings of brick and mortar designed with religious architecture. The Church, simply put, is the people of Elohim who have been called out of the world system, redeemed by the Blood of Yahshua, Jesus and have confessed Him as their Lord and Savior. The Church was ordained to go forth into the entire world and preach the gospel to every creature. It was not to stop there. The Church – (not the building or denominations of “churchianity”), was charged to disciple the nations or bring them under subjection to the ordinance of the King and His Kingdom so that they will live and prosper by those principles. The Church therefore comprises of individuals who are saved from their sins and the devil and translated from the Kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Elohim.

In this new setting, they become His “called out ones” a new identity in Yahshua which will be marked by the spiritual gifts and callings they receive in their spirit-man. The ethnic, racial, gender, age and other demographics of old which were instruments of separation give way to their new common identity in Him. Part of that identity is that we are the royal priesthood – all of us and not a few designated as “clergy” – who collectively impact our environments.

*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. 1 Peter 2:9*

This dynamic paradigm of Yahshua, Jesus for His Church to be the present phase of the Kingdom and catalyst to disciple the nations of the earth to “kiss the Son, lest He be angry” (Psalm 2) has been lost because Satan systematically injected a religious spirit which was expressly designed to steal the strength of the Church, kill the divine vision and destroy its capacity to disciple the nations.

Churchianity, which Satan introduced, was to make the backslidden church look inwards rather than outwards. For this to happen, Satan systematically allowed these things to happen to Elohim’s people as prophesied variously in scripture:

- Caused the backslidden church to see itself as a replacement of the plan and purpose of Elohim for the Hebrews.
- With replacement theology, the church needed to construct magnificent buildings for worship which would replace the old Temple at Jerusalem.
- Christians could live their normal lives for six days anywhere they were and on the seventh day which replaced the Sabbath, stream to the cathedrals and special buildings to “encounter God” for one, two or more hours.
- To service the spiritual needs of the people when they “came to church” was a professional clergy. This professional clergy was patterned after the old Levitical priesthood as an exclusive (mainly male) priestly caste of people who were nearer and presumably having special access to Elohim. With this access, they became, so to say, mediators between the Holy Elohim and unholy people. Ablutions such as confession were therefore necessary for the

priests to cleanse the people of their guilt and make them worthy to partake of the sacraments offered during church services.

## TRUE EVANGELISM IS THE MARKET PLACE

It is necessary to take a fresh look at the Great Commission and its implications and the true identity of the Church as expressed in the following scriptures: Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:5-8; Ephesians 1: 3 -14, 18 – 23; Ephesians 2: 1-22; Colossians 1:12-18; Colossians 2: 11-15;

The whole purpose of the last reformation movement is to cause the true saints, who collectively are the Church of Yahshua, Jesus, living out His Kingdom life to come to a full understanding of the purpose of Elohim. A critical pillar on which the reformation movement will stand is the restoration of the truth which religion has tried to hide: the central theatre of the end time battle will not be fought inside the religious buildings called “churches” to which the so called clergy invite a dormant laity to come with their unbelieving friends and relatives. The place at which the greatest and true revival and evangelism will take place is the very arena which Satan caused the religious world to brand as unholy “secular space” or “the Market Place”.

In the economy of Elohim, the earth and all its fullness belong to Him Psalm 24:1. It is true that Satan invaded and tries to use deceit to confuse and tempt many people to yield to his principles in the Market Place. Our job as disciples of Yahshua, Jesus is to allow Him to use us anywhere and everywhere to be His salt and light. The Market Place and Civil Society happen to offer the greatest opportunities for saints to impact their generation.

*Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5: 13*

## IT IS WORTHWHILE TO BREAK DOWN WHAT SALT AND LIGHT DOES:

### Salt is a catalyst.

Salt adds value and brings forth the sweetness of the larger substance to which it is added. You may use up to fifty dollars to buy condiments for preparing food. After preparing the food, it may be flat to the taste. However, take a tincture of salt worth about five cents and add to that great pot of costly food and the real worth will come forth, sizzling to the taste. In the same way, the true Church of Yahshua Jesus, though in the world, is not of the world. However, Yahshua, Jesus has not asked the Father to take us away yet. He rather asked the Father to preserve us from the corroding influence of the world and use us to bring forth His redemptive purpose for our families, cities, nations and the generation in which we live.

*I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; John 17: 9 -11, 15-20*

Desiring to cut and run away to heaven when we have not allowed the Lord to use us to impact sinners around us with the love of Yahshua or made honest efforts to transform our environments is akin to going AWOL (situations when soldiers go away without getting an official leave). Yahshua, Jesus is clear that our duty is to OCCUPY, till He comes. Our hands are to remain on the plough until the Day of days when the Trumpet will sound.

*And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. Luke 19: 13*

Let us also note that on the other hand, He does not want us to be so preoccupied with the fancies and dainties on earth to the degree that we forget that He will return soon, to settle the issues of His sovereignty once and for all (See Luke 19:10-27.)

### **Salt is a preservative.**

Long before refrigerators came into existence, the popular way of preserving food was by salting and drying in the sun. When the true Church manifests Yahshua to its environment, principles of the Kingdom are taken on board in the legal, political, social and economic systems of the host people. By adopting the moral code of Yahweh, nations are preserved from chaos, criminality and disorder. When the Church is insular and un-engaged, as Satan desires, the society in which it is located slides into corruption, satanic socio-economic and political systems.

### **Light illuminates and dispels darkness.**

Even a tiny ray of light is powerful, such that as Yahshua, Jesus said in John 1:5, darkness cannot comprehend it. When the Church is alive and awake, the brilliance of the light of Yahshua in it shines through to illuminate the darkness of the world around. The plan of Elohim in leaving the Church in the world while its head, Yahshua Jesus is in heaven, is to use it to show forth the way Yahweh wants humans to live. Those who receive the light will repent and become part of the Church and thus live the Kingdom life. Those who refuse the light and continue to live in the darkness of satanic pleasure would have signed on a life of eternal separation from Elohim if they die in their sins.

### **AN ENGAGED, NOT INSULAR CHURCH**

From all that has been said above, it is clear that Yahshua never intended His Church on earth to be shut in, shuttered off and operate in the insular way that Pentecostalism, Evangelicalism and the Charismatic movement

have made it out to be. The grand failure of all of them was partly the inability to grasp the full picture of the Church as a Kingdom agency that would engage the unsavory and dark world around with the salt and light of Yahshua, Jesus.

In the process, the focus shifted from the true essence of the Great Commission which is to disciple the nations for Him towards growing the numbers of people on the church membership roll. The shift of emphasis by getting as many people into a specific building with religious architecture and symbols resulted in the dwarfing of the original mandate to “go ye into the entire world”. Whenever we allow the coming in of people into a building to take the place of going forth to proclaim Yahshua, Jesus and the Kingdom to all people everywhere, the end result is an obfuscation of the original Kingdom message and mandate.

The professional clergy and its territorial mindset cannot do this “going forth” work. Professional missionaries cannot do it either. The work of proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom to all the world for a witness will be done by the royal priesthood comprising all those who have a living, loving and fresh relationship with Elohim in Yahshua, Jesus. The arrow head of this army of the Lord, who will be on the cutting edge, are the brothers and sisters who may have no name recognition in the church systems of today. These are the saints in business, the professions, and workers in the civil, public service and the military. These are the end time ministers in the Market Place. Going forth with the Holy Spirit in their spirit man, the right attitude to life’s challenges and understanding of their true identities as ambassadors of the Kingdom, these saints will literally invade the market place, civil society and so called secular space in a new, fresh and vigorous way. They will manifest Yahshua Jesus and make solid impact where He plants them.

One of the critical errors of the Christian religious movement which veered into what is now called “churchianity” was the tendency to brand the market place as “secular” and thus abandon it for unbelievers and active Satanists. The outcome is the massive spirit of poverty which haunts many individual saints who gave up their businesses and jobs without divine guidance due to pressure from their religious minded leaders. This poverty

has spilled over to hamper the capacity of many local congregations and networks to fulfill their mandates as the light and salt of their host communities. There are also many ministries in the advanced nations that are unable to effectively play major roles in the Great Commission because they are struggling to maintain the magnificent yet costly cathedrals where they invested undue funds without commensurate investment in saints who are their greatest resource.

## SYNOPSIS OF MARKET PLACE MINISTRY

As we begin this epic exploration into the Word to mine out, by Holy Spirit what it has to say about ministry in the Market Place and download what Jesus is saying to His Church in this last generation, let us bear the afore-mentioned principles in mind.

For us to understand what Holy Spirit is saying, we must stop to look at two inter-related practices:

1. Ignoring or down grading Market Place ministry. The Church needs to stop the self-destructive system of harassing those Elohim has called to Market Place Ministry out of their glorious assignment in order for them to become “full time” ministers.
2. Looking at the Church as the building people go into on certain “holy days” where spiritual things are done while the things people do in their businesses, professions and employments are deemed as “carnal” or “secular”.

In other words, the Church needs to come into a Holy Spirit inspired, biblical understanding of what Market Place Ministry is and embrace it with gusto as a critical frontier in the Great Commission.

### THESE QUESTIONS ARE RELEVANT:

- What is market place ministry?
- What is the biblical basis of market place ministry?
- What models do we have in the bible?
- What are the snares and pitfalls of market place ministry?

- What are the divine provisions for success in market place ministry?
- What is the one outstanding fact of market place ministry in the bible?
- What is Kingdom Economics? In what way is it the true basis for Market Place Ministry.



# 1

## DEFINITION & BIBLICAL BASIS

Let us remember that one of the worst tackles Satan inflicted against the Church was the intrusion of a religious mindset in the understanding of what ministry means. The plan of Satan was to confine ‘Church’ to religious activities and rituals inside ornately designed buildings presided over by a tiny professional priestly caste (essentially, males).

Satan knew that if he could accomplish that objective as well as foist on the Church a mentality whereby a few days of the week, month and year are deemed to be “holy” while the vast majority of other days are deemed to be “secular”, the population of those who will be available for the work of the Great Commission and their impact would be contained and constrained. In these last days, Holy Spirit is at work to bust the scheme of Satan. He is releasing divine strategies to defreeze the Church and release her latent energies of abundant human resources that are locked up as pew bound consumers of the ‘priestly anointing’. It is in this regard that a proper understanding of Market Place Ministry needs to take place.

### WHAT IS MARKET PLACE MINISTRY?

Let us begin by attempting to define these two terms separately and then bring them together to see the big picture for this neglected powerhouse of the end time Kingdom Church:

- **Market Place** – The place where temporal issues of this life are transacted. These include the place of business; professional

activity, employment and creative pursuit. Unfortunately, the religious Christian Church calls the Market Place the theatre of carnal activity.

- **Ministry** – The business of serving Elohim and humans. It is the process of dispensing the life of Yahshua, Jesus by the presence and power of Holy Spirit. Ministry is therefore defined as “the process of *expressing* (bringing forth) what we are *impressed* with (spiritual gifts and other divinely endowed capacities) by Holy Spirit”.

Market Place Ministry therefore, refers to all forms of ministry conducted in the normal course of life outside the pulpit and the four walls of religious buildings, congregational worship or public ministry rallies. Marketplace saints are the brothers and sisters in business, the professions, academia, public and civil service or those engaged in such creative pursuits as writers, artistes, sports and athletics. Saints who are called to politics, governance the military and security agencies are in the marketplace too (See Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 12:1-2.)

Market Place Ministry is thus conducted in the so called “secular” space. It is the exercise of ministry at ground zero level – where the saints are in and through the normal exercise of their business, professions or work as civil and public servants.

## WHAT IS THE BIBLICAL BASIS OF MARKET PLACE MINISTRY?

The bible teaches that saints receive the life of Yahweh in Yahshua and become new creatures.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3: 16*

*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1: 12*

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new 2 Corinthians 5: 17*

With this new life, saints are to manifest Yahshua in all they do and wherever they are. Saints have no business accepting or walking in the strange dichotomy which separates some activities as ‘spiritual’ while branding others as ‘secular’. A saint is a saint anywhere and everywhere. A saint of Yahweh cannot afford to have two separate and opposite standards of life – one in business/work and another “at church”. That dichotomy of life as “spiritual” and “secular” is unacceptable to the Elohim we serve because it is false and unsustainable before He Who is Omniscient and Omnipresent.

The bible teaches that life should be one continuum of living in righteousness and manifesting Yahshua to all who come into contact with us. When we understand and flow in this context of the word, what we believe and how we live is the same as how we do business or work as employees of governments, private and public corporations and academics.

Those who want to see Yahshua, only need to see us to know Who He is. We become, in essence, ambassadors of Yahshua, 24/7 anywhere and everywhere. This paradigm makes the place we conduct business or work as holy as the place we congregate to worship Elohim, whether we are in our homes or in church buildings. This principle centered approach insulates us from the enemy of our souls who cannot lie in wait for our destinies outside the so called church buildings as he does with many. Life in the market place therefore becomes ministry when saints therein dedicate their lives and work to the Lord to bring forth His glory and fulfill His purpose. They do this consciously in the understanding that they are fulfilling their ambassadorial assignments in the Kingdom through their day to day lives and business activities. To crown that perspective, they see themselves as stewards of the resources that Jehovah Jireh places at their disposal whether as profit from business or income from employment. They regard and attribute everything to Him and give Holy Spirit right of way to lead them as to how to invest or utilize the resources – including social capital or reach/influence in such a way that will demonstrate Yahshua and the Kingdom.

Those in the market place become successful therefore by conceding total ownership of themselves to Yahshua who bought them with a price and will thus have an attitude of seeking the glory of Yahweh in all things including heart inclination, thoughts, attitudes, talk and walk (lifestyle).

*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20*

## THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE BROKEN DOWN

If indeed we are bought with the price which is the Blood of Yahshua, total ownership of all that pertains to the saint should be a given.

1. He owns our life and we are kept alive and healthy by His Grace. Our security is in Him.

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John: 2*

*For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Colossians 3: 3*

2. He inspires in us thoughts that are creative and productive which lead to success in the market place
3. He owns the resources that make up the business and the profits thereof

*The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Psalms 24:1*

4. He gives us power to get wealth including entrepreneurial grace. To succeed is not by might nor by power but by His Spirit.

*But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8: 18*

*Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. Zechariah 4: 6-7*

5. He gives grace and favor to succeed in business; secure employment or promotion. Success of those in the market place is an outworking of His grace and the faith He plants in their hearts to overcome.

*For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it? 1 Corinthians 4:7*

*Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1 John 4: 4*

*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John 5: 4 -5*

6. He supplies the grace with which we trust Him so that He supplies what we need to succeed.

*Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.<sup>4</sup> Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.<sup>5</sup> Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.<sup>6</sup> And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.<sup>7</sup> Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Psalms 37:3-7*

7. In short, He who owns our life also owns our pockets/accounts. He who owns us should be given right of way to lead in decisions concerning expenditure. Being led by Holy Spirit as a mark of sonship therefore applies to life in the market place.

*Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.<sup>13</sup> For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.<sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Romans 8: 12-14*

8. He who owns those in the market place should have right of way to use them as vessels of consolation to touch the lives of those who are less privileged. As sons of consolation, anything they give to the poorer brethren is done on behalf of their Creator and Redeemer thereby glorifying Him.

*He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. Proverbs 19:17*

We are on course to receive an awesome revelation from Elohim which will cause a paradigm shift in the way we think and act towards ministry in the market place and in the so called “secular space”.

Market place ministry therefore is one that places a heavy premium on:

1. Living out the life of Yahshua in a clear and transparent manner to the degree that it touches the lives of both the unsaved and those Christians who are not fully committed to the Lord. This provokes them to desire the same grace that they see in the lives of such dedicated Christians – Matthew 5:13-16; Philippians 2:12-13; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 2:9-12.

For this reason the ethical standards of saints in the market place must be truly high (that is biblical), exceeding the standards of regulatory authorities, corporate watchdogs and professional bodies.

*For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:20*

2. The market place is where saints can take full advantage of opportunities to witness to people right where they are without requiring them to come to a particular building to experience “church”. In this generation and until the coming of the Lord, the majority of the populace will never venture into a church building even for social based functions like weddings or child dedications. It makes sense therefore for the unsaved to be drawn through non-church platforms where their guards are not firmly up.

Thus we see in this post- modern age that it is through market place ministers and ministries that the Kingdom Church can best impact communities and our generation. The gospel is a “*Go Ye*” rather than a “*Come Ye*” project.

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Matthew 28:19*

We come to abide in Yahshua so that He may process and send us forth to catalyze transformation of lives and environments within our spheres of influence.

*And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. 14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, 15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils: Mark 3: 13-15*

*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5: 17-19*

## LEST WE FORGET ABOUT “GO YE”

It was wrong for those who went ahead of us in the gospel project to turn it into a “come ye” perspective. It was the ‘come here’ approach which caused the early church to be so engrossed in the welfare of those already inside the camp that they forgot to evangelize Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth. This caused the Lord to allow persecution which rocked the apostles and disciples out of their comfort zone. In Jerusalem, all that Phillip was qualified to do was to be a deacon, serving as it were “tables”. When he ran for his dear life, he went as far as Samaria and there, the Lord brought forth the full grace on him as an Evangelist. One single man was to turn Samaria over to Christ. As Phillip proceeded in this grace, God used him to take the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth through the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch, a minister in the market place (See Acts Chapters 6, 7, 8.)

As saints in the market place gain the understanding that they are unleashed into the world to be ambassadors of Yahshua right where they are, they will understand that their businesses, civic duties and places of employment are their “parishes”. Those in the sports and athletics fields and actors/actresses will understand why they cannot seek vain glory but rather

take the holy road less travelled which point those who are drawn near to Yahshua, who lives in their hearts,

*Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. Philippians 2:12 -16*

Saints in the market place are thus motivated to invest the disciplines of prayer, fasting and spiritual warfare to bind and subdue principalities, powers and rulers of the darkness of this age and spiritual wickedness of the occult in their assigned territories.

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Ephesians 6: 10-18*

*When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. Luke 11: 21*

Furthermore, they proactively deal with strongholds in the minds of those they relate with within their businesses, places of public and private service.

*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; )5 Casting down imaginations, and every high*

*thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. 2 Corinthians 10: 3*



# 2

## DIVINE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS

**E**lohim has blessed His children with all things that pertain to life and godliness (See 2 Peter 1:3.) For a specific assignment such as life in the market place, the Lord has provided for the graces and virtues through which success can be achieved. As in other issues of life, Elohim requires the active yielding of His saints as He works out divine capacity in their lives through Holy Spirit (See Philippians 1:6; Philippians 2:13.) Some of these provisions are:

1. Understanding of the impact and place of market place ministry in His end time Kingdom agenda. In this regard, the market place offers the best springboard for emergence of what Bishop Bill Hamon calls the Saints Movement – when Holy Spirit will use brothers and sisters to manifest Yahshua, Jesus and His Kingdom in everyday life (See 1 Peter 2:9, Revelation 1:6; Revelation 5.)
2. Wisdom which enables us to know His mind concerning situations of life. This includes the supernatural ability to provide solutions to challenges that governments and corporations face (See Proverbs 3:35, Proverbs 4:5-9.)
3. Discipline. Those who will excel in the market place must of necessity bring their soul and body under subjection to their spirit man which in turn should be wholly yielded to Holy Spirit. Discipline enables a believer to plan and organize and in the process be on top of situations by the Spirit. Discipline extends to appetite, use of the tongue and being circumspect when surrounded by those who do not believe (See Proverbs 25:28; James 1:26; James 3:1-12.)

4. Favor. This enables saints to be preferred for promotion or for acceptance. Favor is a powerful facility for success in the market place as saints will be competing for space with many people who serve different gods (See Psalm 5:12; Proverbs 3:3-4.)
5. Divine Connection. With favor comes another closely related provision for success: divine connections. Most things Elohim will do for His saints involve use of other human vessels to dispense the blessings. Connecting saints to people who have the solution to what they need or who have the information that will bring light to a dark situation is a very great provision. This is why good market place ministries are encouraged to develop the fine spiritual exercise of making and maintaining good relationships with those who Elohim will bring their way.
6. Spiritual Gifts. Saints in the market place will do better if they proceed with understanding of the spiritual gifts Holy Spirit has blessed them with. According to 1 Corinthians 12:7, spiritual gifts are manifestations of Holy Spirit through His chosen vessel. Whenever a spiritual gift manifests, Holy Spirit has simply shown up. It is manifestation of these gifts therefore that essentially gives saints in the market place the sharp cutting edge they need to excel above their fellows.

Of the spiritual gifts, these are particularly powerful in the market place: Prophecy; Discernment; Word of Knowledge; Word of Wisdom; Faith; Working of Miracles; Healings; Dreaming of Dreams; Interpretation of Dreams; Visions; Ministry (Service); Leadership (Governments); Administration. These passages are therefore important to study so that saints in the market place can audit their spiritual gifts: (See Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31.) Saints are not to “switch on” their spiritual gifts when in congregational or worship mode inside buildings and then ‘switch off’ when they go to work. The gifts are designed to make a way, anywhere saints show up since Holy Spirit, who releases the gifts through their vessels is Omnipresent and Omniscient.

*But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.<sup>8</sup> Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. Ephesians 4: 7*

*As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.<sup>11</sup> If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4: 10-11*

7. The Calling of some saints in the market place into the five-fold. This causes them to be extraordinarily equipped to succeed in their various assignments. Let us consider this download extracted from the Course on the Fivefold.

## APOSTLES, PROPHETS, EVANGELISTS, PASTORS AND TEACHERS IN THE MARKET PLACE

The Five-fold is not confined to function only within the context of pulpit ministry or for use inside the four walls of buildings called “churches”. It is also not only for those who desire to be in full time ministry. The Five-fold is for practical application in all spheres of life.

Those with Five-fold callings can fit into certain sectors of the economy and excel because of the quantum of grace in them. Gifts of Holy Spirit and callings of Yahshua enable saints to live without struggle and operate in excellence concerning things committed to their trust:

*A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men Proverbs 18:16*

The so-called “Mountains of Society” are climbed easier by those with grace to overcome the world by Faith. The truth is that in the Kingdom, life is one continuum. There is no distinction between spiritual and secular life (which is one of the pillars of Religion and Religiosity). For this reason, whatever the gifts of grace imparted into saints, they are not to be “switched on” when we enter a building or are in a congregation of saints “to worship” only to be “switched off” when we are at work. Let us never forget that Holy Spirit uses human vessels to “show up” as He wills.

*But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 1 Corinthians 12: 7*

## SOME PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

- **Leadership in Society or Entrepreneurship.** An apostle called to public service will offer genuine leadership that can transform a community, city, state or nation because of the great grace to hear from Elohim and be guided and empowered by Holy Spirit. Such people will be innovative.
- **Leadership in the Market Place.** An apostle called to the market place will succeed as an entrepreneur. Such saints will have the capacity to break new grounds, establish high standards and deliver innovative goods and services.
- **Sectors which require accurate prediction of trends such as Stock Markets and Actuarial Sciences.** There is no doubt that a prophet working in these sectors is strategically at an advantage because the revelatory gifts will cause him or her 'see' what natural senses cannot see.
- **Marketing and Promotion.** Those who are evangelists with their tent making jobs in this sector will flow effortlessly to the top because of the great grace to spread the good news that is already inherently wired in them.
- **Human Resources.** Those who are pastors by calling will no doubt be better human resource directors and managers because of the great grace to nurture and shepherd they carry.
- **Teaching and Training.** Those called to be teachers will excel in the Teaching and Training sectors.

The earnest expectation of the creature and creation is to see manifestation of sons of Elohim who will function with Kingdom excellence as a dress rehearsal for their work in the world to come when Yahshua returns to rule and reign right here on earth for 1000 years.

## KINGDOM ECONOMICS

One big shame that is upon the Kingdom movement is the laziness to discover the full extent of our identity and the responsibilities Elohim expects from us as stewards of His unlimited resources. We need to go beyond agitation-propaganda and tossing around the term “Kingdom” carelessly while living according to the dictates of the Satan controlled world economic system. The truth, pure and simple is that true saints of the Kingdom are those who have responded to the call of Elohim to come out of the world system and embrace their true and full identity as citizens of His own Kingdom ( See John 17: 9-18; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Ephesians 2: 1-13; Colossians 1: 12 – 18; Colossians 2: 13 – 15; 1 John 2: 15 – 17; 1 John 5: 19-21.)

In this scenario, Elohim is the Sovereign Ruler over His people offering them all things that pertain to life and godliness. These include righteousness; peace and security; the joy of connecting with and to Him and His own type of prosperity. His concept of prosperity is based on His own kind of economic system, amongst others (See Romans 14: 17-19; Ephesians 1: 3; 2 Peter 1:3.)

In effect, though we are physically in this present world, we are not really of it. We are primarily citizens of the Kingdom and then citizens of the nations where He planted us as His own ambassadors. This dual citizenship is at the heart of any proper understanding of the paradox of the Kingdom in this present time.

*I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.<sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. John 17: 15*

The Hebrew are a typical example of a people who understand dual citizenship. It does not matter where the Hebrew (wrongly termed Jew) find themselves on planet earth, it is branded deep down in their psyche that they are first and foremost, Hebrew with a non-negotiable commitment to the peace of Jerusalem and the well-being of the nation of Israel. Flowing from that consciousness, the Hebrew literally work under the weight of the burden to be the sent ones from Elohim to the gentile

nation where they are planted. The Hebrew realize, even as youths, that as they excel in their businesses and professions and contribute to the advancement of civilization, they are bringing empowerment which will ultimately be passed on as goodwill and blessings for Israel and other Hebrews. This unwritten law in the heart of all true Hebrews was branded in them through the years. This is why Hebrew communities are tightly knit till today.

There is also a need to address the fact that every Kingdom has a policy towards economic activities and instruments, including money. The monetary policies of nations and groups of nations vary. The Federal Reserve of America pursues a monetary policy which is opposite to that of China. Even among allies such as the United States and United Kingdom, their monetary policies at times are worlds apart largely because the governments at The White House and No. 10 Downing Street may be in pursuit of opposite economic policies.

Yahshua, Jesus Himself pointedly drove home this notion of there being a disconnect between the world and His Kingdom in terms of goals, policies and styles on a number of occasions. In the case of payment of tax, He asked Peter a question on how the kings of the earth set out their tax policies.

*And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?25 He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?26 Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.27 Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee. Matthew 17: 24-27*

In **Matthew 20: 20 – 28**, Yahshua, Jesus took exception at the worldly concept of leadership which manifested in the way the sons of Zebedee and their mother lobbied for positions of honor in His Kingdom. He then went on to contrast the world's concept of leadership with His own Kingdom concept which is sacrificial service to others

## ON MONEY

In the world, money is idolized. Money is a master so much so that the more of it you have, the more comfortable, secure, powerful and happy you are supposed to be. For this reason, the world economic system encourages you to “go for it”. What this means is, “get it, with all your strength and as much as you can”. In the process, human rights of people are violated. Employees are basically used to make huge profits which the entrepreneur uses to live the so-called good life. Stripped bare of all pretensions, the world economic model is meant to empower the stronger, richer and more cunning.

This is why there has been a massive exploitation of natural resources of primitive peoples and tribes by more developed people and nations. The wealth of many countries was built by a systematic exploitation of the ignorance of tribal chiefs in Africa, Asia and the original first nations of the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Southern Africa. Till today, generations of people from the exploited tribes wallow in abject poverty while the offspring of their exploiters have secure funds and assets running into billions of dollars that are programmed to last ad infinitum.

### THE WESTERN ECONOMIC PARADIGM: SCARCITY MANAGEMENT

This systemic injustice has been covered by layers of Christian religion to produce what we call western economic models. Those economic models are based on the concept of economics as the science of managing scarcity. Western economics postulates that the resources of the world are static or diminishing while the population is ever increasing. Consequently, there is a need to study the contrasts between limited supply and ever increasing demand. This scarcity management model is what triggers off the pristine instincts of man to acquire as much as he can for self-preservation

## KINGDOM ECONOMIC PARADIGM:

### The Art of Wealth Allocation for Divine Assignment

Kingdom economics proposes a contrary concept. Kingdom economics first recognizes that Elohim made heaven and earth. Being an intelligent Creator, He provided sufficient natural resources to sustain human life until Yahshua, Jesus will return to rule and reign physically over this earth. Flowing from this postulation, Kingdom economics says that Elohim has a specific, tailor made purpose for all His creation. However, because of the rebellion of Adam, all mankind comes into this world with an original seed of that rebellion running in their veins. Consequently, man tends to do what gratifies the flesh and self until he comes into a life changing acceptance of the gospel of the Kingdom.

Those who come into this life changing transition from darkness to light are now expected to accept certain imperatives concerning the economic system the King has put in place to provide and care for them in this present life, preceding when they will experience the fullness of His providence in the hereafter. These imperatives are as follows:

- The Elohim we serve is Creator, Controller and Owner of the entire universe. He has everything figured out and until Jesus returns, He has set out how to sustain all who are called by His name (See Psalms 24:1.)
- All saints who make Elohim and His Kingdom a priority have a secure provision for their real needs (Matthew 6:25 – 34; 2 Peter 1:3.)
- Elohim is the source of all blessings for the redeemed. He has however ordained for us to engage in specific jobs, businesses, professions, activities He already has ordained to use as channels to bless us..
- Through prayers and faith, saints come into an understanding of the various channels of blessings ordained for us (See Matthew 7: 7 – 11.) In other words, a saint should never enter into any business, profession or activity based on what he/she heard, feels or saw other

people do. Doing likewise will take such a saint outside His perfect will.

- There are those Elohim has set apart as instruments of bringing in plenty. These become channels of bringing in large volumes of money. Such people will understand that theirs is a divinely assigned role which they will accept with joy.

*Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;<sup>18</sup> That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;<sup>19</sup> Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. 1 Timothy 6: 17-19*

- In effect, not every saint will be financially rich in this present life. However, if they are saints indeed and have a contented heart, all they need for sustenance has been provided/

*But godliness with contentment is great gain.<sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.<sup>8</sup> And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 1 Timothy 6: 6*

- In effect, Yahweh as a good Father has enough to meet all the real NEEDS of His sons but not enough for all our GREED.

## MONEY CAN BE CLEAN OR UNCLEAN.

The motive with which money is made and the process by which it is acquired can make money clean or unclean. If money is made for its own sake, to secure power over the less fortunate or to secure happiness, it is corrupted by that base motive. In the same way, money is also corrupted if acquiring it involves deliberate sins against Elohim and man such as cheating, lying, usury (lending for interests that are exploitative) or paying workers a pittance or withholding their wages just to make more profit (See Psalm 15:5; Matthew 19:16 – 26; 1 Timothy 6: 5 – 10; James 5:1-6.) It is also unclean when acquisition is driven by vanity, ego and other manifestations of a worldly heart. The moment money latches into the heart and drives motives, thoughts and actions, it moves from being a valuable resource to becoming an instrument of control by the operating demon

called Mammon. Idolatry sets in which breaks focus of saints from singleness of eye to King Yahshua and the Kingdom (See Matthew 6:19-24.)



# 3

## KINGDOM ECONOMICS: PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

In previous chapter we examined the basic paradigms underpinning worldly and Kingdom economic models. The superiority of Kingdom Economics to the worldly system can be summed up thus: It is about yielding to Jehovah Jireh to use saints as instruments of manifesting His love and care for His saints and for humanity. Yahshua, Jesus explained it in one of the shortest statements He made to Paul the apostle: “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (See Acts 20:35.)

Kingdom economics therefore, is not about acquiring more money or assets but about yielding to and allowing Elohim to use the one called as a channel of adding value to the lives of others. Those who are so yielded are proven first by death to self and complete submission to the will and purpose of Adonai. In other words, being in the market place does not exempt a true saint from the call to discipleship. Rather, there is an enhanced demand to die to self and give King Yahshua right of way to reign within the heart.

*Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.<sup>25</sup> For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.<sup>26</sup> For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?  
Matthew 16: 24-27*

*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2: 20.*

*But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. Galatians 6:14*

## THE PURE MOTIVE

In Kingdom Economics, therefore, accumulating profit to live the “good life” is not the primary motive of enterprise. It is rather to add value to people, dress the earth and keep it as responsible sons who manage the earth realm on His behalf, just as He ordained on creation morning.

*And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. Genesis 2: 15*

*The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men. Psalms 115: 16*

It is about being subject to Elohim as an instrument through which He causes things to be preserved from the corruption of poverty and abject lack. It is this kind of consecration which excites Yahshua, Jesus. Whenever He finds vessels that have died to self and are willing to trust Him completely and allow themselves to be channels of blessing others, Elohim commits all of His good pleasure, favor and treasures to them. It is as simple as A.B.C. Those who do not comprehend this principle often end up loving the world and covering up that anomaly with loud proclamations of ‘HalleluYah’.

There are no limits to the degree of blessings and success that can be committed to saints who are dead to self and are driven into the market place not by their bellies but by the will of Elohim as led specifically by Holy Spirit. Those who are proven in the realm of consecration can be trusted to handle wealth without backsliding. This is why being in the market place is a rare privilege. All those who allowed Elohim to use them in the market place had this distinguishing mark: all of their being and lives were poured out like a drink offering to the Lord. He empowered and used them to fulfill His divine purpose. Such was the case with Joseph, Joshua, Daniel, Esther, Nehemiah, Zerubbabel and a host of witnesses whom Elohim used in the public space.

The implication of this revelation therefore is this: that a Christian runs a business or is a professional does not make that person a market place minister. It is only those who embrace the divine concept of Kingdom

economics that can refer themselves as market place ministers on assignment for the King of Kings where He has planted them.

One final word on this section is necessary: Most of those Yahshua, Jesus called to walk with Him were first tested at the proving ground of Kingdom Economics. He always required those who made it into His circle of influence to renounce the worldly perspective of self-sustenance and come to a place of absolute trust in Yahweh as a faithful Father. The innermost three – Peter, James and John passed the test when they left all and cast their lot with Jesus – in life or in death. The other nine who made up the twelve disciples of Yahshua did likewise (save Judas Iscariot of course). The 120 who followed Yahshua Jesus for 40 days after His resurrection and an extra 10 days after the Ascension in the Upper Room for the baptism of Holy Spirit all passed the benchmark.

Those who want to live for Yahshua, Jesus in this day and age must accept that His words are dependable. From this stand point, they do not struggle with receiving His yoke joyfully (See Matthew 11:28-30.) This root of Kingdom economics has not changed and will not change.

One weekend years ago as the basis of this download was laid, we had the privilege of undertaking a short mission to Italy. Our main base was the city of Padova, one of the religious strongholds of Italy (where the great shrine of “Saint Anthony of Padua “is located). As Pastor Godwin drove us back to the Venice Treviso Airport, he shared some profound insights into what was happening beneath the surface: The Chinese are coming. The Chinese, he averred, were fanning out over Italy, buying properties and setting up factories to produce goods. This same story is replicated in many western nations including the United States.

As he spoke, the Lord tugged at my heart to see the bigger picture: the Chinese have an economic model they believe is superior to the Western economic model (Capitalism). Across the world, Red China is rising, flexing its muscles. With trade unions making manufacturing in the West expensive, the wily capitalists of the West did not take long to figure that they could outsource production to the rugged Chinese on low pay and still make huge profits with the goods imported to their own countries. Today,

most things used in the Western world are made in China. As the Western entrepreneurs smiled to the bank, they had no idea that they were arming China and strengthening her. Today, China is not content to just be the world's factory. China is rising and alarm bells are ringing in the West. In mining, oil and gas; Information Communications Technology; medicine and indeed just about everything, China is intent on flaunting the superiority of its economic system. Through its economic system and power, China is hoping to become the world's super power within a few decades. Red China believes that this is achievable because it is faced with capitalist competitors whose nations and systems are decaying and imploding due to class distinctions fighting for dwindling resources.

Beyond China, Muslim nations of the Middle East are utilizing their stupendous wealth to buy up choice real estate in the Western world as well as convert their hitherto desert nations into an oasis of luxury which will suck in the wealth of the nations. The success of Dubai as a top tourist destination and now the unexpected success of Qatar as world cup hosts for 2022 reveal the extent to which Muslim nations have succeeded in using money to advance their interests in a world that used to be hostile to their religion. The real deal is beyond all these however. As we speak, Islamic nations are putting together an alternative model of banking and economics based on the Quran. Islamic Banking is based on Islamic law which bars their faithful from charging interest on loans. Today, many so called "Christian nations" in Africa are falling for the bait of no interest loans in return for allowing Muslims to build schools, hospitals and beautiful mosques. Through its economic model, Islam is being spread into regions of the world where it could not have had any chance of acceptance through normal proselytizing.

The point we are making is this: western economics is failing and will crumble under the weight of its inherent contradictions. Western economics, which is the science of managing scarcity amidst a burgeoning population needs a redeemer. That redeemer is Kingdom Economics.

## KINGDOM SUCCESS PRINCIPLES

Elohim will raise and empower saints in the market place who will operate and flourish by these timeless principles:

- They will be saints who acknowledge Elohim in His triple offices as Creator, Redeemer and Owner of their lives. They acknowledge that they are bought with the priceless Blood of the Lamb and live because He who is their life dwells in them by His Spirit (See 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.)
- For the above reason, they come first to a position of entire surrender to Elohim and consciously enthrone Yahshua, Jesus as Lord of their lives. He is not just Savior who takes them to eternity when they die but is the Lord who determines how they live on earth and all that they do in private and public; as well as in how they conduct business. They make a covenant of sacrifice with their Lord (See Psalm 50:5; Romans 12:1.)
- These saints dare not do anything or engage in any activity without the express instruction, direction and guidance of Holy Spirit who is the present manifestation of Divinity in them (See Romans 8:12-14.)
- When Elohim by His Holy Spirit leads them into business, the professions, employment in the corporate world, the civil or public service or creative pursuits, all that they do is as unto Him and for His glory. They therefore will not engage in speech or sales pitch/promotion/ advertising which are remotely deceptive, misleading or proud (See Colossians 3:17, 23-25.)
- Because Elohim owns them by Creation, Redemption and His Providential care over their lives, these saints realize and accept the fact that they are mere channels for Him to pass through His thoughts, visions, wealth and resources. They do not act in any way to suggest that any of those assets or abilities come or are sustained by their own power, intellect or capacity.
- Kingdom Market Place ministers therefore are vessels who have accepted their election and roles as instruments through whom Elohim, who owns this earth, will distribute or redistribute His

enormous resources so that those who receive His goodness are drawn back to Him. This Kingdom Market Place Ambassadorial Model is the hidden truth which only those who discover and walk in it stand any reasonable chance to be truly used by Him in the end times as witnesses to the life, death, resurrection and return of Jesus Christ to rule and reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. In other words, ministers in the market place are on their “Go Ye” assignments as stewards of Divine resources and ambassadors of the King and His Kingdom (See Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 4:10 -11.)

- The majority of humans will never go to any church building until Yahshua, Jesus returns. The plan of Elohim is, therefore, to reach them where they are and where they engage in normal daily economic activities such as in banks, shopping malls, construction sites, schools, conferences and a host of other regular activities. There, they will encounter living temples where Yahshua resides by His Spirit. These are ‘regular’ men and women, young and old whose distinguishing mark is that they are sold out saints living the Kingdom life which emits supernaturally the presence and power of Elohim. When non-believers encounter these salt carriers and light bearers of Yahshua, there is a witness in their spirit that they are not ordinary after all.

The post-modern world will only believe when it “sees”. Seeing these saints who express the Kingdom within by their righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit – in all situations. This will leave them with no option but to acknowledge the superiority of what they encounter. They will thus bow to the authority of the Kingdom which is superior to the lives they live and philosophies they believe (See Luke 17:21; Romans 14:17-19.) A demand fueled rather than supply fueled conversion will take place as such people pointedly ask the saints why they live the way they do and how they too can “enjoy” such clearly superior lives (See 1 Peter 2:9-12.)

- Kingdom market place ministers, because they walk in alignment with the will of Elohim, will become mighty instruments for activating the supernatural. Holy Spirit has an inherent interest in using them as vessels to do signs and wonders which will blow the minds of the people they live and work with. Some will, like Joseph,

have supernatural abilities to dream and interpret dreams, a sorely needed gift in the fields of research and development, banking and the corporate world. Like Daniel, some will have the ability to act as Chief Political and Economic Advisers to Mayors, Governors and Heads of State or be elected into executive offices to turn around their cities, states and nations. Many will be used of the Lord to prophesy into the direction that corporations and governments will go. Many market place leaders will clear out the Stock Exchange because of the gifts of discernment and other revelatory gifts. Saints in the market place will have the Holy Spirit poured out upon them and will walk as supernatural vessels. Though mightily used, their humility, accessibility and ability to be ordinary will blow the minds of their contemporaries who are used to pop idol culture. Joel 2: 28, 29 will be fulfilled in a greater measure than on the day of Pentecost.

- The wealth of the nations will gravitate towards these saints who will be living epistles of Yahshua, Jesus, their Lord and Savior in the market place. Instead of rehearsing dry dogmas and engage in theological disputations, they will demonstrate the blessed Kingdom of Elohim on a day to day basis. They will not hoard up this wealth for themselves or reserve it in bank accounts for generations unborn. Instead they will deploy the wealth to good causes at local, regional, national and international levels which will lead to the largest harvest of souls beyond anything the world ever knew. They will sponsor poor students on scholarship, build houses for widows and the poor; sponsor production of bibles and literature for distribution world-wide. They will be used by Elohim to sponsor those truly called to full time pulpit ministry as the Fivefold and those called to evangelical missions. Because they are everywhere, simultaneously, Satan will be confused in dealing with them.

In any case, these sold out saints do not love their own lives, even unto death. They are saints on assignment as vessels of honor. The short window of time available will be sufficient for them to fund preaching of the gospel of the Kingdom effectively in the entire world for a witness before the end

finally comes (See Matthew 24:14; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-19; Acts 1:8,)

## THINK ON THESE THINGS...

In the early 70's the spirit of religion played havoc on saints in the strategic nation of Nigeria where a supposed revival was taking place. Saints studying such great disciplines as Medicine, Architecture and Pharmacy which required long periods in universities were mocked by their less educated counterparts who wondered why they were "wasting" precious time in long studies when Jesus was about to return. Some abandoned their academic pursuits to do "full time" ministry. Some who were studying Law were harassed for trying to be "professional liars". Several decades later Christian pregnant women had no option but to be examined by unbelieving gynecologists who, in some cases were perverts. In the same way, for a season, churches and Christians had to hire expensive unbelieving lawyers when they had cases. The religious system had shot itself in the foot.

Not too long ago, several churches used to harass zealous professionals into accepting pastorates so that they could serve Elohim "better". Brethren who should have been encouraged to seek actualization in the market place were stampeded to seek same in the pulpit. The result is the self-evident disaster of people trying to be what they were not called by Elohim to be. Lacking the capacity to lead the saints, their pastorates are marked by immature leadership, substandard sharing of the word and growing the congregations as branches of denominations. This is retrogressive in the extreme. In one particular denomination in Africa, pastors had no power to receive and teach original messages from the Lord. They stood on pulpits while recorded teachings of the general overseer were played through public address systems.

There are also some people in the market place today who rightly belong to the pulpit ministry. They need to humble themselves and do what is right so that they do not get in the way of the great and mighty move of Holy Spirit that is coming. The secret code is for every saint to be occupied with what they have been called and gifted by Elohim to do and let go of other things for other people.

Elohim is about to do a new thing as part of the process of preparing the Church for her Groom. Market place ministry is for real the great theatre of the clash between good and evil; light and darkness. In a real sense, the battle cry is this: who is on the Lord's side? As Paul exhorted in 2 Timothy 2: 19, let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity. This exhortation applies equally to those in the market place. We are called to "go ye into the entire world and preach the gospel to every creature" as well as make disciples of all nations. Staying within the four walls of "church buildings" will constrain the Kingdom purpose. The world is our parish and we need to go forth everywhere to occupy, until King Yahshua returns.



# 4

## Biblical Facts: Market Place Ministry

**I**t is recommended that everyone make time to study the parable of the sower in Luke 8:4-15, and ask the following critical questions: “What type of soil is my heart? Do I have a heart that is like rocky soil, fertile soil, or is it like a thorn bush? Am I receptive to or uncomfortable with inconvenient truths? Do I crave only the words that feed my idols?” These questions are necessary to contemplate in order to secure deliverance from the spirit of deception now ravaging the world. If Yahshua Jesus called the people of His time a wicked and adulterous generation, what would He possibly call people of this age?

### UNCOMFORTABLE FACTS AND INCONVENIENT TRUTHS

There are some who are uncomfortable with the truths the Lord is unearthing for those who are called to the Market Place. Unfortunately for them, Elohim has never been known to with consult humans before He releases His words or defines His standards. Religion has claimed to people that Yahshua, Jesus is more concerned with what happens inside buildings men call “church”. But Yahshua, Jesus says that His Church is His people – those redeemed from the world and its corruption by His precious Blood.

Religion suggests that there is a difference between “spiritual” and “secular” pursuits. By that, religion suggests that those in the fivefold – Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers - otherwise called fulltime clergy are those who are truly in ministry and strive to be holy. In effect, those who live and work in the Market Place are not required to seek

the same standards of holiness since Elohim understands that they labor amongst unholy people and mustn't be "rigid".

This evil doctrine is at the heart of the downgrading of the mandate and assignment of Market Place Ministers who are seen as those that just bring in the tithes and offerings to be used to "build the church". The truth in the Word portrays a different concept. In the Bible, one solid truth which has been hidden by layers of spiritual glaucoma is this: Ministers in the Market Place lived far holier and higher standards of sanctity than their contemporaries who were equivalent of fivefold ministers. The evidence that will be presented here was revealed by Holy Spirit several years ago and is still valid today.

### EXAMPLES:

#### PATRIARCHS IN "FULL TIME MINISTRY" ERRED

Let us review the lives of some of the key ministers on both sides of the spectrum and dissect what the Lord allowed to be written about them.

- **Abraham:** the patriarch of the Hebrews and indeed all who believe had a few records of failures in his epic walk with Yahweh. Yahweh called him alone but Abraham took his nephew Lot along. As a result, delays and crises ensued. Yahweh did not reassure him of the promise of possessing the Promised Land until Lot was separated from him (See Genesis 13: 1- 18.) In the meantime, Abraham lied to the Egyptians concerning the true identity of his beautiful wife, Sarai out of fear that they may kill him and take her. (See Genesis 12: 10-20.)
- **Moses:** the great Law Giver and Apostle of Israel saw and spoke to Elohim face to face (See Exodus 33:11; Numbers 12:8, Deuteronomy 34:10.) However, he allowed the rebellious attitude and nagging of the people to get pressure him and in a fit of anger, Moses struck the rock rather than speak to it as instructed by Elohim at the waters of Meribah in Numbers 20: 1-13. This rash action brought a reproach to the name of the Lord and cost Moses his entry into the Promised Land, in spite of his heart wrenching cries in Deuteronomy 32: 48- 52. This was not the first time that anger had

got the best of Moses to the point of doing unreasonable things. In Exodus 32:19, Moses broke the original Ten Commandments, written with the very fingers of God.

- **Elijah:** one of the greatest prophets of Israel was mightily used of the Lord to do great exploits. Signs and wonders followed his ministry and he boldly stood for the Lord before Kings, nobles and ordinary people. However, when the evil Queen Jezebel threatened him after the epic confrontation at Mount Carmel, the weary prophet buckled in fear and asked Elohim to take his life. A glorious ministry was terminated by that very request and as proof that his time was not yet due, Elijah was taken to heaven alive in a Chariot of Fire (See 1 Kings 19: 18; 2 Kings 2: 1-12.)

### EXAMPLES:

#### MINISTERS IN THE MARKET PLACE LIVED SPOTLESS LIVES

In contrast to these cases, there were some Ministers in the Market Place who had remarkable track records of integrity and holiness which transcended all things they did – in secret and in public. Let us review some cases:

- **Joseph:** the son of Jacob was the ideal market place minister. He never for once served in a formal sense as a “priest” in the temple”, yet he served Elohim effectively as a dreamer of dreams and interpreter of dreams. When Potiphar’s wife tried to seduce Joseph, his response was a classic display of the heart of a true minister who knew and feared Elohim (See Genesis 39:1-18.) In all his travails, the recurrent theme was that Elohim was with Joseph. His gift, diligence, positive attitude and total trust in Elohim marked him out for greatness. Joseph went on to become an effective Prime Minister to the Pharaoh of Egypt. It is instructive that Joseph was also a prophet who accurately saw into the future when Elohim would deliver his people back to Canaan (See Genesis 50: 22 - 26.)
- **Joshua:** the son of Nun was also minister in the market place. His primary assignment at the beginning was to act as Armor Bearer to Moses, a job he

accomplished with excellence and dedication as shown in Exodus 24:13; Exodus 33: 1-11. Joshua went on to be Commander of the Army of Israel fighting the battles while Moses stood in prayer in Exodus 17: 8 - 13.

Upon him, fell the responsibility of ushering Israel into the Promised Land and dividing up the inheritance to all the tribes. His dedication and consecration were documented on several occasions including when he was serving Moses. Even at the end of his life, the high standards that kept him were on display in his epic treatise to Israel (See Joshua 24: 1- 31.)

- **Daniel:** was a teenager when he was recruited to be trained in the courts of the heathen, King Nebuchadnezzar. The land was full of magic, occultism and all manner of evil. However, Daniel was focused and diligent in exercising his market place ministry. Armed with the gift of ability to interpret dreams and wisdom, Daniel was ruggedly committed to governance and excelled there as a Chief Adviser to the Emperor as well as President in the empire. His service was so appreciated that Daniel served Belshazzar, Darius the Mede and Cyrus. The foundation of his piety is described in Daniel 1:8.

## THE MYSTERY OF HIGHER STANDARDS OF THOSE IN THE MARKET PLACE

As we sought the face of the Lord why those in the market place illustrated above seemed to have a greater degree of integrity than those who were in fulltime spiritual leadership, the Lord unfolded some answers which were simple but mind blowing.

Many times, those in the fivefold live insular lives. They engage in what can be termed “monastic holiness.” Monastic holiness describes a holiness that manifests when one is removed from objects of temptation. Such were the cases of Moses and Elijah who were always very comfortable in the sweet presence of Elohim but unable to handle the fickleness of mere mortals.

In this modern era, the leader of Elohim's people who lives behind high walls with an entourage of security staff and flies from his/her fortress to church on certain days is living an insular life that is not real. The one who is packaged to smile in a particular way for the benefit of television cameras arranged by the public relations staff is living an unreal life. For this reason, many great men and women of Elohim fall easily when they are outside familiar territory. When they recover a bit of normality, they are unable to stand the temptations because they were untested and therefore unproved all along. Their images which were blown up to create surreal characters were mere phantoms.

On the other hand, saints in the market place live in real life situations daily. Many working sisters have to face the reality of inappropriate and philandering bosses. Many brothers in sales have to encounter bold and inappropriate female customers. Brothers who run their own business know the pressures they face from women who want to be treated special. This results in a greater maturity and watchfulness, prayer and spiritual warfare in order to retain and maintain their identity as saints. As they call upon Elohim for deliverance, He supplies the degree of grace which is greater than the sins which war against their souls. This was clearly the case with Joseph who labored amongst some of the most beautiful women on earth including Potiphar's wife.

*Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord Romans 5: 20-21*

One small victory leads to a greater success. As they grow in grace and trust of Elohim, as they continue in prayer and spiritual warfare, true holiness becomes part and parcel of the spiritual fiber of saints in the market place. Frequent exposure to the opposite sex, matures the market place minister so that it no longer has an effect on their character. Any saint who cannot relate normally with the opposite gender is still untested and therefore in need of maturity to adequately lead the people of Elohim. This is the pathway of true and enduring victory. So also is the temptation that money offers. As they trade with and transact with money more often, saints

in the market place are spared the attractions and allurements of wealth. They thus obtain victory over the power of mammon.

## CRITICAL ISSUES:

### Market Place Ministers and the Five Fold

Let us now consider some critical issues concerning those in the Market Place and the Fivefold (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers). Three major tracks define this discussion:

1. The assignments of the fivefold towards those in the Market Place.
2. The reality that some in the Market Place will function with Five Fold calling and anointing.
3. The fact that many Market Place Ministers will function as supportive ministers in their local congregations.

The primary role of the fivefold as defined in Ephesians 4:11, 12 is to perfect the Body and equip saints to do the work of ministry. What this means is that regardless of whether one is called to be an Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor or teacher, there should be an overriding heartfelt desire for saints to know who they are in Yahshua, Who He is in them and manifest the gifts and callings they have received from Him through Holy Spirit.

The purpose of Yahshua and His Kingdom is the very passion of those truly called to the fivefold. Yahshua, Jesus wants His saints to walk in Unity and be one (See John 17: 11, 21-23.) Yet at the same time, He has called the saints to live in liberty by knowing the Truth that sets free (See John 8:32, 36.) To the carnal, this may seem contradictory since liberty may cause people to walk in independence without being under authority.

Resolving this seeming contradiction will be a critical test for those truly called to the fivefold. The divine imperative therefore is this: treat every

saint brought into your care by Yahshua, Jesus the Chief Shepherd as a candidate for empowerment. Feed them diligently with all the nutrients of the word so that they will grow from drinking milk to eating solid food and later have the ability to eat bones. The divine principle for the local congregation is that it is a spiritual factory for turning raw materials (sinners) into finished products (empowered saints). Empowered saints are evidenced in lives that do not revolve around the human leader but around Yahshua. John the Baptist understood, practiced and preached this principle and was able to fulfil His ministry as the greatest of the Old Testament Prophets (See John 3: 26 – 36.)

Fivefold leaders must let go any ungodly, manipulative and controlling hold over the flock. Fivefold leaders must realize that they did not die for the saints to be saved, do not own them and therefore are merely on divine assignment. Receiving the divine commission to be under shepherds of the flock is a special privilege and must be treated as such. Every fivefold leader who desires to escape the condemnation on the Last Day must do well to reconfigure approach to ministry (See 1 Peter 5: 1-4.)

This approach can be broken down into the acronym **T.T.E.A.R.**

**Teach** them sound biblical doctrine and not fairy tales or personal humanistic concepts.

**Train** every saint to understand that they are called to be ministers of the gospel, and do this within a specific time frame such as 3-4 years.

**Equip** the saints with a proper understanding of their identity in Yahshua and who He is in them, and then, let them know the absolute necessity of discovering and walking in their spiritual gifts and offices in Yahshua. Allow the Holy Spirit to use you to

**Activate** His gifts and callings inside their spirit man! Look beyond their physical body, gender, age and socio-economic status. Look beyond their emotional status and dig deep down into their spirit man where their gifts and callings are deposited, through teaching, affirmation and laying on of hands. As they complete a training cycle,

**Release** them into the ministry Elohim has called them through a formal ordination and licensing!

When people are ordained, they should move on to take their place in ministry to deepen, widen and enlarge the vision alongside the vision holder, Presbytery and Deacons. Such ministers will be loyal to Elohim, loyal to the vision and to the vision holder. They will be committed and fully consecrated to pursue fulfillment of their assignment, as unto the Lord according to Colossians 3: 17, 21-13. They will thus gain invaluable hands on experience and grow in grace as ministers of the gospel.

With time, some of those who acquire experience serving alongside the vision holder will be led by the Holy Spirit to start a new work in another location. In this way, the Kingdom is enlarged. Vision holders need not be threatened by such developments, and should willingly release those who claim the Lord is calling them to start another work. Those who do not openly reveal their intent and honorably request release or consistently act neutral and undecided are rebellious, and therefore should be released so that the little leaven in them does not spread to the whole batch. This divine formula is the key to foiling the plan of Satan to make many local congregations battlegrounds of carnal jousts for power.

Let us also note that the way many saints in various countries refuse to serve their leaders, and often break away nastily to prematurely start new ministries does not edify the Body, and brings great reproach to the Name of the Lord. They simply end up sowing evil seeds which come back to haunt them when their own ministries start to grow. This evil flow needs to stop so that the Omega Church can radiate with the glory of the King, rather than manifest the confusing visage of Satan. True fivefold leaders empower, rather than enslave the saints! Their central focus is to ensure that saints are brought to a place in their walk with Elohim here they know exactly what He has called them to BE and to DO in His Kingdom! True fivefold Leaders will do this diligently, even if it means that their ministries will experience what carnal believers will deem as “high turnover of personnel”.

This divine formula is the hidden secret of true Kingdom ministry. Elohim never intended for us to permanently dwell in one place and build

Towers of Babel. When Yahshua, Jesus commissioned His Church to preach the gospel to every creature, He pointedly declared that they would do so from Jerusalem to Judea and then Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth in an ever widening ripple! The disciples disobeyed and remained Jerusalem bound with the Apostles. The outcome was a crises prone church whose operating principle was “Come Ye” to eat and drink rather than “Go Ye” as Yahshua, Jesus commanded in Acts 1:8. The result was strife over food as recorded in Acts 6. Elohim had to allow persecution to scatter the saints to the degree that just one man - Phillip – who in Jerusalem was only fit to serve tables became an Evangelist and fivefold leader over night when he ran for life to Samaria and was used by Holy Spirit to fulfill the command of Yahshua! In the same Acts chapter 8, Phillip was used by Holy Spirit to reach the uttermost parts of the earth through conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch! There are many crises in ministries throughout the world, which are not Satan inspired but Elohim has permitted to break up comfortable “come ye” ministries so that more vibrant ministries can spring up with the right “go ye” spirit.

## OPTIONS IN MINISTRY

Part of what the fivefold should teach the church is that there are three broad types of ministry so that people will know the truth that sets free.

- The first is pulpit ministry of the fivefold and the supportive ministries which undergird them.
- The second is market place ministry for those called to be priests of Elohim through their businesses, professions, creative pursuits, employments in the civil, public service and corporate world.
- The third is hybrid ministry for those who have a calling to both pulpit and fivefold ministry.

## SOME IN THE MARKET PLACE FUNCTION WITH FIVE FOLD CALLING AND ANOINTING.

The spirit of religion seeks to mask the truth in the Word. Part of what Satan tries to mask is the reality that some people in the Market Place will function with fivefold anointing. Since it is the anointing that break yokes, Holy Spirit will pour same out upon saints He sends into hostile territory so that they can implement the ordinance of Psalm 2 and bring into the Kingdom ,wealth ordained for saints.

Since many will never come into the typical church building, the predominant channel through which they will know and experience the anointing of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers will be through those carrying the anointing and functioning in those offices as they “go ye” in the Market Place. Joseph clearly had an apostolic calling. So also were a host of saints like Daniel, Joshua, Nehemiah and Zerubbabel to mention a few. Kings like David and Solomon had apostolic type callings.

It will take apostolic anointing for many saints in the Market Place to function effectively as entrepreneurs, innovators and those who break new grounds in various realms of business. It will take the anointing of Prophet for many saints to fulfil the calling to excel in Stock Exchanges, futures trading and in analytical reporting. The anointing of an Evangelist will make those in Sales, Marketing, the Media and Arts extra powerful and successful. The anointing of Pastor will make saints great managers and Human resource specialists, Counselors and Care Givers. The anointing of Teacher will bring forth the best of those in the educational and training industry including class room teachers and Professors.

In the same way, Elohim will release an Apostolic anointing on saints He wants to use as Heads of State and Governments at various levels; the anointing of Prophets as Chief Advisers to Presidents and Heads of State; and anointing of Evangelists on Ambassadors of Nations. There are various applications which Elohim will reveal to those who inquire of Him. If you are in business, tarry in His Presence until Elohim releases the full measure of the anointing and calling with which you shall fulfill your destiny. The

end time Church is ordained to be radiant and powerful according to Ephesians 5:27

## MANY MARKET PLACE MINISTERS FUNCTION AS SUPPORTIVE MINISTERS IN LOCAL ASSEMBLIES.

Elohim never wastes gifts and callings and neither does He restrict usage of His gifts to religious or corporate settings. It is inconceivable that Elohim will endow ministers in the market place with extraordinary capacity to manage human and material resources for 6 days only to be mere benchwarmers to fivefold leaders on Sunday.

There are some in the fivefold who boast of how Medical Doctors and corporate chieftains are their ushers and armor bearers to their shame. Displaying such great gifts and offices as trophies of war is ego tripping gone bust revealing a Nicolaitan spirit which Yahshua hates. The plan of Elohim is that fivefold leaders functioning as the Presbytery shall be diligent to continue with the T.T.E.A.R process in the local assemblies, lead the saints to live holy, prayerful lives. They should in turn cede over the administration, finance, investments, welfare, property, maintenance and other normal businesses of the Church to Market Place Ministers – functioning as the Deaconate. Those called to the Market Place have skills and competencies which make them better equipped to handle such transactions. This is the import of Acts 6: 1-7. The scepter of fivefold officers conducting the business of the Church belies not only insecurity but worse still, clear disobedience to the tenets of the Word.

When business affairs of the Church are fully delivered into the hands of those who have the spiritual capacity and competence, local assemblies will be strong and powerful and able to fulfil the divine purpose. The case in Acts 6:1-7 showed that when the early church got it right and revival ensued will happen again.

**Caveat:** the fivefold leader mustn't carelessly hand over sensitive administrative and finance duties to those with Market Place calling who lack the competence to add value or the availability to get things done as and when required. In other words, unfit and uncommitted saints should not

be rushed into less sensitive assignments lest they destroy what Holy Spirit is building. They should be trained for their assignments and tested before being vested with responsibilities.

*Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;<sup>9</sup> Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.<sup>10</sup> And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.<sup>11</sup> Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.<sup>12</sup> Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.<sup>13</sup> For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 3: 8-13*



# 5

## SNARES AND PITFALLS

**W**e will now focus on two broad themes: “Snares and Pitfalls of Market Place Ministry” and “the case for united action and alignment for success in the Market Place.” As we receive revelations of the mind from our heavenly Father for Market Place Ministry, we must be aware that there are some snares and pitfalls that must be recognized and avoided. The idea is to overcome them. Hosea 4: 6 says “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”

1. Satan plays on the mind to downgrade marketplace ministry’s importance so that saints do not esteem it as highly as they should. This can lead to a situation where those called to serve in this sector languish in full time or pulpit un-fulfilled. Ignorance is indeed expensive and dangerous.

2. Ambition can rise up in those who are not called but who become excited with prospects of wealth to the degree that they jump into the Market Place. Among those who are called to serve in the Market Place, ambition can cause them to pursue things not assigned by Holy Spirit.

*For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Romans 12: 3*

3. Tendency may rise to conduct marketplace ministry casually and with less consecration as pulpit ministry in terms of prayer, fasting, study of the

word, meditation and seriousness of purpose. This arises from a religious mindset which considers the Market Place as “secular.”

4. Love of money may become a snare. This occurs when those called to the Market Place forget that Elohim is their source and He demands their primary affection and attention. When their focus shifts to the gift and not the giver, idolatry sets in and the love of money becomes the driving force of what they do.

*For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 1 Timothy 6: 10*

5. Pride and hubris may creep in which Elohim hates passionately. The very tool which Elohim puts in their hand to expand His Kingdom – money – may cause them to be filled with a false sense of power over other people. The consequent pride may offend Elohim who can bring them down.

*Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16: 18*

*But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. James 4: 6*

6. Greed is a common pitfall. Those in the Market Place as entrepreneurs may have the tendency to become greedy and self-centered to the degree that they try to squeeze everything out of their employees – including payment of starvation wages in order to make as much profit as they can. This tendency is unacceptable to Elohim Who created them. Ministers in the Market Place must beware of withholding wages of employees for flimsy reasons. It is better to ensure that wages of employees are paid on time.

*Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.<sup>2</sup> Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten.<sup>3</sup> Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.<sup>4</sup> Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, cried: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.<sup>5</sup> Ye have lived in*

*pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. James 5:1-5*

7. Paying workers just minimum wage even when business is good. Legally, the entrepreneur may be right to do just that. But it makes good Kingdom sense to make workers partake of the success they labored for by blessing them with special perks and bonuses – if the business can afford it.

8. General mistreatment of employees because they are vulnerable. This is an ungodly tendency that those who are truly saints in the Market Place must avoid like plague. The fruit of the Spirit is not just for application inside buildings called ‘Church’ saints go into on certain holy days. Proper behavior, courtesy and kindness are winners any day. After all, Yahshua said the meek will inherit the earth.

9. Unhealthy independence from kingdom leaders and other brethren. Genuine market place leaders are supposed to maintain an organic and vibrant relationship with leaders in the Fivefold and intercessors Elohim will assign to cover them and speak into their lives. Daniel functioned this way with the other three Hebrew children. Zerubbabel functioned this way with the Prophet Zechariah. The result was great success. When hubris sets in, those in the Market Place can forget this virtue and begin to drift away from proper fellowship with their souls unaccounted for.

*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. Hebrews 10: 25*

10. Lack of submission to any authority in the Church because of the greater quantities of money they bring in as tithes and offerings or statures they have attained. This danger is very real in some who serve in Public Service and are elevated in society. Will they still be able to be humble before their congregational leaders? True market place ministers often have grace to model submission to spiritual authorities since they themselves function daily as authorities (See Romans 13:1-7.)

*Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they*

*may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.  
Hebrews 13: 17*

11. Worse still, some saints in the Market Place may be tempted to seek to control their leaders in fulltime pulpit ministry because of the finances they bring in to support them and their ministries. This can incur the displeasure of Holy Spirit just as He reacted to those who tried to buy the anointing in Acts 8.

12. Market Place Ministers need to be aware that profiteering or seeking unduly high margins of profit does not represent the King. There is need for moderation in all things – including how much is profited.

13. The danger of being inward focused and thus neglect the operating environment or clamp up, withholding good from those the business is supposed to transform their lives. Every business operates in a community. As profits come in, there is need to prayerfully consider ways to impact the community through social action which in turn opens the door for their hearts to be tender towards King Yahshua in Whose name such deeds are done. Blessing the most vulnerable in the community such as the homeless, very poor and orphans makes very good business sense.

14. The danger of becoming so professionally competent that Holy Spirit is left out of the decision making or problem solving equation. Success can create this scenario. Before long the minister in the market place begins to make plans and projections without consulting Elohim.

15. For those in employment, there can be real danger of being unfaithful to their Directors or leaders. Some tend to be difficult with believing Directors which is a shame. We are to follow the example set by Yahshua, Jesus our Master in all things – even when mistreated.

*Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. 2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort. 1 Timothy 6:1-2*

*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.<sup>22</sup> Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye service, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God;<sup>23</sup> And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;<sup>24</sup> Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.<sup>25</sup> But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons. Colossians 3: 17-24*

Others tend to display a negative attitude towards unbelieving bosses and in the process bring the name of the Lord to reproach.

*Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.<sup>19</sup> For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.<sup>20</sup> For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.<sup>21</sup> For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:<sup>22</sup> Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:<sup>23</sup> Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: 1 Peter 2: 18-23*

16. Re-emergence of the self-nature as a result of carelessness or being too focused on things to be achieved. The things destroyed previously can resurrect unawares. The self-nature induces selfishness which wars against emergence of Kingdom culture.

*But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. 18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. Galatians 2: 17-17*

## CASE FOR ALIGNMENT IN MARKET PLACE MINISTRY

As we wind down the revelations the Lord has released in this practical course, some additional critical truths need to be reflected on. One has to do with the fact that saints are born into Yahshua and grafted into His Body. The Body of Yahshua – The Church - is designed to function best as an organism which is self-sustaining within itself, connected to its Head. The

truth is that saints function best when they are united, living in love and holy unto the Lord rather than when they pull apart as individuals.

Ephesians 4: 13 – 16 captures best what happens when saints are perfected by the full ministry of the fivefold: they come to a state of unity of the spirit, unto a perfect man that is able to discern truth from error. Furthermore, the Body is able to make increase of itself by that which every joint supplies releasing what each has and receiving what others have.

The final wave of the move of Holy Spirit on the market place will tear down the individualistic concepts activated by the spirit of self or the old man at work in saints who have given heed to temptations to walk alone. There is a limit on how far one can walk into the fullness of the blessings of God all alone. While it may seem very attractive, it is the one single reason why many saints have been unable to access the quantum of blessings Elohim has for His saints. Working alone is not an impossible proposition. It simply will delay the days in the wilderness and make the journey harder. The truth is that many saints have suffered the consequences of unequal yokes with people who are greedy and treacherous – both believers and sinners. This has led many to retreat into their own shells.

The Lord will release the Spirit of unity on the end time church which will affect both pulpit and market place ministry in a way that will clearly demonstrate His Kingdom. The Kingdom is a united one with One Lord, One faith and One Body as Ephesians 4: 1-4 clearly show. Elohim will forge by His Spirit, powerful teams of Market Place Ministers who will fit into each other to create the level of synergy needful to achieve big time breakthrough in various sectors of the economy.

The Lord will orchestrate the teams that will emerge across the world. Successful ventures will spring forth when Elohim brings together saints He has blessed with funds matching with those He has blessed with innovative ideas; those He has blessed with exceptional skills in marketing, distribution and media, for instance. These teams will leverage their individual strengths which will cover each other's deficiencies and areas of lack. In effect, when each offers their heart, gifting and assets freely, they will give way to the one the Lord has appointed to be the vision holder for the business/ministry

to lead because the anointing of Elohim is clearly evident. There will be cases where saints who are part of a business team will allow a “new comer” or to manage the business because the fellow has the clear anointing for running day to day operations and will deliver on profitable operations.

Saints will be modeling the eternal phase of the Kingdom which will soon come into being as they willfully surrender their old man to the Lord to be crucified with Him and lose the capacity for guile, cheating, disloyalty and willingness to supplant others. Those who the Lord forges into business teams will see themselves as ministers on assignment to receive the wealth of the wicked and redistribute to saints and the poor. Christian businesses will become oasis of godliness in the Market Place. They will be beacons of light in their communities and sectors. Their approach to business will glorify Yahshua the Head and draw those they relate with to seek and find Him. Market place ministers who are business owners or empowered CEOs will start the day with Elohim in spirit filled corporate devotions where they share the word, pray together and seek direction from Holy Spirit. They will proclaim fasts and host when things get tough. They will also maintain close liaison with fivefold leaders and intercessors as Daniel maintained with the three Hebrew children who stayed in the background while he was in the frontline of market place ministry (See Daniel 1: 21; Daniel 2: 14 – 49.)

Kingdom businesses will joyfully tithe unto the Lord as well as set aside part of their profits to finance ministries and sponsor charity projects worldwide. Many hitherto closed lands to professional missionaries and banner waving denominations will be open to Kingdom businesses. Red China, Russia and Islamic nations will be penetrated through the Market Place and well-motivated market place ministers who realize they are on assignment.

The mandate of man to increase, multiply and exercise dominion– which satan stole, was recovered in Yahshua, Jesus. His charge to “occupy till I come” will be the driving force of Kingdom Market Place ministers and ministries. With this mindset, their faith will be set loose and with Elohim, nothing shall be deemed impossible to them. It is those in the Market Place that Elohim will use to recover the dominion mandate of the redeemed

because they are on the proper platforms to engage with and affect society in a direct way. ( See Genesis 1: 26 – 30; Luke 19:13)



# 6

## Epilogue and Models in the Bible

**T**he Lord wishes for us to be continually reminded that religious concepts that many Christians world-wide walk in are not of Him. Those concepts have combined to confine the Church into buildings leaving great space for Satan to occupy with His minions in human bodies.

1. The Babylonian concept of the Christians as “sinners”. All who are redeemed by the Blood of Yahshua, Jesus are saints, period. Yes, they may be dealing with some issues and are certainly His work-in-progress/process but nevertheless, it is critically important that they are made to know and walk in their divine identities as redeemed from Satan, Sin, The World and the Adamic curse of laboring to eke out a living (See Genesis 3:16-19.)

2. The Babylonian concept of the Church being the Building Christians “go into” on certain holy days in the week, month and year to “experience God”. Church, from a New Covenant perspective is simply those “called out of the world.”

3. The Babylonian concept that Church is a particular organization which a “Christian joins” in order to belong. In the New Covenant perspective, Church is a living, loving organism of saints who collectively constitute the Living Body of Yahshua, Jesus in the earth realm. Saints do not ‘join’ an organization but rather take their place as part of His Body. Holy Spirit Is the One Who can lead them to take their places in specific fellowships or congregations as part of Kingdom Communities that He brings together to release and receive grace according to Ephesians 4:16.

4. The Babylonian Concept of life as strictly divided into two: spiritual and secular activities. By “spiritual”, they mean what is done inside Church buildings on those appointed Holy Days while the “secular” constitute activities done outside that frame work, including business, professional life and public service.

5. The Babylonian and Levitical concept of Priesthood as a tiny specially called professional priestly caste which is trained to mediate between a Holy God and an “unholy” majority which engages in secular activities. In the New Covenant, all saints are part of the Royal Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek which Yahshua, Jesus came to institute in the earth realm. This Order implies that ALL saints are called to be Priests and Kings with specific mandates to mediate between Elohim and the ungodly outside His Common wealth. They have authority, in the Name of Yahshua, Jesus to legislate by prayer and spiritual warfare to the extent that things in the natural are subject to the will of our heavenly Father (See Hebrews 6, 7; 1 Peter 2:9-12.)

The tragedy is that by this religious re-definition, the Salt and Light which Yahshua said His Church ought to be to the world is essentially lost in several sectors of life. The result is what is being experienced world-wide today: a Church without a voice that is essentially being trampled underfoot by various nations: Western, Eastern; Democratic; Totalitarian as well as nations under the rule of various Religions which reject the Lordship of Yahshua.

*Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5: 13-16*

All that the Lord released within the six previous chapters should be understood in the context that Elohim redeemed us out of the world to demonstrate His Kingdom as an existential reality in the earth realm. Redeemed out of it, we are to be witnesses to it of the reality that Yahshua

is Lord. To do this successfully, Yahshua prayed to the Father to keep us alive in the earth realm so that we can engage with society in order to impact it with Kingdom culture and thus bring about an inside out transformation or discipline of the nations and kingdoms of the earth (See John 17: 1- 24; Matthew 28:18-20.)

To be isolated within four walls of Brick and Mortar called Churches will not achieve this divine purpose. It is in the Market Place where the normal businesses of life or all spheres of life are transacted that the true Kingdom Church of Priests and Kings can make the greatest impact. Saints who are called to function in the Market Place will be graced to succeed by Elohim. Led by Holy Spirit, they will not hide their identities as saints for that is what defines them. On the other hand, they will not carry sign posts, fat bibles or wear “crusade garments” to prove their identities.

They will be regular people – entrepreneurs in business; employees in the private and public sectors, professionals in all spheres; athletes and sports people. They will serve in Government and in the Third Sector and Media. Their unique DNA is of Yahshua, Jesus in them the hope of glory as they surrender control to Holy Spirit who uses the temples of their beings to display the Zoe or Elohim kind of life.

Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers will need eagle eyes in order to spot these saints and invest in Teaching, Training, Equipping, Activating and Releasing them to Go Ye into the Market Place and make disciples of customers, clients, friends, professional colleagues and all those they come in contact with. Above all, ministers in the Market place are to diligently cooperate with Holy Spirit to use them to inject Kingdom culture into those spheres of Kingdom influence they are called to. Their success will be assured by the examples of saints in both the Old and New Covenants who optimized their callings into the Market Place.

## OLD COVENANT EXAMPLES OF MARKET PLACE MINISTERS

1. **Bezalel and Aholiab:** were used to construct the exquisite designs of the Tabernacle and its furnishings. Elohim did not commission Moses the Pulpit Minister and Apostle to Israel to do the work, rather He anointed Bezalel and Aholiab filling them with Holy Spirit to function in the fullness of wisdom, understanding, knowledge and all manner of workmanship. Working in the strength of that anointing they were able to deliver what Elohim had shown to Moses on the Mountain (See Exodus 31:1-11, 35:30-35, 36:1-7, 37:1-29.)

2. **Joseph:** there is no biblical record or inference that Joseph served in the temple or Tabernacle for even one day. His life was powered by his spiritual gift of dreaming and interpreting dreams. His gift made a way for him right to the top where he served as Prime Minister in Egypt. He was gifted with a prophetic mantle but was fulfilled in government and administration, managing the complex economy of the greatest empire of his time – Egypt. Through his faithfulness to the marketplace ministry committed to him Joseph was used of the Lord to safeguard Israel from famine. For his faithfulness Joseph earned two portions out of the 12 portions of Israel – Ephraim and Manasseh (See Genesis 37; Genesis Chapters 39- 50.)

3. **Joshua:** graduated from serving Moses as a protégé to become the leader of all Israel. His predominant calling was not in performing sacrifices in the temple but rather the mantle of a General in the armed forces anointed to fight and win wars, taking territories and dividing up Canaan as an inheritance for the people of Israel. He was a quintessential marketplace minister with a combined apostolic mandate over the nation of Israel. See the book of Joshua.

4. **Daniel:** was one of the greatest prophets of all time. Yet his place of ministry was the marketplace and not the temple. Daniel was anointed with wisdom, understanding, prophetic insight and administrative acumen of a very high order. He served as a President and Chief Adviser to Emperors of

Babylon and Medo-Persia. Daniel was living proof that Elohim requires a high level of consecration from those called to marketplace ministry - Daniel 1:8. A study of the whole book of Daniel will show how a man functioned as a Prophet and Market place minister seamlessly. His prophetic gifting and ability to interpret dreams brought him great favor and recognition which paved the way for him to be accepted to fulfil the temporal mandate as an effective leader of men and materials.

5. **Mordecai:** functioned as an elder at the gate and later as a presidential adviser. He was not a temple (pulpit) minister. His diligence at the gate enabled him to be used of Elohim to foil a coup plot against the King which was in turn used by the Lord to make a way for him to be promoted to high political office. His diligence at the gate also caused him to put to good use the information that Queen Vashti's crown was vacant. He seized on the opening to encourage his protégé Esther to put herself forward to be Queen( See Esther 2, 4, 6, 9, 10.)

6. **Esther:** was Queen to the Persian King Ahasuerus. As an exceptional vessel, Elohim used her to save the Jews from the wicked plot of Haman. She was a marketplace minister who was so successful that after thousands of years, the Purim festival observed by the Jews speaks of how effective she was in fulfilling the purpose of Elohim. See the Book of Esther.

7. **Nehemiah:** was the chief cup bearer or aide-de-camp of the Persian King, Artaxerxes when news came to him of the desolate state of Jerusalem. His love of Elohim and His chosen people drove him to sacrifice all to lead a band of exiles back to the Promised Land to rebuild the walls of the city. He was living proof that Elohim can use a minister in the marketplace to achieve awesome results that will affect many generations. See the book of Nehemiah.

8. **Zerubbabel:** was the governor of Judah after the exiles returned. He led the team of returnees who took over the assignment of rebuilding the temple at Jerusalem which had been abandoned. By working closely with pulpit ministers raised in that generation, namely Zechariah, Zerubbabel drew sufficient encouragement and strength to complete the assignment in record time (See Zechariah 4:6-10.)

## NEW COVENANT EXAMPLES OF MARKET PLACE MINISTERS

1. **Yahshua, Jesus:** For the first 30 years of His life, Yahshua, Jesus lived an ordinary life as a Carpenter, a trade He learnt and practiced from Joseph, the assumed father. His reputation as a carpenter was so clear that the people mocked his claim to be the Son of Elohim.

*Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him . Mark 6:3*

2. **Disciples of Jesus:** There is something interesting about the first disciples that Yahshua, Jesus called which is worth reviewing. Yahshua, Jesus did not call any of the full time religious leaders. He did not call the Levites, Scribes, Pharisees or members of the Sanhedrin. Yahshua, Jesus also did not call lazy people who were idlers and tattlers into the ministry. He deliberately called people who were engaged in business or showed skill in particular professions that were needed for the Kingdom work.

Peter, Andrew, James and John were active in their family fishing businesses when He called them. Matthew was active in his work as a customs officer when he was called so that his skills in setting records straight would be deployed to good effect in capturing key aspects of the biography of Yahshua, Jesus. The Lord clearly valued the contribution of people in the market place to His earthly ministry. Even the wife of a very high official was one of the deaconesses which ministered to Him. Some of the parables and illustrations of Yahshua, Jesus concerning the degree of faithfulness required to survive the end times centered on scenarios where people were actively engaged in day to do business pursuits (See Matthew 24:45 – 51; Luke 19: 10 – 27; Matthew 13.)

3. **Paul:** was a hybrid minister; his ministry was both in the marketplace and in the pulpit. Because of this he was able to provide for his own needs without recourse to support from unruly congregants such as those of Corinth. (See Acts 18:1-3; Acts 20:33-35; 1 Corinthians 9:1-18.)

4. **Barnabas:** was just a marketplace minister before his transitioning. He earned the sobriquet “son of consolation” because of the generous spirit through which multitudes were refreshed (See Acts 4:32-37; Acts 9:26-27; Acts 11:19-26; Acts 12:25; Acts 13:1-3.)

5. **Lydia:** was a business woman who traded in purple clothing. Out of her business profits Lydia took her niche as one of the divinely ordained key support persons of Paul the Apostle (See Acts 16:14-15.)

6. **Priscilla & Aquila:** This unique couple were in the business of making tents. This is one of the reasons they empathized with Paul the Apostle who was also in the same line of business. They continued with their business after conversion but channeled their profits to execute the Kingdom mandate. To the glory of Elohim, they deployed the gift of discernment and knowledge of the full counsel of His will to good effect when they rightly understood the limits of revelation and spiritual experience of Apollos in spite of his eloquence. Elohim used them to mentor and disciple this vessel who was to become an outstanding Apostle (See Acts 18:1-3, 24-26.)

In these Last days, our heavenly Father will raise and unleash a vast army of saints who are in the Market Place. They will be in it not for their bellies or to seek vain glory. They will be serving Him through the platforms they are equipped to excel and make optimum impact. Through their ministries, those who would never enter a ‘church building’ will see the King demonstrated in their superior lives; their loving, caring hearts and the raw power of Holy Spirit which will be deployed through their vessels to impact the natural realms. This Go Ye lifestyle is but a dress rehearsal for the Day of Days when this announcement will be made and the manifest phase of the Kingdom will commence

*And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. Revelations 11: 15*



# 7

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**W**e will close this short course with 10 potential questions in the hearts of those who participated in full or in part. You are invited to ask any additional question that is not covered and we trust Holy Spirit to provide answers.

### **I. What are the core qualifications for successful ministry in the market place?**

**Answer:** There should be firstly, a genuine conversion from sinner to saint and translation from the Kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Elohim (See Ephesians 2:1-8.) Secondly, the saint must press into a state of entire consecration of whole life and destiny to Elohim, accepting the yoke of Yahshua, Jesus (See Matthew 16:24-26; Romans 12:1.) Proceeding from there, the saint who wants Elohim to truly use in the market place must allow Him to renew the mind by the opening up to the Holy Spirit through diligent study of the word(See Romans 12:2.) This renewal of the mind will lead to expulsion of worldly concepts of money, success and fame and the implanting of the Kingdom concepts and lifestyle.

It also leads to true liberty and empowerment as you discover who you are in Yahshua and Who He is in you. You thus become a friend of Yahshua, Jesus rather than a mere servant, enjoying intimate relationship with Him through the Holy Spirit who resides in you. As the saint presses on in intimacy with the Redeemer, the Spirit of son ship naturally develops with

the grace to know the mind of the Father and the sense of responsibility to dress and keep the earth, preserve it from corruption and distribute/redistribute the wealth and resources of the Kingdom (See John 15:14-16; Romans 8:14 – 17; Galatians 3:26-29.)

This process is so necessary to prepare the saint for the challenges ahead so that he or she will not make a ship wreck of the new life in Yahshua (See Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:23; 2 Timothy 2:15. )Study will also equip you to understand the dynamics of life in the market place. Beyond this, the saint is also expected to tap into the full assets that Elohim has blessed him or her with. These include: your spiritual gifts (check out and locate yours in Romans 12: 3-8; 1 Corinthians chapter 12; Ephesians 4: 7, 11; 1 Peter 4:10,11) your natural talents; your life experiences; education; skills acquired as well as the pool of relationships Elohim allowed you to maintain over the years.

Your emotional make up and proven abilities are all part of what Elohim uses to define what kind of business or role (entrepreneur, manager, supervisor or shop floor worker) you can play in the market place. Since leadership is about impartation of influence by Holy Spirit working through the human vessel, the circumference of relationship a saint enjoys will be a critical tool of success. Be diligent to know who you are in the spirit and what you are wired with to succeed in life.

## 2. How can you be sure you are called to the market place?

**Answer:** Among other ways of knowing, these are basic and fundamental:

- Hearing the voice of Yahshua as His sheep. This can be through audible voice or any of the Revelatory Gifts (Prophecy, Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Dreams, Interpretation of Dreams, Vision, Trance, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues; Discernment); Heart Impression; Burden; “inner knowing”; life skills; and others.
- Answers received as you ask in prayer of faith (See Matthew 7: 7 – 9.)

- By the process of Training, Equipping, Activation of your spiritual gifts as you are trained by the Master Class or Global School of Ministry or other training processes of other ministries.
- This is also done as you receive the benefit of true mentoring.
- Self-evident manifestation is where a saint is already in the Market Place.

No matter any of the ways you hear that He has called you to the Market Place, it is important to apply the three Benchmarks to determine if it is truly His Purpose, not human ambition that is the motive. According to Romans 14:17-18, they are:

- **Righteousness:** Do you have a sense of right standing with the Father with the thought bubbling in your heart that it is His will or is there an inward ‘knowing’ that love of money is the main driver of the decision? If you have right standing with the Father with no condemnation, that is a green light to proceed. The absence of this heart condition calls for caution as an amber light switches on.
- **Peace:** Peace is a core gift Yahshua leaves for saints to distinguish them from those who do not believe Him (John 16:33). If you have peace in your heart, that is a second green light. If there is no peace in the heart, a red light is up and the best thing to do is to stop all plans and actions.
- **Joy:** The joy of the Lord is the strength of His people for with it, they are able to draw freely from the wells of salvation. Nehemiah 8:10; Isaiah 12:3. Joy is a vital fruit of the spirit which flows from heaven into the spirit-man where Holy Spirit resides. It is inside out spiritual equipment which reveals proper alignment with the will of the Father. Let us note that Joy is different from happiness which is an outside in issue. People are happy when they have additional money or resources but many not necessarily have joy. Whenever you contemplate a call into the Market Place and there is real joy, even if you do not have capital or “connections”, it is a good sign. On the other hand, absence of joy is a flashing, warning light to stop.

Let us note that because all visions are for an appointed time, the absence of any, some or all of these spiritual confirmations may not necessarily mean Yahweh has not called a saint to the Market Place. It may be an issue of Right Timing. The Father may want to process His vessel further and prepare the enabling environment for success. In this case, this vital principle applies:

*I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd.<sup>2</sup> And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.<sup>3</sup> For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.<sup>4</sup> Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith. Habakkuk 2:1-4*

Write down the vision and continue to wait on the Lord. At the right time, the vision will speak so loudly that there will be no doubt about proceeding forward. The three benchmarks then line up without pain!

### 3. Can Saints partner with unbelievers in business?

**Answer:** The plain answer is NO. The bible is clear that we are not to be unequally yoked together with people who reject Yahshua as King. Partnership with them can only create problems and real sorrow in the near, medium or long term. They serve other gods and have their primary allegiance to them.

*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?<sup>15</sup> And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?<sup>16</sup> And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.<sup>17</sup> Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.<sup>18</sup> And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. 2 Corinthians 6: 14*

In some Religions of the world, the members are told in their sacred books that agreements made with non-adherents are foundationally

nullified. So as they sign business or partnership agreements, they know the words mean nothing.

#### 4. Can Saints in the Market Place employ unbelievers?

**Answer:** The plain answer is yes. Saints in the market place can employ anyone who is qualified for a particular job without discrimination. Competence and faithfulness should earn any one a job. Let us note that it is through simple love to all men that those in the market place can win the hearts of sinners and prepare them to embrace Jesus who we represent. Acts 1:8. We are to do good to all men, especially to those of the house hold of faith (See Galatians 6:10.)

However, if any one declares, without any probing, in a job interview, that he or she hates Yahshua, Jesus or has a fixed preference for any ungodly lifestyle that changes the equation. An employer or manager who is seeking to hire such a person is now obligated to wait, hear from and act according to the leading of Holy Spirit and the Word. This is part of the principle called the “Law of Shambles”.

*Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question for conscience sake:26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.27 If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake. 28 But if any man say unto you, this is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved. 1 Corinthians 10: 25-33*

#### 5. Can saints work for unbelievers?

**Answer:** Yes. Saints can be in employment to any one and demonstrate the nature and character of Yahshua, Jesus . This can open the door to the hearts

of both the employers as well as fellow employees, providing a wider scope for lifestyle evangelism than the narrow confines of pulpit evangelism.

*Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. 1 Timothy 6*

Our standards of service must be higher than that of unbelievers because our Ultimate Boss in all situations is the King Himself.

*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.<sup>22</sup> Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye service, as men-pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God;<sup>23</sup> And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;<sup>24</sup> Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.<sup>25</sup> But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons. Colossians 3:17-25*

If there are ungodly regulations which defile the conscience of the saint, he or she should conscientiously abstain. At the worst, the saint can resign or start his/her own business.

## 6. Can saints serve in Government or Public Service?

**Answer:** Yes, of course! Saints can and will serve in Public service until King Yahshua returns. The reality is that the world may run out of ideas and be so caught up with offences which emanate from their deadly partisan politics that they may be ready to embrace Kingdom citizens who live differently as solution providers! Their participation will not be products of ambition or rough politicking but in fulfilment of calls to be instruments of Salt and Light into local, city, county, state and national situations in need of divine intervention. Joseph served an unbelieving boss, Pharaoh. Daniel served a number of unbelieving bosses including Nebuchadnezzar.

## 7. What are the ethical standards for saints whose employers are also Christians?

**Answer:** The Lord requires all saints working for employers who are also Christian to desist from taking their duties casually. No one is permitted to take advantage of a boss because he or she goes to the same local assembly or is a relative

*And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort. 1 Timothy 6: 2*

## 8. What are the ethical standards for saints whose bosses are unbelievers or difficult people?

**Answer:** Saints cannot lower their standards of service because their bosses are difficult or unbelievers. To speak evil against such bosses, hate on them and try to subvert their business success through cheating on work schedule and stealing or other such crimes is not becoming of a saint. Our ethical standards as saints must exceed those of regulatory authorities.

*For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5: 20*

The standards clearly articulated in the word are very high: we must behave like Yahshua, Jesus at all times!

*Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.<sup>19</sup> For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.<sup>20</sup> For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.<sup>21</sup> For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:<sup>22</sup> Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:<sup>23</sup> Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: 1 Peter 2: 18-23*

## 9. In the light of what was said about Kingdom Economics, should Market place ministers make profits and be prosperous?

**Answer:** Elohim approves profit, provided it is made ethically. As ministers in the market place seek first the Kingdom and its righteousness, profits which others are chasing after will chase them! Matthew 6:25 – 34. Those in the Kingdom are stewards of the manifold grace of Elohim who have received His charge to occupy with their gifts and callings until Yahshua, Jesus returns (See Luke 19:10 – 27.)

Our Father wants us to prosper and gives power to get wealth!

*Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. Psalm 35:27*

*Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. Psalm 122:7*

*But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8: 18*

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 1:2*

Saints truly called by Elohim and empowered to serve as Kingdom market place ministers will be used by Him to cause a paradigm shift in the way human beings esteem money. They will demonstrate that Money is an excellent servant, but a bad master (See 1 Timothy 6: 6-11, 17-19.)

As market place ministers esteem Elohim above all else, He will bless them with money as a tool for Kingdom impact through funding the Great Commission as well as good causes which open the hearts of sinners to hear and receive the gospel. Kingdom businesses will be very profitable therefore because they have a mandate to manifest the authority of the King over all the earth. To penetrate hitherto closed territories like nations with national religions and ideological walls and disciple them will be mainly undertaken by those in the market place rather than professional clergy and missionaries.

This is because such nations which may not issue visas to Missionaries will be open to receive tourists and even embrace investors and business people without asking about their religious beliefs! In the same manner, nations facing natural disasters will gladly welcome companies and

nonprofit organizations able to send aid and aid workers in their moments of adversity. For this reason, those called to the Market Place must continually bear in mind that they are called to implement the Great Commission by other means. Setting up nonprofits through which they implement the dimension of the Great Commission assigned to them as well as funding ministries where they fellowship becomes a service unto the King, not a means of showing off or controlling spiritual leaders.

## 10. What are the Tell Tale signs that a call to the Market Place is in danger?

**Answers:** 1. When the love of money for its own sake creeps into the heart and the saint just wants more (See 1 Timothy 6: 10.)

2. When the belly becomes a god and one is driven by need to live luxuriously (See Philippians 3:17-21.)

3. When a saint in the Market Place becomes stingy, unwilling to share with less privileged people or spiritual leaders assigned to impart their lives.

4. When the heart is lifted up with pride because of abundance of material possessions and money.

5. When a saint forgets eternity, the Judgement Seat of Yahshua and reality that he or she is a mere steward from who account will be required.

6. When greed and covetousness fill the heart and there is a driving desire to possess what belongs to other people including their spouses, houses, cars and such.

7. When the heart and mind has a competitive inclination rather than complementary one.

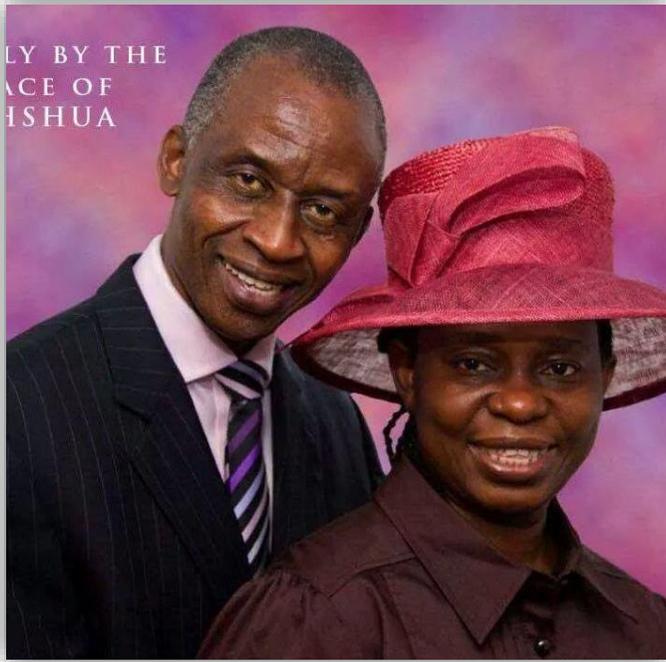
8. When giving Elohim all the glory for the blessings received is difficult or a struggle; so also is the inability to pray or worship Elohim with abandon like David. In that case, the saint wants to boast and claims to be “self-made” or accepts such descriptions with a sense of satisfaction.

9. When a saint begins to look down on other saints who have not attained same level of success and blame them for their state.

10. When sin becomes a lifestyle and is excused on the basis that one cannot help it. This includes corporate sins such as lying, passing off, false claims, cooking of account books and failing basic regulatory instructions.

Let us never forget that Life in the Market Place is all about the Great Commission (See Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8.)





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