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Use of Hebraic Names of the Most High

Yahweh, Elohim, Yeshua. During our walk with the Lord, we discovered by leading of Holy Spirit how fundamentally flawed was the intrusion of Rome into the gospel from 4th Century AD. Replacement Theology led Rome to take away all Hebraic/Jewish connections as root of what is now called the Christian Faith. What He has led us to do is to call our Father by the Name He revealed Himself to Israel which is Yahweh. In the same way, rather than call our Creator by the generic title God, we find it more appropriate to call Him by the Hebraic Name He revealed to humanity through Moses which is Elohim. The Name, Elohim properly conveys His Unity in Plurality as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! We also call our King the Name His Father gave Him, Yeshua as well as the Anglicized translation, Jesus derived from the Greek translation, Ioseus.

We do this as led by Holy Spirit, not as part of the so-called sacred Names movement. Neither do we subscribe to the legalistic methods of Judaizers intent on dragging saints into the dead works and rituals of Judaism. We do not condemn or malign those who have not yet caught this depth of revelation. Please feel free to call the Most High by what He reveals to you and what you are comfortable with.

Preface for the Kingdom Culture Series

We have tarried before the Lord for some time to receive a rhema concerning how to introduce the books in the series you are about to read. He directed us to share a little bit of how He ordered our steps over a 21-year period between 1996-2017. In 1996, the Lord called us out of denominationalism to serve His Body and Kingdom. As we resigned from a Pastoral calling and began to serve Him and the Body in a community in Africa (Owerri, Imo State of Nigeria), we held on to one critical vision He released beginning August 1996. At that time, we joined other saints to lament the sad state of Africa on almost all fronts of life. It was surreal to hear the Lord comfort us by saying He had appointed His Church in Africa as instrument of a quick work: Rescuing His Kingdom program in the earth realm from corruption in preparation for the return of King Yeshua, Jesus.

In August 2006, He directed us to relocate to London which as centre of the world would make our Acts 1:8 assignment more impactful on a global scale. Looking back, because we did not see it then, it is significant that it was 100 years after Azusa Street Revival that the Lord in 2006 birthed Global School of Ministry as a catalyst of Reformation, Restoration, and Revival. Again, we did not see clearly then how extensively it was to be used to rediscover Truths which were missed out by Martin Luther in the Protestant Reformation of 1517. Interestingly, the Lord used various means to make it clear what He was about to do was not raise a man or woman, like Martin Luther was raised prominently and publicly. But rather activate a company of saints worldwide with understanding of Him and the Church. A company of saints who embrace His Kingdom pattern and take their place as His sons who would do all His will. In this regard, the Lord made it clear the

election of His Church in Africa was not for the purpose of building an ‘African Cultural Church’. The wider and more strategic scope was to use it to use His remnant ‘out of the seed of Ham’ to impact and connect His seed out of Shem and Japheth to constitute the fourth race which is the Elect Remnant or ‘one new man’ spoken of by Apostle Paul.

In other words, the focus of the Lord was simply to use the Global School of Ministry project to activate His elect remnant to walk in unity of the Faith. And, be empowered to represent Him and the Kingdom right where they are in various corners of the world where He preserved them from the claws of Babylon. It was then Holy Spirit provided illumination of this anchor scripture:

Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace (Romans 11:5).

There is a simple, yet grand key to understand the fundamental difference between the Martin Luther Protestant Reformation and the Kingdom Culture project. The Reformation of Martin Luther was designed to ‘Protest’ some of the dogma and practices of the Roman Catholic Church when he received revelation of their unbiblical origins. The Kingdom Culture project, on the other hand, is designed to take the Church back to what it was before the Roman Empire embraced the larger wing of the Church which was tired of persecution and martyrdom in the 4th Century. In other words, through the Kingdom Culture project, the Omega or End Time Church will be a logical conclusion of what had started in the Alpha or First Century Church.

Unlike other reformation projects before it, Kingdom Culture, through the Global School of Ministry and annual

Master Class series of the Global Advanced Mentorship Program have two simple keys: Get the Church back into the ‘School’ Paradigm where Study of the Word is central to both congregational and general ministry. Second, to challenge all saints to receive the Four-dimensional work of Holy Spirit: He Is the Seal of redemption; He uses the Word to Transform Life of Believers from inside out, He Unites saints to live as one indivisible Body of Yeshua notwithstanding their locations or sects; He releases Power through which saints are able to demonstrate the awesome powers of the Risen Yeshua, Jesus!

These are accomplished when leaders and saints sincerely and diligently embrace the ministry of Holy Spirit and the Word through the T>T>E>A>R process. It is one where leaders are used by Holy Spirit to:

Teach saints the whole counsel of Holy Scriptures

Train saints to discover and take their places as effective members of the Body of Yeshua

Equip saints with what it takes to walk in victory through mentorship and support

Activate the Gifts and callings of Holy Spirit which may lie dormant in them

Release the saints into productive ministry. This may be by public ordination or Commissioning during ministry events.

500 years after the Protestant Reformation of 1517, the Lord Yeshua, Jesus is activating throughout the earth realm this framework. The framework through which Holy Spirit will undertake training of Reformers who will receive proper understanding of the Pauline Epistles and Master Plan of the

true Kingdom Church contained therein, and build individual lives, ministries, and congregations accordingly. This Kingdom Culture project involves release of 40 books on dedicated websites where all saints worldwide who desire to discover, pursue, and fulfil their callings as the Royal Priesthood after the order of Melchizedeck can find the teaching resources to train in the comfort of their own homes.

On the other hand, these 40 books will put in the hands of the great company of elect ministers across the world who know the flock is not theirs but Yeshua's. These books are tools with which to systematically transform the operating systems of the ministries committed to their trust from 'Theatres' to 'Schools'. These books collectively make up the curriculum with which to launch their own Global School of Ministry project. The curriculum will ensure every two or three years, fresh sets of fit for-purpose ministers of the gospel who will serve the Lord with all their hearts are produced. All 40 books on the websites constitute what it takes to root out the leaven of Babylon derived from our various experiences with Christian Religion. They therefore constitute what we need to embrace and walk in true Kingdom Culture. It is through ministry of the Word that the Church will be prepared and made ready for return of her Groom:

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish (Ephesians 5:25-27).

Please intentionally study this and the other resources in the series prayerfully under unction of Holy Spirit with your Bible to confirm all the points made. As you train, necessity is upon you to make your vessel available for Holy Spirit to use to transmit these empowering truths to other saints who yearn for empowerment!

The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it (Psalm 68:11).

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also (2 Timothy 2:2).

May Elohim, our heavenly Father make you the instrument of His Grace He designed you to be!

Chapter 1

Prologue

In John 10:10, Yeshua, 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, Yeshua, 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, Yeshua 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 Yeshua, Jesus activated in the Upper Room on the day of Pentecost, Satan seeks to:

- o Steal the strength of the Church.
- o Kill His spiritual body just as he tried to do with its Head at Calvary.
- o Destroy the mission of the Church on earth so that it cannot manifest Yeshua’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 Church of Yeshua, Jesus is that:

- Yeshua, Jesus came to give life to His Church.
- The life of Yeshua, 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, Yeshua, Jesus will decorate His Church to be radiant and dazzling before He returns.

“That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”

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 a totality of all humans who are redeemed by the Blood of Yeshua, Jesus and have confessed Him as their Lord and Saviour and called out of the world system. 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.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen (Mark 16:15-20).

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matthew 28:18-20).

The Church therefore comprises individuals who are saved from their sins and the rule of the devil, translated from the Kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Elohim, where the sovereign rule of Yeshua is a given.

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:12-14).

In this new profile as His “called out ones” their new identity in Him will be marked not by the old identity systems such as ethnic, racial, gender, age, and other demographics, which were instruments of separation and division among humans. This old order gives 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 affect our environments. From the day of genuine conversion, they are sealed by the Holy Spirit who deposits certain spiritual gifts in their spirit-man through which their callings will be known in due course of time.

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).

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, (Ephesians 1:13).

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 2:9-12).

The dynamic paradigm of Yeshua, Jesus for His Church is to be the agency for manifestation of 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:

- Caused the backslidden church to see itself as a replacement of the plan and purpose of Elohim for the Hebrews. This error is roundly repudiated in Romans chapters 9, 10, and 11.
- With replacement theology, the church needed to construct magnificent buildings for worship which would replace the old Temple at Jerusalem. This is contrary to such scriptures as Isaiah 66:1-2 and John 4:20-24.
- 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” with a ‘switch on mode’ for one, two or more hours. Thereafter, they switched off their sanctimonious religious dispositions so that they could live their normal lives for another cycle of ‘secular life’.

- 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/Aaronic 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 called ‘laity’. 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 for the true identity of the Church, as expressed in the following scriptures:

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matthew 28:18-20).

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And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:4-8).

The whole purpose of the last reformation movement is to cause the true saints, who collectively are the Church of Yeshua, 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 of their ‘members’ to come in 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). Satan invaded and tried to use deceit to confuse and tempt many people to yield to his principles in the Market Place. All the passages on the Great Commission clarify that the operating principle of the Church is to ‘Go Ye’ to where the sinners are by intentionally reaching out to touch them with the saving gospel. Our job as disciples of Yeshua, Jesus is to allow Him to use us anywhere and everywhere to be His salt and light. The Market Place and Civil Society therefore offer the greatest opportunities for saints to affect 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 5:13-16).

It is worthwhile to break down what salt and light do:

SALT IS A CATALYST OF FLAVOUR

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 Yeshua Jesus, though in the world, is not of the world. However, Yeshua, 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 affect sinners around us with the love of Yeshua or made honest efforts to transform our environments is akin to going AWOL (situations when soldiers go away without getting an official leave). Yeshua, 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 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 Yeshua to its environment, principles of the Kingdom are taken on board in the family and possibly, the legal, political, social, and economic systems of the host people. By adopting the moral code of Yahweh, families, communities, cities, states, and 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 Yeshua, Jesus said in John 1:5, darkness cannot comprehend it. When the Church is alive and awake, the brilliance of the light of Yeshua 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, Yeshua 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, Yeshua never intended His Church on earth to be shut in, shuttered off and operate in the insular way that various branches of Protestantism (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 unsavoury and dark world around with the salt and light of Yeshua, Jesus. The result is that 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 as possible into a specific building with religious architecture and symbols resulted in the dwarfing of the original mandate to “go ye into the entire

world”. That is the foundation of the ABC model of churchianity (Attendance, Buildings and Cash).

Whenever we allow the coming in of people into a building to take the place of going forth to proclaim Yeshua, Jesus, and the Kingdom to all people everywhere, the 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 Yeshua, Jesus. The arrowhead of this army of the Lord, who will be the active foot soldiers of the Cross, 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 marketplace, civil society, and so-called secular space in a new, fresh, and vigorous way. They will manifest Yeshua Jesus and make a 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 marketplace 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 to become ‘full-time ministers’. This poverty has spilled over to hamper the capacity of many local congregations and networks to fulfil their mandates as

the light and salt of their host communities. There are also many ministries in the advanced nations that cannot 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 supposed to be their greatest resource.

Synopsis of Market Place Ministry

As we begin this epic exploration into the Word to mine out, by the Holy Spirit, what it has to say about ministry in the Market Place and download what Yeshua, Jesus is saying to His Church in this last generation, let us bear the aforementioned principles in mind. For us to understand what the Holy Spirit is saying, we must stop to look at two inter-related practices:

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.

LOOKING AT THE CHURCH AS THE BUILDING PEOPLE GO INTO ON CERTAIN “HOLY DAYS”

A building where spiritual things are done while the things people do in their businesses, professions and employments are deemed as “carnal” or “secular”.

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 and will be answered in this course.

- What is marketplace ministry?
- What is the biblical basis of marketplace ministry?
- What models do we have in the bible?
- What are the snares and pitfalls of marketplace ministry to know and avoid?
- What are the divine provisions for success in the marketplace ministry?
- What is the one outstanding fact of marketplace ministry in the bible?
- What is Kingdom Economics? In what way is it the true basis for the Market Place Ministry?

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please share 5 things you received from this chapter. 2. Which point affected you most? 3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

Chapter 2

Introduction, Definition and Biblical Basis

In Kingdom education, we may repeat truth until it sinks in or fully registers in the hearts of hearers, as Paul said:

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe (Philippians 3:1).

We will therefore crave your indulgence to recall some issues raised in the previous chapter. In these last days, it has become necessary to de-freeze the Church and release her latent energies. For this to take place, we must stop the practice of ignoring or down grading Market place ministry. We must also stop the self-destructive system of harassing those Elohim God has called to marketplace ministry out of their special assignment in order to be “full time” ministers ensconced within four walls of brick and mortar.

The professional clergy and their territorial mindset are not equipped with the capacity and skill to disciple people, families, communities, states, and nations. They are better attuned to religious politics and jockeying for power within their denominations. Professional missionaries who are employed or sponsored by mission agencies cannot do it all alone. Some assertions made in chapter 1 are worth repeating:

“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 God in Christ Jesus. The arrowhead of this army of the Lord who will be on the cutting-edge are the brothers and sisters

who have no name recognition in the church systems of today. These are the saints in business, the professions, workers in the civil and 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 and the right understanding in their soul, these saints will literally invade the Market place and so-called secular space in a new, fresh, and vigorous way. They will manifest Jesus and be His ambassadors where He plants them!”

Continuing, we also observed: “One of the critical errors of the Christian religious movement which veered into what is now called “churchianity” was the tendency to brand the marketplace as “secular” and thus abandon it for unbelievers and active Satanists. The outcome is the massive spirit of poverty which haunts many individual saints and hamper the capacity of many local congregations and networks to fulfil their mandates as Light and Salt of their host communities. Many ministries today are unable to effectively play major roles in the Great Commission because they are struggling to maintain magnificent but costly cathedrals where they invested undue funds.”

In effect, 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 aim 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, the 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 the laity: Christians who are bound to the pews as ‘consumers’ of the ‘priestly anointing’. To empower the so-called laity to embrace their potential as ministers of the gospel who are deployed where the most people are is one of the purposes of this book or course of study. It is for this purpose that a proper understanding of what is called the Market Place Ministry needs to take place.

Definition & Biblical Basis

WHAT IS MARKET PLACE MINISTRY?

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

Marketplace – This is a broad term referring to the place where temporal issues of this life are transacted. This includes the places where businesses of all sorts are conducted; the arena where professional activities are rendered; places in the private and public sector where employees work; and platforms where creative pursuit is undertaken. Those who serve in the Armed forces, Security agencies, Government and Public Service including elected and appointed public servants are all included in the concept.

Ministry – The business of serving Elohim, God, and man. It is also dispensing the life of Yeshua, Jesus Christ, His presence, and power. Ministry is also expressing (bringing forth) what we are impressed with (spiritual gifts and other divinely endowed capacities) by the Holy Spirit.

Marketplace ministry – therefore refers to all forms of ministry that are conducted in the normal course of life outside the pulpit and the four walls of religious buildings, congregational worship, or public ministry rallies. Marketplace Christians are therefore brethren in business, the professions, academia, public and civil service or engage in such creative pursuits as writers, artists, athletes. Saints who are called to politics and governance are also in marketplace ministry.

This course advances the thesis that if these categories of believers, understand that they are called by The Lord and dedicate their lives and work to Him as instruments of bringing forth His glory and to fulfil His purpose, they will certainly be more effective as able ministers of the Kingdom and the royal priesthood.

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 (1 Peter 2:9-10).

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end (Jeremiah 29:11).

Those who consciously understand that they are fulfilling their ambassadorial assignments in the Kingdom through their day-to-day lives and business activities will consecrate their lives wholly to the Lord to use for His divine purposes.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:1-2).

Market Place Ministry is therefore ministry conducted in a so called “secular” space. It exercises ministry at ground zero level – where the saints are and through the normal exercise of their business, professions or work as civil and public servants, in close contact with sinners and unbelievers who can be influenced through their lives and who they have greater opportunity to share the love of Elohim in Yeshua, Jesus with daily.

*What is the Biblical basis of Market
Place Ministry?*

The bible teaches a set of inter-connected truths:

- o That saints receive the life of Elohim in Yeshua, Jesus 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).

He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 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 1:11-13).

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 Yeshua, Jesus Christ, 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’ or ‘religious’ while branding others as secular. The saint is a saint anywhere and everywhere. The saint of God 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 God we serve.
- The bible teaches that life should be one continuum of living in righteousness and manifesting Yeshua, Jesus to all who come into contact with us.
- When we understand and flow with 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 Yeshua, Jesus only need to see us to know who He is! We become His Ambassadors 24/7, anywhere and everywhere.
- This paradigm makes the place we conduct business or work as holy as the place we congregate to worship The Most High, whether in our homes or in the church buildings. This principle centred 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 used to do with many.

With understanding of the 7 points above, we are on course to receive an awesome revelation from our heavenly Father which will cause a fundamental change in the way we think and act towards ministry in the Market Place and in so called “secular space.”

Implications of the above postulations

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

- Living out the life of Christ 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 Him. This provokes them to desire the same grace that they see in the lives of such dedicated Christians.

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).

- For this reason, the ethical standards of Christians in the marketplace must be truly high (that is biblical), exceeding the standards of corporate watchdogs and professional bodies. Marketplace ministers cannot employ corrupt worldly methods like giving and taking of bribes to prosper.

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 21 Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: 22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire (Matthew 5:20-22).

- The marketplace is where Kingdom citizens 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, most 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.

- o Thus, we see in this postmodern age that it is through marketplace ministers and ministries that the Church can best impact communities and our generation. This is consistent with an earlier point that 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: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matthew 28:19-20).

There is a universal law of reproduction in both the natural and spiritual realms that like begets like. We are redeemed and brought into the Body of the Saviour so that He may send us forth as instruments of bringing others to Him and discipling them!

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).

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also (2 Timothy 2:1-2).

It is wrong for those who went ahead of us in the gospel project to turn it into a “come ye” perspective, through an inadequate understanding of the Word. It was the come ye approach which caused the early church to be so engrossed in inward looking projects which tasked the ability of the apostles and sapped them of vital spiritual energy.

When they gave up the business affairs of the Church which was mainly the welfare of believers to a Marketplace themed Diaconate, better management ensured, and growth took place.

And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. 2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. 5 And the saying pleased the whole

multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: 6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. 7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith (Acts 6:1-7).

We need to state that obsession with welfare of the already saved (inside the camp) led the early church to forget to evangelise Samaria and 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 crossed the boundary of Judea and went as far as Samaria. It was there that the Lord transitioned the Deacon into an Evangelist! Holy Spirit used him alone to turn Samaria over to The Lord!

And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. 2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. 3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. 4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word. 5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and

preached Christ unto them. 6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. 8 And there was great joy in that city. 9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: 10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. 11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. 12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women (Acts 8:1-12)

As Phillip proceeded in this grace, Holy Spirit 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.

And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. 27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, 28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. 29 Then the

Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. 30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? 31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. 32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: 33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. 34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. 36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. 39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea (Acts 8:26-40).

It was in this way that the divine mandate was executed in the early Church!

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8)

When we get Market Place Ministry right, the gospel of the Kingdom will receive a great impetus. That is our mandate!

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Matthew 24:14).

ASSIGNMENT

1. What do these terms mean: Marketplace and ministry?
2. Define Marketplace ministry.
3. Share in bullet form, the 7-point biblical basis for Marketplace Ministry.
4. Out of the 4 implications of the 7 points, which 2 provided you the most insight?
5. Write a summary of how the appointment of Deacons, including Phillip helped the early Church to recover from an inward to an outward 'Go Ye' mode which eventually led to fulfilment of Acts 1:8.

Chapter 3

Models of Market Place Ministers in the Bible

As kingdom citizens and ambassadors, we are privileged to learn precepts from the holy scriptures. In discussing Marketplace ministry therefore, we need to take a forensic look at personalities who served Elohim and their generation faithfully and productively outside the four walls of the tabernacle of witness and temple.

Old Testament

ABEL

The man with a solid testimony of righteousness, though born of Adam and Eve, in their fallen nature, was a Market Place minister, as a husbandman who reared Sheep! His love of Elohim was remarkable in that no one taught him how to worship his Creator with substances.

And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. 2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. 4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell (Genesis 4:1-5).

Yeshua testified of Abel in moving words:

Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: 35 That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar (Matthew 23:34-35).

In the book of Hebrews, we learn a secret: Abel was a man of faith who could see the invisible and deem Elohim worthy of the best of his flock!

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh (Hebrews 11:4).

Only the Blood of Yeshua, Jesus speaks better things than the blood of Abel.

But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel (Hebrews 12:22-24).

NOAH

The spirit of religion makes believers to forget that one of the most outstanding persons who walked this earth, Noah was a Market Place Minister! The testimony Elohim gave of this man in a world that was so perverse that it had to be destroyed is mind boggling:

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, 2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. 3 And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. 4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. 5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7 And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. 9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth

was filled with violence. 12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. 13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. 15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. 16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it. 17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. 18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. 19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. 20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. 21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. 22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he (Genesis 6:1-22).

From the above account, we can deduct that Noah was a builder with inspired skills. Furthermore, after the flood, Noah became the second Adam and father of the entire human race and received an extraordinary covenant blessing from Elohim. He also resumed another Market Place activity: a husband man who tilled the land and farmed vine/grapes.

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. 2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. 3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. 4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. 5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. 6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. 7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein. 8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, 9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; 10 And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. 11 And I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the

waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. 12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. 14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: 15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. 17 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth. 18 And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. 19 These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread. 20 And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard: (Genesis 9:1-20).

Though in the Marketplace, Noah was an extraordinary worshipper who intuitively gave the Lord the first fruit of all he had. No wonder he received for humanity one of the core laws which govern both the spiritual and natural realms: seedtime and harvest time.

And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

15 And God spake unto Noah, saying, 16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. 17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. 18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: 19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark. 20 And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. 22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease (Genesis 8:14-22).

ABRAHAM

The father of faith was a Market place minister. His heart was full of obedience and never wavered at the instructions of Elohim, no matter how challenging. It played out in the matter of leaving Ur of the Chaldees for Canaan. The way he built alters and offered sacrifices to Elohim anywhere he went is instructive for all Marketplace ministers.

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. 4 So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. 6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. 7 And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him. 8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord (Genesis 12:1-8).

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and

*Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:
10 For he looked for a city which hath
foundations, whose builder and maker is God
(Hebrews 11:8-10).*

It also played out when Elohim asked him to offer Isaac, the son of Promise as a sacrifice.

And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. 2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. 3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. 6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. 7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? 8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. 9 And they came to the place which God had told him of;

and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. 11 And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. 12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen. 15 And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, 16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: 17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice (Genesis 22:1-18).

From Abraham those in the marketplace need to learn the power of faith but also that of generosity and hospitality!

And the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of

the day; 2 And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, 3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: 4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: 5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth. 7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. 8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat. 9 And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. 10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him (Genesis 18:1-10).

Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. 2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him (Isaiah 51:1-2).

Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness (Romans 4:16-22).

JOSEPH

He never served in the temple. His life was powered by his spiritual gift of dreaming and interpretation of dreams. It was this gift which got him into trouble at the family level, sparked jealousy and envy which led to plots against his destiny and life.

And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. 2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of

Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours. 4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him. 5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. 6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: 7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. 8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. 9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. 10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? 11 And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying. 12 And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. 13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I. 14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be

well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. 15 And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou? 16 And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks. 17 And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan. 18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. 19 And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. 20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams. 21 And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him. 22 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again. 23 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him; 24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it. 25 And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmeelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. 26 And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if

we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? 27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content. 28 Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt. 29 And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes (Genesis 37:1-29).

Eventually, Joseph was sold to an Egyptian Public servant.

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.

And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither. 2 And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. 3 And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand. 4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. 5 And it came to pass from the time that he had

made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. 6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured (Genesis 39:1-6).

The life of Joseph challenges all those called to the Marketplace to believe the words of Romans 8:28 that *all things work together for the good of those who love Elohim*. This understanding will enable us to trust Him wholly even when our back seems to press against the walls of life! For his faithfulness, Joseph earned two portions out of the 12 portions of Israel – Ephraim and Manasseh (Genesis 50).

JOSHUA

He 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 in fighting 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).

BEZALEL AND AHOLIAB

They were used to construct the exquisite designs of the tabernacle and its furnishings. God did not commission Moses, the Pulpit Minister and Apostle to Israel, to do the work, rather He anointed Bezalel and Aholiab filling them with the 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 God had shown to Moses on the Mountain (Exodus 37:1-29).

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: 3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, 5 And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. 6 And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee; 7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle, 8 And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense, 9 And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot, 10 And the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office, 11 And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do (Exodus 31:1-11).

And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the Lord hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; 31 And

he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; 32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, 33 And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work. 34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. 35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work (Exodus 35:30-35).

Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded. 2 And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it: 3 And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning. 4 And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made; 5 And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make.

6 And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing. 7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much (Exodus 36:1-7).

DANIEL

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 God requires a high level of consecration from those called to marketplace ministry.

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. 2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. 3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; 4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. 5 And the king

appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. 6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: 7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego. 8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. 9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs. 10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king. 11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, 12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink (Daniel 1:1-12).

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 favour and recognition, which paved the way for him to be accepted to fulfil the temporal mandate as an effective leader of men and materials.

MORDECAI

He 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 God 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 the book of Esther Chapters 2, 4, 6, 9, 10).

ESTHER

Queen to the Persian King Ahasuerus. As an exceptional vessel God 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 God (See the Book of Esther).

NEHEMIAH

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 God 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 God can use a minister in the marketplace to achieve awesome results that will affect many generations (See the book of Nehemiah).

ZERUBBABEL

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 (Zechariah 4:6-10).

New Testament

YESHUA, JESUS

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

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).

And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? 55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? 56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? (Matthew 13:54-56)

DISCIPLES OF JESUS

There is something interesting about the first disciples that Jesus called which is worth reviewing. Jesus did not call any of the full-time religious leaders! He did not call the Levites, Scribes, Pharisees, or members of the Sanhedrin! He also did not call lazy people who were idlers and tattlers into the ministry! Yeshua, Jesus 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 business when He called them.

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. 18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. 19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. 20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. 21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. 22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him (Matthew 4:17-22).

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 Jesus.

And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him (Matthew 9:9).

The Lord clearly valued the contribution of people in the marketplace to His earthly ministry. Even the wife of a very high official was one of the deaconesses which ministered to Him, as were the women who The Father used to provide for His physical need! Some parables and illustrations of Jesus concerning faithfulness required to survive the end times centred on scenarios where people were engaged in day to do business pursuits (Matthew 24:45-51; Luke 19:10-27).

JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

A successful marketplace minister. His stature was so high that he could approach Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor to request the Body of Yeshua for burial. It was his redemptive mission for this to happen.

When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: 58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. 59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed (Matthew 27:57-60).

PAUL

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.

After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; 2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from

Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. 3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers (Acts 18:1-3).

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. 33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. 34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. 35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:32-35).

Am I am not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? 2 If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord. 3 Mine answer to them that do examine me is this, 4 Have we not power to eat and to drink? 5 Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? 6 Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working? 7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? 8 Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? 9

For it is written in the law of Moses, thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? 10 Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. 11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? 12 If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. 13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? 14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. 15 But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void. 16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! 17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me. 18 What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel. 19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more (1 Corinthians 9:1-19).

BARNABAS

A marketplace minister before his transitioning. He earned the sobriquet “son of consolation” because of the generous spirit through which multitudes were refreshed.

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. 33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. 34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, 35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. 36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, 37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet (Acts 4:32-37).

His faithfulness as an encourager was well known for which Barnabas was given some sensitive assignments, including building up the saints at Antioch and mentoring Saul into his apostolic destiny.

Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. 23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. 24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much

people was added unto the Lord. 25 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: 26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:22-26).

LYDIA

A businesswoman 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.

And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. 15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us (Acts 16:14-15).

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 God, they deployed the gift of discernment and knowledge of the full counsel of God to good effect when they rightly understood the limits of revelation and spiritual experience of Apollos in spite of his eloquence. God used

them to mentor and disciple this vessel who was to become an outstanding Apostle.

After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; 2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. 3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers...24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. 25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. 26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly (Acts 18:1-3, 24-26).

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please discuss at least 5 personalities in the marketplace in the Old Testament.
2. Please discuss at least 5 personalities in the marketplace in the New Testament.
3. What is your personal message/lesson from this chapter?

Chapter 4

Outstanding Biblical Facts about Market Place Ministry

The Lord had us dwelling on Luke chapters 8 and 9 preceding this chapter on the Kingdom Market Place Ministry. It is recommended that everyone reading this note make time to study afresh the parable of the Sower in Luke 8:4-15 and ask the critical question “what type of soil is my heart? Do I have a wayside, rocky, thorn bush or fertile soil type of heart? Am I receptive to even uncomfortable and inconvenient truths or do I crave for words which feed my idols”? These questions are necessary so that deliverance can be secured from the spirit of deception which is ravaging the world. If Yeshua, Jesus called the people of His time a wicked and adulterous generation, what could He call those of this age?

Uncomfortable Truths and Inconvenient Facts

There are some people who are uncomfortable at the deep truths the Lord is unearthing for those who say they are called to the Market Place. Unfortunately for them, Elohim God has never consulted humans before He releases His words or defines His standards! Religion has averred to people that Yeshua, Jesus is more concerned with what happens inside buildings men call “church.” Yeshua, Jesus says that His Church is His people – those redeemed from the world and its corruption. 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 “clergy” are those who should strive to be “holy.” In

effect, those who live and work in the Market Place are not supposed to seek the same standards of holiness since Elohim God “understands” that they labour amongst unholy people. This pernicious doctrine is at the heart of the downgrading of the mandate and assignment of Market Place Ministers who are to bring in the fat 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 the equivalent of fivefold ministers! The evidence that will be presented here was revealed by the Holy Spirit several years ago and is still valid today. Let us do a quick review of the lives of some of the key ministers on both sides of the spectrum and pick out what the Lord allowed to be written about them.

- **ABRAHAM.** We showed in the last chapter that Abraham was a Market Place Minister. That is only part of the story of his life. As a Patriarch of Israel, he was also in the rank of the clergy and can be placed in the category called ‘hybrid’ Minister. He had a few records of failures in his epic walk with Yahweh. Though called alone, Abraham took his nephew Lot. Delays and crises ensued. Elohim God did not reassure him of the promise of possessing the Promised Land until Lot was separated from him (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! (Genesis 12:10-20) His imperfections include succumbing to pressure from Sarah to beget Ishmael with her Egyptian maid, Hagar. That indiscretion sowed the seeds of

permanent tension in the Middle East and the world, till today.

- o **MOSES**, the great Law Giver and Apostle of all Israel, was the quintessential full time pulpit minister. His relationship with Yahweh was so intimate that he spoke to Yahweh face to face.

And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle (Exodus 33:11).

With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the Lord shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses? (Numbers 12:8).

And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, (Deuteronomy 34:10).

Moses however, allowed the rebellious attitude and nagging of the people to get the better part of him. In a fit of anger, Moses struck the rock rather than speak to it as instructed by God at the waters of Meribah:

Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there. 2 And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. 3 And the people

chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the Lord! 4 And why have ye brought up the congregation of the Lord into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there? 5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink. 6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto them. 7 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. 9 And Moses took the rod from before the Lord, as he commanded him. 10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? 11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. 12 And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them (Numbers 20:1-12).

This rash action brought a reproach to the name of the Lord and cost Moses entry into the Promised Land, despite his heart wrenching cries.

And the Lord spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying, 49 Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession: 50 And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people: 51 Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of MeribahKadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel. 52 Yet thou shalt see the land before thee; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel (Deuteronomy 32:48-52).

That was not the first time that anger had got hold of Moses to the point of doing unreasonable things. Moses broke the original Ten Commandments, written with the very fingers of God.

And Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? 12 Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this

evil against thy people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever. 14 And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people. 15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. 16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. 17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp. 18 And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them that sing do I hear. 19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount. 20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it (Exodus 32:11-20).

- **ELIJAH**, one of the greatest prophets of Israel, was used mightily 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 God to take his life. A glorious ministry was ended at his request. As a proof that his time was not yet due, Elijah was taken to heaven alive in a chariot of Fire!

And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time. 3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. 5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. 6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. 7 And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. 8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God. 9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? 10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God

of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: 12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. 13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? 14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 15 And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: 16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. 17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. 18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every

mouth which hath not kissed him (1 Kings 19:1-18).

And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel. 3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. 4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho. 5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace. 6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the Lord hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. 7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan. 8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground. 9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from

thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. 10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. 11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces (2 Kings 2:1-12).

Cases of Ministers in the Market Place

In contrast to these cases, Ministers in the Market Place had a remarkable track record 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 quintessential Market Place Minister. He never for once served in a formal sense as a “priest” in the temple.” He served Elohim God effectively as a dreamer of dreams and interpreter of dreams. His gift, diligence, positive attitude, and total trust in God marked him out for greatness. Joseph became an effective Prime Minister to the Pharaoh of Egypt. When Potiphar’s wife tried to seduce Joseph, his response was a classic display of the heart of a true minister who feared God and honoured his master! (Genesis 39:1-18) In all his travails, the recurrent theme was that Elohim God was with Joseph.

His administrative acumen helped Egypt to escape the snare of a terrible famine, justifying Pharaoh's decision to task him with the assignment to manage the economic process.

This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh. 29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: 30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land; 31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous. 32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. 33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. 34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. 35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. 36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land perish not through the famine. 37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. 38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is? 39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: 40 Thou shalt

be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. 41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. 42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; 43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt. 44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt. 45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt. 46 And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. 47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls. 48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same. 49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number. 50 And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him. 51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. 52

And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction. 53 And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended. 54 And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. 55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do. 56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt. 57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because that the famine was so sore in all lands (Genesis 41:28-57).

It is instructive that Joseph was also a prophet who accurately saw into the future when God would deliver his people back to Canaan.

And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years. 23 And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees. 24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 25 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. 26 So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten

years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt (Genesis 50:22-26).

- Joshua the son of Nun was a minister in the marketplace. His primary assignment at the beginning was to act as Armour Bearer to Moses, a job he did with excellence and dedication.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them. 13 And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God. 14 And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them. 15 And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount. 16 And the glory of the Lord abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud (Exodus 24:12-16).

And the Lord said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I swear unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it: 2 And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: 3 Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people: lest I consume

thee in the way. 4 And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments. 5 For the Lord had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee. 6 And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb. 7 And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the Lord went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp. 8 And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle. 9 And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. 10 And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door. 11 And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle (Exodus 33:1-11).

Joshua become Commander of the Army of Israel fighting the battles while Moses stood in prayer.

Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. 10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12 But Moses hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. 13 And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword (Exodus 17 8-13).

On him fell the lot to take Israel into the Promised Land and divide 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 (Joshua 24:1-31).

- o 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 various evil practices. However, Daniel combined total dedication to Elohim and diligence in his marketplace Ministry.

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; 2 And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. 3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. 4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. 5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God. 6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever. 7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. 8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. 9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree. 10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. 11 Then

these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. 12 Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. 13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day. 14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him. 15 Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed. 16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. 17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. 18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him. 19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. 20 And

when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? 21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. 22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. 23 Then was the king exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God. 24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den. 25 Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. 26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. 27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. 28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian (Daniel 6:1-28).

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 and 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.

In the New Covenant, after fulfilling His preparatory years in the marketplace, Yeshua, Jesus was publicly manifested as the Messiah at the Baptism of John when He was 30 years old.

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. 30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. 31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. 32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. 34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

In 3 and half years of total consecration, Yeshua fulfilled His ministry.

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him (Acts 10:38).

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8).

He paid the supreme price at the Cross which assured our redemption and identity as sons of Elohim.

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost (John 19:30).

For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings (Hebrews 2:10).

Paul the apostle, Barnabas, Joseph of Arimathea, and other ministers who excelled in the marketplace all fulfilled their subsequent apostolic assignments.

*Unlocking the Mystery of higher
standards of integrity in the Market Place*

In trying to understand why those in the marketplace illustrated above seemed to have a greater integrity than those who were in ‘full time,’ ‘Pulpit’ or spiritual leadership, four factors seem at work.

- o Many times, those in full time Pulpit ministry live insular lives. They engage in what can be termed monastic holiness. This is holiness that manifests because you are removed from objects of temptation. Such was the cases of Moses and Elijah who were always very comfortable in the sweet presence of

Elohim God for extended periods of time but unable to handle the fickleness of mere mortals!

In this modern era, the leader of God's people who lives behind high walls with a retinue of security staff and who flies from his/her fortress to church on certain days of the week is living an insular life that is not real. The one who is packaged to smile specifically for the benefit of television cameras arranged by Public Relations consultants and staff is living an unreal life. This is the reason great men and women of God fall easily when they are outside familiar territory. That is why they are not able to resist temptations as radically as those in the marketplace. This inability to overcome temptations is related to being untested and therefore unproved before 'successes' comes! Their images, which were blown up to create surreal characters were mere phantoms and not the real folks! Saints in the marketplace live in real-life situations daily. We are in the world, but not of the world as the prayer of Yeshua, Jesus to The Father clarified:

I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. 8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. 9 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. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 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 (John 17:6-19).

- They rely on the grace and power of Elohim to preserve and deliver them. Many working sisters have to face the reality of bosses out to defile them. Many brothers in sales have to face female customers who are bold enough to seek proof of their masculinity. Brothers who run their own business know the pressures they face from women who want to be treated as special people. The result is that saints in the marketplace grow in grace through persistent prayer and spiritual warfare in order to retain and maintain their identity as saints. As they call upon The Lord for deliverance, He supplies grace which is greater than the sins which war against their souls!

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).

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: 2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil (2 Thessalonians 3:1-3).

Being alert in the spirit, they can discern ways of escape provided by a loving Father.

Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it (1 Corinthians 10:11-13).

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion, and power, both now and ever. Amen (Jude 1:24-25).

This was clearly the case with Joseph who laboured amongst some of the most beautiful women on earth, including Potiphar's wife, who aggressively sought to defile him. One small victory leads to a greater success. As they grow in grace and trust of God, as they continue in prayer and spiritual warfare, true holiness becomes part and parcel of the spiritual fibre of saints in the marketplace. Being exposed to women and men comes to a point where it no longer negatively affects their masculinity and femininity! Any saint who cannot relate normally with the opposite gender is still untested and therefore needing more maturity to lead the saints! 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 marketplace are spared the attractions and allurements associated with handling money. They thus obtain victory over the power of mammon! Ultimately, their yearning for purity is satisfied by the sanctifying power of the Lord.

Abstain from all appearance of evil. 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it (1 Thessalonians 5:22-24).

- Most ministers in the marketplace have a better understanding of the catalytic role of saints in the society. They realise that their presence has a lasting impact on their spheres of influence, even in so-called 'secular' space.

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).

Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened (Matthew 13:33).

- o Knowledge of the truth of the Bible and the cloud of witnesses therein reinforces the desire of Market Place Ministers to be overcomers.

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: 33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: 36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: 37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the

sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; 38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect (Hebrews 11:32-40).

ASSIGNMENT

1. What is the central message of this chapter? 2. Summarise the life of 1 full time pulpit and 1 marketplace minister in this chapter including their struggles and triumphs. 3. Please discuss the 4 factors which enable Ministers in the Market place greater grace than those in full-time pulpit ministry.

Chapter 5

Divine Provisions and Requirements for Success in Market Place Ministry

God has blessed His children with all things that pertain to life and godliness.

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: (2 Peter 1:3).

For a specific assignment, such as life in the marketplace, the Lord has provided for certain tendencies, graces, virtues, habits, and lifestyle through which holistic and enduring success can be achieved.

SOME OF THESE PROVISIONS ARE:

- Understanding and embracing an avenue for pursuing personal ambition! One of the most profound truths those called to the marketplace need to remember is that it is not an avenue for achieving personal goals or ambitions! It is not about making money, achieving fame, or controlling lives of others. Those who do not heed this warning will spin out of the Kingdom, backslide, and at the end of life, miss eternity with Elohim because they will bow to Mammon, the Satanic Principality who controls fleshly money making.

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things (Philippians 3:17-19).

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon (Matthew 6:19-24).

- o Yield/Surrender the will. As in other issues of life and ministry, Elohim God requires the active yieldedness of His saints for two principal reasons.

Holy Spirit leads best when marketplace ministers are yielded to Him.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (Romans 8:14).

It is He who by His Spirit that works out divine capacity for true marketplace ministry in their lives.

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: (Philippians 1:6).

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure (Philippians 2:13).

The surrendered will is the highest expression of absolute trust in the Lord. It is what signifies that we are truly emulating Yeshua, Jesus, as serving the will and purpose of the Father. For this to happen, we need to give His word right of way to renew our minds so that we think the way He thinks and see all things before us through His eternal and Kingdom perspectives.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:1-2).

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work (John 4:34).

- o Getting it right with priority. The Lord is clear that the priority of all the redeemed, should be Himself and His Kingdom. There is no exception clause in this regard for those in the marketplace. Yeshua stated the principle with direct language.

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven....25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed ?32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof (Matthew 6 9-10, 25-34).

- Understanding of the impact and place of marketplace ministry in God's end time agenda as a springboard of the saints' movement. The Lord

ordained that ALL the redeemed are called to serve as ministers of the gospel and ambassadors of His Kingdom. Since the 4th century when Christian religion was created by the union of the Roman Empire and the larger wing of the Church which was tired of persecution and non-return of Yeshua, a strange priestly caste called clergy emerged to rule, not serve the saints. In Revelation 2:6 and 15, Yeshua clearly announced that He hates this type of professional, ruling clergy patterned after the Nimrodic principles of Genesis 10:8-10 and the Aaronic/Levitical priesthood.

In the period before the return of Yeshua returns, He is reversing this trend with the restoration of the original New Testament, Kingdom priesthood: the Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek, of which He Himself is the functional High Priest at the throne of Grace.

The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek (Psalm 110:4).

The priesthood after the order of Melchizedek is one in which all the redeemed are called to serve The Lord as His disciples, living under His sovereign rule.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you (John 15:16).

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. 25 For

whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 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 16:24-26).

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 (1 Peter 2:9-10).

- Wisdom which enables us to know the mind of God concerning situations of life.

Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. 6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. 7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. 8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. 9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee (Proverbs 4:5-9).

The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools (Proverbs 3:35).

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth

not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways (James 1:5-8).

- o **Discipline.** Those who will excel in the marketplace must of necessity bring their soul and body under subjection to their spirit man, which should be wholly yielded to the 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.

He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls (Proverbs 25:28).

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. 21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work,

this man shall be blessed in his deed. 26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain (James 1:19-26).

- o **Grace.** Grace is the power of Elohim, God which is made available, free, to those whose vessels are yielded to Him. Those in the marketplace need unusual levels and depths of grace to succeed.

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me (1 Corinthians 15:10).

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

No one can achieve success in the marketplace by personal might or power.

For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. 17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. 18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth (Romans 9:15-18).

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. 8 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you. 10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth (Zechariah 4:6-10).

- **Favour.** This enables those in the marketplace to be preferred for promotion or for acceptance. Favour is a powerful facility for success in the marketplace, as we will be competing for space with many people

who serve different gods. Favour opens doors of opportunity that are normally closed.

For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield (Psalm 5:12).

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: 4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man (Proverbs 3:3-4).

- o **Divine Connection/Destiny helpers.** With favour comes another closely related provision for success: divine connections. Most things Elohim God will do for His saints involve use of human vessels to dispense the blessing. Connecting us to people who have the solution to what we need or who have the information that will bring light to a dark situation is a very great provision of The Lord. This is why good marketplace ministries are encouraged to develop the fine spiritual exercise of being friendly to the point of making and maintaining good relationships with those who Elohim God brings their way.

A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother (Proverbs 18:24).

The current tendency where saints break relationships at the drop of a hat is very carnal and dangerous to the unity of the Body.

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your

calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all (Ephesians 6:3-5).

- o **Creativity.** Elohim is the ultimate of creativity. He conceived and created the world with such finesse that it is home to the human family. As His children with His DNA, saints in the marketplace can manifest great creativity to bring forth products and services which will be a blessing to humanity and their clients or publics specifically.

- o **Motive.** The motive for which saints take up careers in the marketplace needs to be pure: to create or add value which will bless humanity and the consumers of the product or service offered. A negative motive to make money or achieve fame is toxic to marketplace ministry.

- o **The 4 pillars.** Saints called to the marketplace need to imbibe the principles of the 4 pillars of holistic, enduring success. They are.

IDENTITY – their identity in the Lord Yeshua, Jesus as sons of Elohim.

ASSIGNMENT – full understanding of their assignment in the marketplace.

EQUIPMENT – the full range of virtues, grace and capacities that are part of the human persona.

ALLOCATIONS – the life, time, material, and immaterial assets which The Father makes available for ministers in the marketplace to succeed in their assignments.

- o **Diligence.** The Lord is a diligent worker. When Yeshua, Jesus was in the Incarnate state, he diligently completed His assignment. The Lord wants His saints to be very diligent in whatsoever they are called to do.

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich (Psalm 10:4).

The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute (Proverbs 12:24).

The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious (Proverbs 12:27).

Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men (Proverbs 22 29).

Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds (Proverbs 27:23).

- o Faith, Prayer, Fasting and Spiritual warfare. The marketplace is a war zone! Satan roams about with his demons to rule the various mountains of culture. Those in the marketplace need to operate by Faith, not sight; be people of prayer who can fast when prompted by the Holy Spirit and who wear the whole armour of Elohim God to war effectively against powers of darkness.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report. 3 Through faith

we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear....6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him (Hebrews 11:1-3, 6).

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. 37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. 38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul (Hebrews 10:35-39).

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them (Mark 11:22-24).

And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, 15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the

water. 16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him .17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. 18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? 20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. 21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting (Matthew 17:14-21).

- Embrace the reality that the marketplace offers a better and wider space for fulfilling the Great Commission, with wisdom and great grace. Market place ministers are best placed to reconcile the lost to the Father as they are attracted to His glory in them.

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).

They are also better placed to disciple other people and their workplaces and communities.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matthew 28:18-20).

- Holiness unto the Lord. Holiness is not an exclusive preserve of Pulpit ministers. Those in the marketplace need to be holy unto the Lord as His ambassadors in the midst of ungodly people.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy (1 Peter 1:15-16).

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).

The key is to intensely seek and obtain the blessed state of sanctification by the Lord.

Abstain from all appearance of evil. 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it (1 Thessalonians 5:22-24).

- Consciousness of return of the Lord and that He will require full account of all material and immaterial assets given to us.

And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second

came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) 26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. 27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me (Luke 19:11-27).

- The whole idea is this: those in the marketplace are not just there to get money and succeed. They are in the Ministry, which is possibly greater than those in the Pulpit as full-time ministers.

This is why a lot of those in the marketplace also do well as hybrid ministers. Their training and practice of marketplace ministry is excellent preparation.

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please discuss any 10 of these points. 2. What new thing did you learn which affected you most.

Chapter 6

Kingdom Economics Part 1

One big shame that is upon the kingdom movement is the laziness to discover the full extent of our identity and the responsibilities our heavenly Father expects from us. 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 of Elohim God are those who have responded to His call to come out of the world system and embrace their true and full identity as citizens of His own Kingdom.

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. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 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 (John 17:9-18).

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 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. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: (Colossians 1:12-13).

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever (1 John 2:15-17).

And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen (1 John 5:19-21).

In this scenario, Elohim God is the Sovereign Ruler over His people, Who as a responsible Father and King, offers them everything 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, based on His own kind of economic system, amongst others.

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: (2 Peter 1:3).

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another (Romans 14:17-19).

In effect, though we are physically in this present world, we are not really of it. We are primarily citizens of the Kingdom of God and then citizens of the nation 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 of God 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. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world (John 17:15-16).

The Jews are a typical example of a people who understand dual citizenship. It does not matter where a Jew finds him or herself on planet earth, it is branded deep down in the psyche that they are foremost, Jews. Those who are not over secularized display a non-negotiable commitment to the peace of Jerusalem and wellbeing of Israel. Flowing from that consciousness, the Jew literally works under the weight of the burden to be a sent one from Yahweh to the gentile nation where he or she is planted. The Jew realizes, even as a youth, that to excel in his/her business, profession and contribute to the advancement of civilization will only bring empowerment, which will ultimately be passed on as goodwill and blessings for Israel and other Jews. This unwritten law in the heart of all true Jews was branded in them by Elohim God through the years. This is why Jewish communities are tightly knit till today.

Every Kingdom has an economic policy

We 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 that of China. Even among allies such as the United States and United Kingdom, their monetary policies may be worlds apart largely because the various governments at The White House and No. 10 Downing Street are pursuing differing economic policies.

Yeshua, Jesus Himself pointedly drove home this notion of a disconnect between the world and His Kingdom in terms of goals, policies, and styles on different occasions. With payment of Temple 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).

He also taught saints the need to give to the world authorities their due and not hide under cloak of the Kingdom to be lawless or economic criminals, such as tax dodging.

Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. 16 And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. 17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give

tribute unto Caesar, or not? 18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? 19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. 20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? 21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's (Matthew 22:15-21).

He took exception at the worldly concept of leadership, which manifested in the way the sons of Zebedee and their mother lobbied for the positions of honour in His Kingdom. He then contrasted the world's concept of leadership with His own Kingdom concept in Matthew 20:20-28.

In the world, money is idolized. In the world, and enthroned as a master so much so that the more of it you have, the more comfortable, secure, powerful, and happy you are. For this reason, the world economic system encourages you to 'go for it.' By this is meant, "get it, with all your strength and as much as you can." In the process, human rights of people are violated. Employees are paid starvation wages and basically used to make huge profits which the entrepreneur uses to live the 'good life.' Stripped bare of all pretensions, the world economic model empowers 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 off springs of their exploiters have secure funds and assets running into billions of dollars that are programmed to last for many generations yet unborn.

*Worldly economics: the science of
managing scarce resources*

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. 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 gain as much as he can for self-preservation!

KINGDOM ECONOMICS

Kingdom economics proposes a contrary concept. Kingdom economics first recognises that Elohim God made heaven and earth. Being an intelligent Creator, He provided sufficient natural resources to sustain human life until Yeshua, Jesus, will return to rule and reign over this earth. Flowing from this postulation, Kingdom economics says that our King has a specific, tailor-made purpose for all His creation. However, because of the rebellion of Adam, all humanity comes into this world with an original seed of that fallen nature running in their veins. Man would normally tend to 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: The God we serve is the creator, controller, and owner of the entire universe. He has everything figured out and until Yeshua, Jesus returns, has set out how to sustain all who are called by His name. All saints who make God and His Kingdom a priority have a secure provision for their real needs.

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his

righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof (Matthew 6:25-34).

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: (2 Peter 1:3).

God is the source of all blessings for the redeemed. He has however ordained for us to engage in specific jobs, businesses, professions, and other activities He has already ordained to use as channels to bless us. Those activities are mere channels while He alone is our source. Those who forget this reality can stumble and fall.

Through prayers and faith, we come into an understanding of the various channels of blessing ordained for us.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Matthew 7:7-11),

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 the

will of our heavenly Father. He has promised to answer us if we ask. That He does not respond promptly is no excuse for our rushing into whatever we wish to do. We need to learn the holy habit of waiting on Him to receive strength and direction in major and minor issues of business and career.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint (Isaiah 40:30-31).

There are those Elohim God has set apart as instruments of bringing in plenty who will become channels of bringing in a large volume of finances and material resources in city churches and local congregations for the welfare of all. Such people will understand that theirs is a divinely assigned role which they will accept with joy.

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. 33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all 34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, 35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. 36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, 37 Having

land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet. (Acts 4:32-37).

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; 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; 19 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 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. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 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. 11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses (1 Timothy 6:6-12).

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof (Isaiah 40:30-34).

God has enough to meet all our NEED 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 gained can make it 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 those base motives. In the same way, money is corrupted if gaining it involves deliberate sins against Elohim God and man such as cheating, lying, usury (lending for interests that are exploitative), paying workers a pittance, withholding their wages just to make more profit or such ungodly businesses as prostitution, running brothels and human trafficking!

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? 2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. 3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. 4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. 5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved (Psalm 15:1-5).

Money should never be allowed to be an idol to be sought for its own value. If money controls lives of saints, it will affect their capacity to worship the true Elohim.

And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? 17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. 18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder,

Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, 19 Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? 21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. 23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. 24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. 25 When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? 26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible (Matthew 19:16-26).

Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. 3 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. 4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. 5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have

nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. 6 Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you (James 5:1-6).

Pastors who understand these concepts need to come to a place where they do not allow the treasury of the Church to become defiled with unholy money! Some funds are only fit for the 'Potters' field, not the House of Elohim. When Judas Iscariot brought the 30 pieces of silver he earned from betraying his master, the religious leaders were wise enough to not add it to the treasury funds.

And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,) 16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. 17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. 18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out 19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. 20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take (Acts 1:15-20).

ASSIGNMENT

1. What is Kingdom Economics? 2. What makes Kingdom economics superior to worldly economics? 3. Please summarise the 7 imperatives of Kingdom Economics.

Chapter 7

Kingdom Economics Part 2

The essential nature of Kingdom Economics

The superiority of Kingdom Economics to the worldly system can be summed up thus: It is about yielding to Jehovah Jireh to use you as an instrument of manifesting His Love and care for His saints and for humanity. Yeshua, Jesus explained it in one of the shortest statements He made to Paul the apostle:

It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

Kingdom economics therefore is not about acquiring more money or assets but about yielding to and allowing Elohim God to use you as a channel of adding value to the lives of others. Those who are so yielded are proved first by death to self and complete submission to the will and divine purpose. In Kingdom Economics and Marketplace Ministry, which functions within its ambit, accumulation of riches or profit is not the primary motive of enterprise. It is to add value to people, take responsibility in keeping the earth realm as Elohim desires, keep it and be an instrument who Yeshua, Jesus uses to show a glimpse of what will happen when He returns to rule and reign.

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).

Marketplace ministry, when done in this context of Kingdom economics is therefore a means of restoring to saints who operate therein, the dominion mandate which Adam and Eve lost when they succumbed to the deception of Satan and made him the god of this world!

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat Genesis 1:26-29).

It is about being subject to the Holy Spirit 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 Yeshua, Jesus! Whenever He finds vessels that have died to self and will trust Him completely and allow themselves to be channels of blessing others, He commits all of His good pleasure, favour, and treasures to them! There are no limits to blessings and success that can be committed to those in the marketplace who are truly dead to self, led by the Holy Spirit, motivated by love of people as true disciples of Yeshua, Jesus who

place Him first above all other relationships, just as He desires.

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. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 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 16:24-26).

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. 39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it (Matthew 10:37-39).

Those who are proved in the realm of consecration, placing Elohim first, living under the sovereign rule of Yeshua and led by Holy Spirit in all investment and business decisions can be trusted to handle wealth without backsliding! It is to such people that the answer of Yeshua, Jesus to the question of Peter can apply, in real-life situations: capacity to walk in the hundred-fold blessings in this present time and to possess eternity also!

Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? 28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve

tribes of Israel. 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. 30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first (Matthew 19:27-30).

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof (Matthew 6:33-34).

This is why being in the Market Place is a rare privilege. All those who allowed Elohim God to use them in the marketplace 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 fulfil His divine purpose. Such was the case with Joseph, Joshua, Daniel, Esther, Nehemiah, Zerubbabel, and a host of witnesses who He used in the public space.

That a Christian runs a business, in employment, in public service or is a professional does not make that person a marketplace minister. Those who are in business or employment to gain wealth for their own purposes may be slaves of Mammon, the principality Satan sets over money and uses to manipulate humans. Their god is their belly, though they may shout the loudest Alleluia and give loud testimonies of being blessed!

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have

told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) (Philippians 3:17-19).

But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 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 6:6-10).

It is worse when they stack up such riches and resources, investing to gain more while their spiritual and natural brethren suffer needlessly.

He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. 10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. 11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes (1 John 2:9-11).

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. 11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should

love one another. 12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. 13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. 14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. 15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. 16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. 20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. 22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment (1 John 3:10-23).

For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment. 14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and

have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? (James 2:13-20).

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. 16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: 17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? 18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? 21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. (Luke 12:15-21).

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 Yeshua, Jesus used were first proved at the place of Kingdom Economics. He always required those who made it into His circle of influence to renounce the wordy perspective of self-sustenance and come to a place of absolute trust in the Father as Matthew 10 and Matthew 16:24-26 attest. 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 (Matthew 4:17-23). The other 9 who made up the 12 with them did likewise (save Judas Iscariot of course). The 120 who followed Jesus for 40 days after His resurrection and an extra 10 days after the Ascension in the Upper Room for the baptism of the Holy Spirit all passed the benchmark!

Those who want to live for Yeshua, Jesus in this day and age must accept that His Words are dependable. From this standpoint, they do not struggle with receiving His yoke joyfully.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30).

Those who embrace this truth will desist from labouring for the material things which perish and rather trust Him completely and become instruments who He uses to make a difference in the lives of others.

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. 28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. (John 6:27-29).

This root of Kingdom economics has not changed and will not change!

One weekend, several years ago, we had the privilege of undertaking a short mission to Italy with Minister Patrice. Our main base was the city of Padova, one of the religious strongholds of Italy (where the great shrine of “Saint Anthony” 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 were 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!

As he spoke, the Lord tugged at our heart to see a bigger picture: the Chinese have an economic model they believe is superior to the Western economic model (Capitalism). Across the world, 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 did not know 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, military technologies in the air, land, and sea, and 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 pre-eminent superpower within a few decades! 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 using their stupendous wealth to buy up choice real estate in the Western World and convert their hitherto desert nations into 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 in 2022 reveal the extent to which Muslim nations have used 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, some 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 the 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 economic activities, 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 through which saints called to the marketplace will be used by the Lord to restore His glory in the earth realm as they become catalysts of transformation!

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).

Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. (Matthew 13:33).

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please share 4 things you learned from this chapter. 2. What personal challenge did you receive therefrom? 3. In the light of these truths, can any Christian who is in business, the professions, employment, or public service be called a Marketplace minister if they are selfish, self-centred, tight fisted and care only about profits? Explain.

Chapter 8

Kingdom Economics Part 3 Some key principles

Elohim God will raise and empower saints in the Market Place who will embrace training such as this. At the end, they will operate and flourish some key, timeless principles:

- They will be saints who acknowledge Elohim God in His triple office 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.

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).

They will walk in the consciousness that they are mobile temples of the Holy Spirit.

- For the above reason, they come first to a position of entire surrender to Elohim God and consciously enthrone Yeshua, Jesus as Lord of their lives. He is not just Saviour who will take them to eternity when they die, but is the Lord who determines how they live on earth, all that they do in private and public and in how they conduct business. They make a covenant of sacrifice with their Lord, living with renewed mindsets which are aligned to the mind of Yeshua, Jesus, and see things from heavenly perspectives.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: (Romans 12:1-2).

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice (Psalm 50:5).

- o These saints dare not do anything or engage in any activity without the express instruction, direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit who is the present manifestation of Divinity in them. If He nudges them to pull out of any business activity, no matter how seemingly profitable, they obey. They shun carnality and embrace true spirituality in the Marketplace.

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 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. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (Romans 8:5-14).

- o When God 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.

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...22 Servants, obey in all

things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God; 23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons (Colossians 3:17, 22-25).

- Because Elohim God owes them by Creation, Redemption and His Providential care over their lives, these saints realise and accept the fact that they are mere channels for Him to pass through His thoughts, visions, wealth, and resources. They do not act to suggest that any of those assets or abilities come or are sustained by their own power, intellect, or capacity.

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).

- Kingdom Market Place Ministers therefore are vessels who have accepted their election and roles as instruments through whom Elohim God, 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.

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me (Matthew 25:31-40).

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. 2 The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. 3 The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of

languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness (Psalm 41:1-3).

- Their willingness to serve the Lord and His church with the resources He gives them will diminish the extreme poverty that many Christians live under which brings great reproach to the gospel. As they take responsibility to be sons and daughters of consolation, ministries they are part of will fund extensive welfare programmes which offers a better social safety net than that which is offered by the world.

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart (Acts 2:41-46).

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. 33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. 34 Neither was there

any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, 35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. 36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, 37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet (Acts 4:32-37).

- o This culture of practical love and care will edify saints, spur revival, bring cohesion and unity, leading to stronger local congregations and ministries with greater capacity to be a witness for Yeshua within their spheres of influence.

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another (John 13:34-35).

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:47).

And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. 2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. 3 Wherefore,

brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: 6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. 7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith (Acts 6:1-7).

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me (John 17:20-23).

- o Majority of humans will never go to any church building until Yeshua, Jesus, returns! The plan of Elohim God is to reach them where they are and where they engage in normal daily economic activities – banks, shopping malls, construction sites, schools, conferences, and a host of other regular

activities. There, they will encounter living temples where Yeshua resides as King through His Spirit: men and women, young and old who are sold out saints living the ordinary Kingdom life which emits supernaturally, the presence and power of The Most High. When non-believers encounter these salt carriers and Light bearers of Christ, there is a witness in their spirit. 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 – they have no option than to acknowledge the superiority of what they encounter! They thus bow to the authority of the King and His Kingdom, which is superior to the lives they live and philosophies they believe.

Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17:21).

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another (Romans 14:17-19).

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

As saints in the marketplace go ye and contact people, the grace in them will attract sinners to see, to “enjoy” such clearly superior lives.

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: (1 Peter 3:15).

- Kingdom Market Place Ministers, because they walk in alignment with the will of God, will become mighty instruments of activating the supernatural! Elohim has an inherent interest in using them to do signs and wonders which will blow the mind of the people they live and work with. Some will, like Joseph, have the supernatural ability to dream and interpret dreams, a sorely needed gift in the fields of research & development, banking, and the corporate world. Like Daniel, some will act as Chief Political and Economic Advisers to Heads of State. Many will be used of the Lord to prophesy into the direction that corporations and governments will go. Many marketplace leaders will clear out in the Stock Exchange because of the gifts of discernment and other revelatory gifts! Saints in the marketplace will have the Holy Spirit poured out of them and will walk as supernatural vessels yet in humility, accessibility and ordinariness which will blow the minds of their contemporaries who are used to pop idol culture! Joel 2:28, 29 will be fulfilled in greater measure than on the day of Pentecost.

- The wealth of the nations will gravitate towards these saints who are living epistles of Yeshua, Jesus, their Lord, and Saviour. Instead of rehearsing dry dogmas and engage in theological disputations, they will

show the blessed Kingdom of God on a day-to-day basis. They will not stuff up this wealth for themselves or stack them up in bank accounts for generations unborn. They will rather 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 knew before! They will sponsor poor students on scholarship, build houses for widows and the poor, sponsor the production of bibles and literature for distribution world-wide. They will be used of The Lord to sponsor the pulpit bound fivefold and those called to evangelical missions. Because they are everywhere, simultaneously, Satan will be confused in dealing with them. These sold-out saints do not love their own lives, even unto death! They are saints on assignment as vessels of honour. The short window of time 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.

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Matthew 24:14).

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matthew 28:18-20).

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen (Mark 16:15-20).

- For this reason, many called to the Market Place will also be called to powerful pulpit and missionary assignments. This is called Hybrid ministry, just like Paul the Apostle. There are nations which will not give visas to a person bearing any title they consider religious. Those same nations will gladly welcome businesspeople who visit as investors, who set up businesses or as professionals such as doctors on mercy mission. When marketplace ministers are filled with the Holy Spirit, they can be the advance guard of the Kingdom to break into those nations which have religious, ideological, or cultural iron curtains and get the work done.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

ASSIGNMENT

1. Out of the 12 key principles of kingdom economics, please briefly discuss any 6. 2. What is your personal take away from this chapter?

Chapter 9

The Five-Fold and Market Place Ministry

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

- The assignments of the fivefold towards those in the Market Place.
- That some Market Place ministers will also function with Five-Fold calling and anointing.
- That many Market Place Ministers will and ought to function as Supportive Ministers in their local congregations.

The assignment of the fivefold towards those in the Market Place

The main work of the fivefold is defined in this passage:

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors, and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: (Ephesians 4:11-12).

It is to perfect the Body of Yeshua, equip the saints to do the work of ministry so that the entire Church is edified as everyone walks in their calling! That outcome is a living, loving organism of saints who grow up into their Head

Yeshua and into each other rather than a dry religious organisation!

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4:15-16).

What this means is that regardless of whether one is called to be an Apostle, Prophet, Evangelists, Pastor or Teacher, there should be an overriding deep felt desire to be used by the Lord to empower saints to know who they are in Yeshua, Jesus, Who He is in them so that they can manifest the gifts and walk in the callings they received from Him through the Holy Spirit!

Manifestation of the purpose of Yeshua, Jesus and His Kingdom is the very passion of those truly called to the fivefold. He wants His saints to walk in unity and be one (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! (John 8:32, 36) To the carnal, this may seem contradictory since liberty may cause people to walk in confidence without being spoon fed! Resolving this 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 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 can eat bones! Thereafter, they should be able to disciple others within their spheres of influence.

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil (Hebrews 5:12-14).

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also (2 Timothy 2:1-2).

The divine principle for the local congregation is that it is a spiritual factory for turning raw materials (sinners) into finished products (empowered saints). The Kingdom Church is therefore a Hatchery of gifts and callings rather than the Morgue/Mortuary religious organisations are. Empowered saints are evidenced in lives that do not revolve around the human leader but around Yeshua, Jesus The Only Head of His universal Church! John the Baptist understood, practiced, and preached this principle and was able to fulfil His ministry as the greatest of the Old Testament Prophets! (John 3:26-36) Fivefold leaders need to let go any ungodly, manipulative, and controlling hold over the flock! Fivefold leaders must realise that they did not die for the saints to be saved! 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.

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away (1 Peter 5:1-4).

That approach is best served through adopting a process the Lord has given to His Kingdom Church through Global School of Ministry and the Global Advanced Mentorship Program called the T.E.A.R process.

- Teach them sound biblical doctrine and not fairy tales or humanistic concepts. It is through consistent teaching of the whole counsel of Elohim that believers become true disciples of Yeshua, Jesus who respond to His call to make Him the core of their lives (Matthew 28:19-20, Matthew 16:24-25).
- Train every saint in the ministry to understand that all are called to be ministers of the gospel and do this within a specific time frame. For Yeshua, the training cycle was 3 and a half years. A minimum of 9-12 months should enable saints to grasp the basics of ministry. Further periods of time can be factored for Intermediate and Advanced training which should span at least 1 year each.
- Equip the saints with a proper understanding of their identity in Yeshua, Jesus and Who He is in them and

let them know the absolute necessity of discovering and walking in their spiritual gifts and offices in Him.

- Allow the Holy Spirit to use you to Activate His gifts and callings inside their spirit man! Look beyond their physical bodies, gender, ages, and socio-economic status. Look beyond their emotional status and mine deep down into their spirit man where their gifts and callings are deposited, through teaching, affirmation, prophecy 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 subsequent issuance of ministerial licenses and any needed credentials.

When people are ordained, some will be led to continue with the ministry and therefore take their places to further and enlarge the vision. Those who are so led will be loyal to Elohim God, loyal to the vision bearer and the ministry/congregation. They will be committed and fully consecrated to pursue fulfilment of their assignment, as unto the Lord according to Colossians 3:17, 21-13. Some may be led by the Holy Spirit to start a new work in another part of the city or elsewhere so that the Kingdom is enlarged. Anyone who is undecided but rebellious should be also released so that a little leaven does not leaven the whole lump! This divine formula is the key to foil the plan of Satan to make many local congregations battle grounds of carnal jousts for power.

True fivefold leaders empower, rather than enslave the saints! Their central focus is to ensure that saints are brought to the point in their walk with Elohim God where 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 God never intended for every saint to permanently dwell in one place. Some are supposed to be ‘sent out’ to expand the Kingdom through Church planting, missionary activity or just to go and make more disciples or train more people to become able ministers of the New Covenant.

When Yeshua, 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 The Master commanded in Acts 1:8. The result was strife over food, as recorded in Acts 6. The Lord 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 God to fulfil the command of Yeshua, Jesus! In the same Acts Chapter 8, Phillip was used by God to reach the uttermost parts of the earth through conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch! There are many crises in different ministries world-wide which are not Satan inspired but Elohim God permitted breaking up comfortable “come ye” ministries so that more vibrant ministries can spring up with the right “go ye” spirit!

Part of what the fivefold should teach the church is that there are three broad types of ministries 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 God through their businesses, professions, creative pursuits, employments in the civil, public service and corporate world.
- The third is a hybrid ministry for those who have a calling to both pulpit and fivefold ministry.

That some in the Market Place will 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 breaks yokes, Holy Spirit will pour same out upon saints He sends into hostile territory so that they can implement the ordinance of Psalm 2. Since many people will never come to the 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 those anointing and functioning in those offices 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 a 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 very good Managers and Human resource specialists, Counsellors, and Care Givers. The anointing of Teacher will bring forth the best of those in the educational industry, including classroom teachers and Professors.

In the same way, God will release Apostolic anointing on saints He wants to use as Heads of State and Governments; 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 God will reveal to those who inquire of Him! If you are in business, tarry in His Presence until the Lord releases the full measure of the anointing and calling with which you shall fulfil your destiny! The end time Church is ordained to be radiant and powerful.

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish (Ephesians 5:27).

Many Market Place Ministers will function as Supportive Ministers in their local assemblies.

Elohim God never wastes gifts and callings neither does He restrict usage of His gifts to religious or corporate settings. It is inconceivable that the Lord will endow ministers in the marketplace with extraordinary capacity to manage human and material resources in their businesses and jobs for 6 days only to be mere benchwarmers and massagers of ego of fivefold leaders on Sundays! There are many in the fivefold who boast of how Medical Doctors and corporate chieftains are their ushers and armour bearers to

their shame. Displaying such great gifts and offices is ego tripping gone bust.

The plan of Elohim God is that fivefold leaders functioning as the Presbytery shall be diligent to continue with the T.E.A.R process in the local assemblies, lead the saints to live holy, prayerful lives and turn over the administration, finance, investments, welfare, property, maintenance, and other normal businesses of the Church to Market Place Ministers – functioning as the Diaconate - who are better equipped to handle such transactions! This is the import of Acts 6:1-7. The sceptre of fivefold officers doing the business of the Church may be indicative of not only insecurity but worse still clear disobedience to the tenets of the Word! When the business of the Church is fully delivered into the hands of those who have the spiritual capacity and competence, the local assemblies will be strong and powerful and able to fulfil the divine purpose. The case in Acts 6:1-7 when the early church got it right and revival ensued will happen again.

Market Place Ministry down the wire!

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 Elohim God and grafted into His Body. The Body of Yeshua, Jesus – The Church functions best as an organism which is self-sustaining within itself, connected to its Head. Christians 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. 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 the Holy Spirit on the marketplace 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 reason many saints could not access the quantum of blessings God 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. 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 marketplace ministry in a way that will clearly show His Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is united with One Lord, One faith and One Body, as Ephesians 4:1-4 clearly show. God 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 God 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 the Holy Spirit is clearly evident. There will be cases where saints who are part of a business team will allow a 'newcomer' or younger fellow 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 modelling the eternal phase of the Kingdom which will soon come into being as they wilfully 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.

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just (Proverbs 13:22).

Christian businesses will become an oasis of godliness in the Market Place. They will be beacons of light in their communities and sectors. Their approach to business will glorify the Lord and draw those they relate with to find Him. Market place ministers who are business owners or empowered CEOs will start the day with Elohim God in spirit filled corporate devotions where they share the word, pray together, and seek direction from the Holy Spirit. They will proclaim fasts and host prayer meetings 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 (Daniel 1:21; Daniel 2:14-49). Kingdom businesses will joyfully tithe unto the Lord through ministries He lays on their heart. They will 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. Such nations will be penetrated through the Market Place and well-motivated market place ministers who realise they are on assignment.

The mandate of man to increase, multiply and exercise dominion (Genesis 1:26-30), which Satan stole, was recovered in Yeshua, Jesus. His charge to “occupy till I come” (Luke 19:13) will be the driving force of Kingdom Market Place ministers and ministries. With this mindset, their faith will be set loose and with Elohim God, nothing shall be deemed impossible to them. It is those in the Market Place that He will use to recover the dominion mandate of the redeemed because they are on the proper platforms to engage with and affect society directly.

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 than to be examined by unbelieving gynecologists who, sometimes 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 to accept pastorates so that they could serve God “better.” Brethren who should have been encouraged to seek actualization in the marketplace were stampeded to seek the same in the pulpit. The result is the self-evident disaster of people trying to be what they were not called by God 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, using carnal methods. 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 are played through public address systems. There are also some people in the marketplace today who rightly belong to the pulpit ministry. They need to humble themselves and do what is right so that they do not impede the great and mighty move of the Holy Spirit that is coming. The secret code is for every saint to be occupied with what they have been called and gifted by the Lord to do and let go of other things for other people!

Our heavenly Father is about to do a new thing as part of preparing the Church for Her Groom! The Market Place Ministry is for real as 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 marketplace.

ASSIGNMENT

1. What is the role of the Fivefold in empowering saints to understand and embrace the Market Place ministries? 2.

Please discuss the section of this chapter titled ‘That some in the Market Place will function with Five-Fold calling and anointing’ 3. Please discuss the section of this chapter titled ‘Many Market Place Ministers will function as Supportive Ministers in their local assemblies.’ 4. What new insight did you gain into the subject of marketplace ministry?

Chapter 10

Kingdom entrepreneurship Part 1

The Oxford languages defines entrepreneurship as a noun which means: “the activity of setting up a business or businesses, taking on financial risks in the hope of profit.

Example: "the new business opportunities have encouraged entrepreneurship on a grand scale."

In answer to a question on google ‘What is the best definition of entrepreneurship?’ this answer is given:

An entrepreneur is an individual who creates a new business, bearing most of the risks and enjoying most of the rewards. The process of setting up a business is known as entrepreneurship. The entrepreneur is commonly seen as an innovator, a source of new ideas, goods, services, and business/or procedures.

What is the new definition of entrepreneurship? Jackie Villaci, writing in “*Babson Thought & Action*,” offers one of the most dramatic definitions of entrepreneurship:

Traditionally, the definition of entrepreneurship has been limited to: starting a new business, scaling for profit, and creating business capital. For outside-of-the-box thinkers, that definition was quite narrow. ‘It leaves out the idea that entrepreneurship is a way of thinking’. It's a mindset that is opportunity obsessed, holistic in approach and leadership balanced. This new definition of entrepreneurship is about innovation; about seeing problems as opportunities, and about changing the world.

This definition brings forth 3 critical components in entrepreneurship. We hereby excerpt the author's expansion of the 3 concepts:

“Opportunities Obsessed: The desire to create something that will forever change the customer experience—that rests at the very center of an entrepreneur’s soul. Entrepreneurs are driven with the passion to change the way the world views and uses products. Steve Jobs was the epitome of this. Apple Inc. started with the passion to build a better computer. In 1976, the company released Apple Computer 1. Then the following year, the Apple II—the first commercially available personalized computer—made its debut. The Macintosh followed after that. Then iTunes ... and the list goes on. Every product had its course of ups and downs. But, Jobs’ passion and dedication never wavered. Like many tech giants, his ability to foresee an opportunity brought about a social change that made an impact on the entrepreneurial revolution”

Continuing, Jackie said this of the second concept:

“Holistic Approach: The traditional definition of entrepreneurship was mainly focused on generating business capital. In today’s economic climate, the entrepreneurship definition has evolved to include the notion of transforming the world. Some of the world’s most famous entrepreneurs didn’t earn notoriety and financial freedom from merely advising their operations. They were involved from the very beginning of their business venture. Steve Jobs famously worked from his parents’ garage.”

The author went on to define the third concept and illustrated same with an exciting illustration.

“Leadership: New and inventive products, computer programs, and brick and mortars can last beyond the life of those who invented them. And, the inventors will forever be remembered as those who raised the bar. Who dared to think beyond what was in front of them and who inspired others to do the same. Beyond creating unforgettable products, the final element that comes with entrepreneurship is leadership. Babson alumnus Arthur Blank ’63, H’98 who co-founded Home Depot Inc, said, “The destination of the entrepreneurial spirit is innovation fueled by creativity and speed.” After 23 years, the founder of the home improvement store stepped down to focus on other pursuits. One of which was the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation. Since its founding in 1995, the Blank Family Foundation has contributed more than \$300 million to organizations working in education, early childhood development, the environment, and the arts. The owner of the Atlanta Falcons football team says, “The expression we’ve always used is that there are two Super Bowls every year. The first is the one that you traditionally play on the field. The other is the Super Bowl of life. We want to win that one every year.”

It is interesting to see what Babson college says of its entrepreneurial program:

“Entrepreneurs aren’t just born—they’re made. How do you make an entrepreneur? It starts with seeing problems as opportunities. Emphasizing smart action over planning. Failing fast, and pivoting based on what you learned. It’s a

mindset—an entrepreneurial mindset. And it's one you can only get at Babson College. This make it happen mindset is born from Entrepreneurial Thought & Action® our methodology that teaches undergraduates, graduates, and executives to balance action, experimentation, and creativity with a deep understanding of business fundamentals and rigorous analysis as the ideal approach to creating economic and social value.”

We need to admit that the spirit of religion which exalts full time ministry by a tiny professional clergy engaged in ABC (Attendance, Buildings and Cash) has done the gospel more harm than good. By stripping saints of their true identity in Yeshua, understanding of who they are in Him and the reality that He has equipped them with all that it takes to fulfil their assignments and focusing on building denominations and church buildings rather than engagement in the transformational mandate of the gospel of the kingdom, a large number of believers are just occupying space, cumbering the ground and bringing a reproach to the name of the Lord with the scope of systemic poverty the churches do not want to deal with. The result is that a large number of saints are basically counting time, until death comes when they will be translated to the sweet by and by in heaven! This distorted gospel of religion has outlived its usefulness and needs to be dumped now.

Some time ago, the Lord nudged in our heart that it was time to activate a Kingdom Business School and we shared it with the Business, Professionals and Public Affairs Directorate of International Ministers Fellowship at its first Summit. Unfortunately, not one person has asked about the vision. There is no one to blame because the responsibility rightly belongs to a visionary to set out what The Lord says

so that brethren can understand, connect, and take their place therein. This Course on Market Place Ministry is hereby dedicated as Course Number 1 of the Global Kingdom Business School. We request that all the brethren who are in the Market Place in any form should consider enrolment so that they can receive a complete structured training from a global faculty that will serve as volunteers, free. The course will serve the Now Generation well and prepare those of them called to be entrepreneurs to break out of the Salary/Wage hunting phase with all the inherent limitations.

Entrepreneurship and the Gospel of the Kingdom

The Gospel of the Kingdom is one which creates a new class of humans in the earth realm with a mandate to be change agents until Yeshua returns to restore the fullness of the glory of Elohim in the manifest Kingdom.

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Matthew 24:14).

Properties which empower saints to do better than unbelievers in the Market Place. Here are the various ways the Holy Scriptures define the reality that they are superior to normal humans who are unsaved:

- Being born again by operation of the Holy Spirit and the blood of Yeshua, Jesus, they are the new creation of Elohim God.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born

again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. 9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? (John 3:3-9).

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).

- They are now sons of Elohim, having His DNA, notwithstanding their gender, age or socio-economic status or cultural background. Sonship speaks of the identity of those who are mature in their walk with Him.

For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. 13 And

again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage (Hebrews 2:10-15).

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise (Galatians 3:26-29).

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all (Colossians 3:9-11).

- o Holy Spirit seals them into Yeshua effectively making them of the same ilk as their Head and they become mobile temples of Divinity.

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed

with that holy Spirit of promise, (Ephesians 1:13).

Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts (2 Corinthians 1:21-22).

But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit...19 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 6:17, 19-20).

- In effect, on a head to head basis as vessels who host the divine Person and Presence within their hearts (spirit-man), they are better equipped to overcome the best that Satan and the world can offer.

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)

- They walk by Faith Not sight, can see the invisible and therefore possess the impossible without struggle.

(For we walk by faith, not by sight:) (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.... 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him (Hebrews 11:1-2, 6).

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal (2 Corinthians 4:18).

- With the open access to the Throne of Elohim in the heavenly realm, through Prayer, they can receive help and support for all challenges.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Matthew 7:7-11)

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; 2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which

feared not God, neither regarded man: 3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. 4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; 5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me 6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. 7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? 8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? (Luke 18:1-8)

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:14-16).

- o They are also blessed with the Word of Elohim which offers clear direction on what the redeemed are to do in the earth realm.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 15 And that from

a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Timothy 3:14-17).

- They are imbued with the spirit of courage and holy boldness.

The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion (Proverbs 28:1).

- With deeper degree of holiness, the saints have higher ethical standards than the world

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).

What all these clearly sum up to is this: Kingdom citizens and ambassadors are wired with what it takes to be successful entrepreneurs! What is needed is exposition of truth such as this as well as other courses that will set them free.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:32).

*Doing the Forgotten Kingdom Mandate
through an entrepreneurial mindset*

The truth we need to acknowledge and repent of is that by limiting our vision to what religion programmed, the Church will remain ineffective. That jaded programme of life reads like this: Birth>Nursery/Kindergarten>Primary School>Secondary/High School> Tertiary Education>Graduate>Get a Job> Marry>Raise a family> Maintain Job security by all means in order to pay rent, bills, have food on the table, tithe to church and give offerings. Properly analyzed, it says more or less: ‘be like the average Joneses,’ ‘Don’t take risks.’The outcome is a strange situation where the bulk of innovation, business and attendant wealth is in the hands of unbelievers. Devoid of godliness, many of them become proud and behave like Pharaohs over the saints who serve them and are programmed to accept starvation wages as normal.

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please share your understanding of the various definitions of entrepreneurship in this chapter. 2. In what way did religion make Christians docile, accepting to live ordinary lives? 3. Summarise 6 out of the 9 virtues ingrained in believers that equip us with greater capacity to succeed in the Market Place

Chapter 11

The Kingdom Entrepreneur Part 2

The Body of Yeshua, Jesus worldwide, needs Kingdom entrepreneurs to arise and take their place! Those who study this course diligently and sense a stirring of the Holy Spirit in their hearts can respond as He leads them. This is not a call to pursue riches, bow to Mammon, or stuff their lives with the good of this world. It is not a call to stack up money for generations unborn. As the previous chapter made clear, the average saint is imbued with all it takes to succeed in the marketplace in a holistic, sustainable, and enduring manner! What has been lacking? Why has Kingdom entrepreneurship not caught on?

- The first reason, the lack of a biblically sound, Holy Spirit-led conceptual understanding of the reality that Elohim prospers some in His family so that they will be instruments of providing for and caring for those who have inadequate resources.
- The second is that the false ‘prosperity gospel’ movement turned off many serious saints from giving the Lord a chance to use them as agents of transformation through wealth distribution and sponsorship of the gospel.
- The third reason is that the holiness movement glorified poverty and lack as evidence of true righteousness to the degree that people felt guilty of success and material blessings.

WHAT SHALL WE DO TO BE SAVED?

The three factors above have combined to create a cloud of confusion. The answer to ignorance and confusion is

always truth from the word and clarity. In that regard, the case is made for saints to avoid the snare of opportunism, which makes many to venture into utilitarianism: grab whatever seems to work in solving their financial needs. It is needful to look again at the challenge posed by the definition of entrepreneurship by Jackie Villaci of Babson Thought and Action quoted in the previous chapter:

“What is the new definition of entrepreneurship? Traditionally, the definition of entrepreneurship has been limited to: starting a new business, scaling for profit, and creating business capital. For outside-of-the-box thinkers, that definition was quite narrow. It leaves out the idea that entrepreneurship is a way of thinking. It's a mindset that is opportunity obsessed, holistic in approach and leadership balanced. This new definition of entrepreneurship is about innovation; about seeing problems as opportunities, and about changing the world”

There is need for Kingdom entrepreneurs who will consecrate their lives and businesses, be holy unto the Lord and submit to the leading of the Holy Spirit as instruments of innovation, who become solution providers with a mandate to change their world. For such, the Prince of this world, Satan will have nothing of his.

Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me (John 14:30).

To detach from Babylon is a task that must be done!

Let us repeat a point made in earlier chapters of this work that The Lord did not plan that all believers will become entrepreneurs neither has He promised riches to all. The

strong case we are making is that He has not made the Kingdom subject to the whims of Babylon and worldly systems which are inherently ungodly, and which are Satan's agent for preparing humanity for the reign of anti-Christ who with the false Prophet to come who will institute a global system of idolatry that is clearly outlined in this passage.

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. 9 If any man have an ear, let him hear. 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into

captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. 11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. 13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich, and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six (Revelation 13:1-18).

The fate of those who succumb to the pressure to survive and take the only pathway to take part in this evil economic system is also clearly articulated:

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name (Revelation 14:9-11).

We know from a careful comparison of scripture with scripture that these events will unfold after the rapture of saints. What needs to be done on this side of history, that is the present, can be found in the bible also: come out of Babylon!

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. 5 For her sins have

reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities (Revelation 18:1-5).

Now is the time the Kingdom Church needs to de-couple from the ungodly and spiritually corrosive worldly systems that are based on self-centeredness, selfishness and using cheap labour who are paid starvation wages to generate untold wealth for the 1 percent of the world. This system has produced a tiny band of locusts who use State capture models to corner extraordinary levels of national wealth which are stored for their generations to come while the masses languish in poverty and through the dole system (so-called Social security), lose all privacy as their data are kept in government computer systems.

In Egypt, Elohim kept the Jews separate and provided for them in Goshen. It was thus easy for the Exodus to take place on the night appointed. In Babylon, the identity of the Jews was compromised through various schemes such as eating non-Kosher food and embrace of Chaldean names. The result was assimilation. In the New Covenant, Yeshua, Jesus was very clear that Kingdom citizens are not of the world and prayed the Father to preserve them from corruption.

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. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 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 17:9-20),

*Mandate of Kingdom Entrepreneurs and
their enterprises*

Kingdom entrepreneurs and their enterprises will be great instruments in the hands of the Lord to keep saints out of Babylonian economic models. Those who will respond to the call for a special assignment have a clear-cut mandate.

- o To be instruments through which the original dominion mandate of mankind is recovered and practised.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth

upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat (Genesis 1:26-29).

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).

This mandate, originally given to Adam and Eve, was lost when they sinned and allowed Satan to take their mantle. The religious church world likes to behave as if the mantle was lost forever. The New Covenant teaches otherwise!

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith (Galatians 3:13-14).

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: (Colossians 1:12-14).

In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it (Colossians 2:11-15).

The word makes the stunning claim that we are complete in Yeshua, Who is the Head of All Principality and Power!

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him

dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: (Colossians 2:6-10).

- o To be channels through which Elohim supplies all the needs of all His saints, including those who have nothing. The Church needs to have very strong social and economic safety nets at the congregational, city and global levels.

Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; 2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. 3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; 4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. 6 Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. 7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also. 8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love. 9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. 10 And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you,

who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. 11 Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. 12 For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. 13 For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: 14 But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality: 15 As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack (2 Corinthians 8:1-15).

This principle sustained the early Church and will sustain the Omega Church of our generation. In the midst of the cost-of-living crises, the Kingdom church in the current dispensation needs to do better, not less.

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and

singleness of heart, 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:41-47).

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. 34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, 35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. 36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, 37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet (Acts 4: 33-37).

And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. 2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and

Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: 6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. 7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith (Acts 6:1-7).

Some case studies

At the International Ministers Fellowship, this principle is being trialed through the Let Brotherly Love Continue campaign involving ministers and ministries in USA and Europe supporting some financially challenged brethren in various Asian and African nations based on Hebrews 13:1. Within national chapters, brethren are encouraged to be there for others through an agency called We Care International. Before this time, since 2016, the Global Mission Board has with its shoe-string budget been quietly doing a work with support of orphanages, orphans, widows, and some on the frontline. Since 2021, a ground-breaking experiment has been underway of how a rural community can be transformed through loving social actions and economic empowerment through skills. The model will form the basis of Transform Africa, a special purpose vehicle that will deliver change at the grassroots level.

- Employing Faith, Prayer, Spiritual Warfare, Wisdom, great Grace, and patience for research breakthrough, to create innovative products and services which affect people in the locality and across the world at cheaper costs than alternatives of the world. Kingdom entrepreneurs will be challenged to be the best in the markets they operate in and be

known for their higher ethical mode of operations. These will be accomplished with a clear identity of being Kingdom businesses.

- Create Kingdom Business Models that run entirely on biblical principles so that the world may see and be drawn to the glorious light of the King and His gospel in civil society and the marketplace.
 - Be an employer of labour for the large pool of unemployed saints and unbelievers in specific localities who need to encounter a totally different world which points them to Yeshua, Jesus.
 - Operate with an excellent human resource management concept which place high value on lives of employees, treat them well and create family environments full of love, righteousness, and joy.
 - Display holiness in the marketplace as only Elohim honouring policies and practices are implemented. There will be no price gouging, deceptive advertising, or false claims.
 - Prayer will be an intrinsic part of daily corporate life, including time for morning devotionals, break and departure time prayer.
 - The gifts of the Holy Spirit will be free embraced. Direction will be received through prophetic releases, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, discernment, dreams, vision, and interpretation. Those in the healthcare industry, such as Hospitals and medical outfits will embrace healing and miracle working gifts and deliverance in their practices which are freely offered to clients.

- Kingdom businesses will tithe consciously into congregations and ministries. Generous donations will be made annually to various ministries they are connected with, including Missionary projects. Staff will also be encouraged to drop their regular ‘change’ into offering boxes located across the business site for care of orphans and orphanages, widows and the neediest.
 - Kingdom businesses will also engage in corporate social responsibility towards their host communities. From their gross profits, provisions will be made to fund projects which benefit all and especially those that lift people from poverty particularly the Youth and women. Staff will be encouraged to volunteer and mentor those who live within their communities and get involved in local clean-up projects, for instance. The desire to set an annual minimum target of those in the host community who are lifted out of poverty will be great.
 - Subject to great profits, Kingdom business will make value decisions that, rather than pay huge taxes to governments, part of their earnings will be invested in building hospitals/health centres, Youth Clubs according to allowances made by national tax laws.
 - To channel these projects, successful Kingdom businesses will be encouraged to set up well-structured Foundations and non-profits.
- o Kingdom businesses, therefore, will see themselves as Embassies of the Kingdom.

*The case for The Kingdom Business
School*

Based on the depth, breadth and scope of what Elohim is releasing, we feel led to make the case for a Kingdom Business School which will run virtually to train those who are called to the Marketplace. Teaching and training from a diverse global faculty drawn from brethren Elohim has enabled to breakthrough in the fields of business, the professions, public and civil service employing the proven TTEAR process (Teach, Train, Equip, Activate and Release) will deliver on the desired outcome. Those who graduate will be licensed by the International Ministers Fellowship and maintain fellowship through the Business, Professionals and Public Affairs Directorate at the global level. They will share information, experiences and insights and support each other, take up investment and co-financing opportunities just as the Jews, Muslims and Chinese do. At the national level, they will maintain this relationship as the Business, Professionals and Public Affairs Directorate of the Fellowship. If you sense this is for you, please send an expression of interest to The Director, Kingdom Business School at visionarymail7@gmail.com

ASSIGNMENT

1. Make the case for Kingdom Entrepreneurship based on what you have learnt so far. 2. Why is it necessary to start now to create businesses which run entirely on Kingdom principles. 3. Please summarise the mandate of Kingdom entrepreneurs and enterprises.

Chapter 12

Profile of Kingdom Entrepreneurs

At this stage of our study, it is needful to home in on the profile of Kingdom entrepreneurs. We need to emphasise that these are saints who are imbued with a sense of mission in the marketplace and not merely gold diggers who are out to accumulate wealth through their businesses. Some points made here have been made elsewhere in this course. Contextualizing them as part of the profile of kingdom entrepreneurs brings the points made more understandable.

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe (Philippians 3:1).

- They are truly born again with a testimony of genuine conversion. This makes them the new creation and members of the spiritual family of Elohim (John 3:3-9; Romans 10:5-13, Ephesians 2:1-9).

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord (Acts 3:19).

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).

They embrace the call to be disciples of Yeshua, Jesus. In this state, they submit to His Sovereign rule.

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. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it (Matthew 16:24-25).

- They seek first the Kingdom and His righteousness, trusting the Lord for provisions of all they need. This delivers them from anxiety, worry and fears.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof (Matthew 6:33-24).

- They love Elohim with everything in them and also love brethren and other humans.

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind .38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets (Matthew 22:36-40).

- They embrace the universal call for all believers to be ministers – the royal priesthood.

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 (1 Peter 2:9-10).

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you (John 15:16).

- They embrace the 5 P's: Proper Preparation Prevents Poor Performance.

And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the Lord must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death (1 Chronicles 22:5).

- They are delivered from Mammon worship and understand that money is not evil in itself but is an asset which ought to serve the interests of the King and His Kingdom.

And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God. 20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. 21 And he said, All these have I kept

from my youth up. 22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. 23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich (Luke 18:18-23).

But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 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 6:6-10).

- o They realise their need for Grace, and Wisdom.

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me (1 Corinthians 15:10).

It is grace of Elohim which empowers Kingdom entrepreneurs to embrace challenges in the marketplace.

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I

besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways (James 1:5-7).

- o They walk by Faith, not by sight and are wholly immersed in prayer.

(For we walk by faith, not by sight:) (2 Corinthians 5:7).

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them (Mark 11:22-24).

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen... 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him (Hebrews 11:1, 6).

Faith believes in the heart, visualizes in the mind, speaks with the tongue, and walks the walk! It enables the kingdom entrepreneur to see the invisible and possess the impossible. It is a great quality Abraham saw in Elohim and emulated.

Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform (Romans 4:16-21).

- o Their motives are pure – to provide goods and services which give people value for money, so they

see the Marketplace as an avenue to serve their customers and humanity, not to get rich quick.

- They are innovators – there is an inbuilt sensor that what they produce, or offer should make life easier, bring greater satisfaction to consumers and be a real blessing to humanity.
- They are risk takers! They dare to venture where others won't.
- They embrace the reality that they do not need to have everything required before starting. Thus, even if the capital available at startup is small, they are undeterred from launching out.

Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase (Job 8:7).

He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap (Ecclesiastes 11:4).

But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day (Proverbs 4:18).

- They are faithful in small things. When their businesses are small, they display an excellent understanding of money and wealth as a good servant.

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. 11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who

will commit to your trust the true riches? 12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? (Luke 16:10-12)

- They embrace a life of sacrifice so that the wealth which comes is not used for their personal consumption. With frugality, live austere lives and shun gaudy display of wealth or consumption tendencies. They abhor waste.

Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice (Psalm 50:5).

- They are courageous and undeterred in the face of challenges. For this reason, they embrace such challenges as opportunities to stretch their faith in Elohim with firm conviction that they will overcome.

The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion (Proverbs 28:1).

- Failure does not feature in their dictionary. As they take risks and innovate, if any door seems to close, they believe other doors are about to be discovered.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; 8 I know thy works: behold, I

have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name (Revelation 3:7-8).

- They see themselves as stewards of Elohim's mandate and resources, not as 'owners.'

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 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).

- They shun the 'big boss syndrome' and lead from the front, not behind. They show examples rather than voice mere precepts. This leads to a life of service.

But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many (Matthew 20:25-28).

- They recruit the best people for the vacant positions and give them the space to work with excellence.

They also have in-house training mechanisms for upskilling their staff as the business grows.

- They invest to make their businesses an oasis of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost within the community.

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another (Romans 14:17-19).

- Staff are rewarded consistently through various ways: healthy pay; promotion prospects, profit sharing programmes and opportunity for employees who labour faithfully and for a stated period to buy shares/stock. Excellent pension and retirement plans help them retain the best who grow with the company.

This is based on the Golden Rule.

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets (Matthew 7:12).

- They intentionally invest in the host community through an inbuilt corporate social responsibility policy that is embraced.
- They cultivate excellent relationships with their Pastors and spiritual leaders and create opportunities

to receive insight, counselling, and correction, if they err.

- o They embrace alternate conflict resolution mechanisms within their national jurisdictions and thus avoid costly court battles which sap resources and create reputational risks that may be best avoided.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. 41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain (Matthew 5:38-41).

- o They grow in grace through consistent studying of the word, effective participation in congregational life without airs and avoid a monastic, detached life.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper (Psalms 1:1-3).

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according

to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success (Joshua 1:8).

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen (2 Peter 3:18).

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:5-11).

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).

- They realise that ageing is a fact of life and that a day will come when they are too old to drive the vision of the Kingdom enterprise. They therefore cooperate with the Holy Spirit to identify potential successors who will be well prepared and equipped to take over seamlessly. This creates a transgenerational perspective that invests deliberately in the now and next generation as a matter of necessity. While they will prepare their own children in this way to take over, they remain open to the reality that Elohim has the liberty to choose whosoever He wants to lead the enterprise to higher heights for the blessing of all.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse (Malachi 4:5-6).

- They deploy profits from their businesses to intentionally lay treasures in heaven.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Matthew 6:19-21).

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; 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; 19 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).

- They know when it is most expedient to seek mergers with other establishments through whom synergy for greater growth and profitability can be achieved. Whether they will absorb other enterprises or be absorbed by others, they are open to what the Holy Spirit leads concerning sustaining the legacy originally received. Where the legacy will be lost, they may opt to remain original, occupying a small but powerful niche.
- Their lives and that of the Kingdom enterprise bring great glory to Elohim, project Yeshua as King and draw many to be saved.

Ye that fear the Lord, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel (Psalm 22:23).

And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me (Psalm 50:15).

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name (Psalm 86:9).

- They know that one day, they will either die and be resurrected or caught up with other faithful saints at the rapture. This impacts their life perspectives that nothing, including wealth, is worthy of getting a chance to affect their eternal destination.
- They realise that their businesses are indeed ministries committed unto their trust by the Lord Yeshua, Jesus and that they will one day stand before Him to give account.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad (2 Corinthians 5:10).

- Holy Spirit is their great Teacher, Helper, Comforter, Guide, and through His power, they are witnesses for Yeshua, Jesus and succeed.

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you (John 14:25-26).

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (Romans 8:14).

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

These qualities and virtues are not exhaustive! Those who wait on the Lord and are surrendered to His appointed process will receive additional insight into how He wants to fully equip them for success in the marketplace.

The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, 2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. 4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it (Jeremiah 18:1-4).

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord (Proverbs 27:14).

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. 29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint (Isaiah 40:28-31).

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please share any 15 of these qualities that you need the Lord to work out in and through you.

Chapter 13 Snares and Pitfalls of Marketplace Ministry

Let us now consider several potential snares and pitfalls inherent in marketplace ministry. Knowing them will enable those who are called to overcome and win.

- 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 unfulfillment and compromise.

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 10:3-6).

- On the other hand, some brethren may over value the marketplace to the degree that they embrace same, even when they are not called. In that case, they become worldly and embrace Mammon as god.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever (1 John 2:15-17).

From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? (James 4:1-5)

- Ambition can cause some to pursue things not assigned to them in the name of God. This may include desiring to be an entrepreneur or business owner whereas the grace given is to operate optimally as an employee or in supportive capacity.

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).

- Tendency may arise to do marketplace ministry casually and with less consecration as pulpit ministry in terms of prayer, study of the word, meditation, and seriousness of purpose.
- Love of money may become a snare. This occurs when those called to the Market Place forget that Elohim God 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.

If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 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 6:3-10).

- Pride and hubris may creep in which God hates passionately. The very tool which Elohim God 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 God 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).

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: (1 Peter 5:6).

- o Unhealthy independence from kingdom leaders and other brethren. Genuine marketplace leaders are supposed to maintain an organic and vibrant relationship with leaders in the Fivefold and intercessors God 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.

And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain. 14 Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon: 15 He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. 16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation. 17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: 18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. 19 Then was the secret revealed

unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. 20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: (Daniel 1:13-20).

- Lack of submission to any authority in the Church when marketplace leaders try to use business practices and norms to judge and evaluate church activities. There may be tendencies to disrespect spiritual leaders because of the lack of finesse entrepreneurs are used to in their businesses.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: 4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. 5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. 6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour (Romans 13:1-7).

Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation...17 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 13:7, 17).

- Carnality in decision making. Exclusive use of the five carnal senses can make those in the marketplace to miss Elohim.

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his (Romans 8:5-9).

- Over extension beyond capacity granted by Elohim. This can cause people to just grab all opportunities to be rich and not do due diligence.

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. 16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man

brought forth plentifully: 17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? 18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? 21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God (Luke 12:15-21).

- Planning as if you own tomorrow. While planning is a good habit, it needs to be driven by the will of Elohim. Kingdom entrepreneurs and corporate executives should always endeavour to hear from the Lord and make room for Him to re-direct when He deems fit.

Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: 14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. 15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. 16 But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil (James 4:13-15).

- Mistreating staff and labourers. The staff deserve respect and their wages which should be paid as and when due.

Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. 3 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. 4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. 5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. 6 Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you (James 5:1-6).

And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him (Ephesians 6:9).

- Forgetting the greatest commandment and its subsidiary – Loving Elohim and putting Him first and neighbour as self.

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets (Matthew 22:36-40).

- Competitiveness and strife. While those in the marketplace should be innovative, this should be driven by the best interests of their consumers and customers, not by carnal competitive spirit.

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise (2 Corinthians 10:12).

- False or Misleading statements designed to attract patronage at all costs. This ultimately amounts to a self-inflicted wound because people cannot.
- Inability to take responsibility through social actions for the benefit of the host community because of the need to make greater profits. It leads to a situation where the business is a stranger to its community.
- Cutting corners/Sharp practices. There is the temptation for some in the marketplace to cut corners so that more profit is made. This should be avoided because the all-seeing Elohim.

A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight (Proverbs 11:1).

Divers weights are an abomination unto the Lord; and a false balance is not good (Proverbs 20:23).

- Fighting against flesh and blood when Satan and his cohorts are the real reason for opposition and inability to breakthrough. We will discuss this during

the Frequently Asked Question segment (Ephesians 6:10-18).

- o Fear of various things and threats that may not be real.

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love (1 John 4:18).

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whose putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe (Proverbs 29:25).

Some may wonder where the capital for starting, or expansion will come. The answer is simple: Elohim God will provide! He may provide it all at the onset or He may choose to test our faith. In that case, those who are called need to step out in faith with the business idea in the heart and little capital in the hand. Elohim wants us to look away from ourselves and rather look up to Him and go forward!

All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers. 2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. 3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger,

and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live. 4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years. 5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth thee. 6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him 7 For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills 8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; 9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. 10 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. 11 Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: 12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; 13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; 14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; 15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and

scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; 16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; 17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. 18 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. 19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish (Deuteronomy 8:1-19).

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please share any 10 of the 19 snares and pitfalls facing those in the marketplace
2. Please share any personal takeaway from this chapter.

Chapter 14

Frequently Asked Questions

To conclude this ground-breaking course on marketplace ministry, we will feature 9 questions that saints may wish to have more light on.

Question #.1: What are the core qualifications for successful ministry in the marketplace?

Answer: The qualifications required are both spiritual and practical. Here are the details:

- There should be first, a genuine conversion from sinner to saint and translation from the Kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Elohim God. This makes one a new creature who will not easily fall for the various wiles Satan, the god of this world system, who seeks to control the marketplace.

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).

Those who ‘go to church but are not born again’ are not part of the Kingdom of Elohim! They are still under the rule of Satan just like outright sinners!

- Second, the saint needs to press into a state of entire consecration of whole life and destiny to The Lord, accepting the yoke of Yeshua, Jesus so that He can reign supreme in lives of those in the marketplace ministry.

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. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 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 16:24-26).

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service (Romans 12:1).

- Proceeding there from, the saint who wants to be truly used by the Lord in the marketplace must allow the Holy Spirit to renew the mind through a diligent study of the word. This renewal of the mind will lead to expulsion of worldly concepts of money, success and fame and the implanting of Kingdom culture concepts and lifestyle.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:2).

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; (Ephesians 4:23).

- Realising the potent danger posed by vestiges of the old man within the soul called the fleshly nature, those who desire to operate in the marketplace will do well to yearn for entire sanctification. This is an additional work of Grace where Holy Spirit, the

Word and Blood of Yeshua do a deeper transformation that makes the spirit, soul and body purified. All that proceeds from the sanctified heart is love, holiness and desire to know and do the will of the Father. There will be no negative motion of the soul that seeks to manipulate or gain advantage over others.

Abstain from all appearance of evil. 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it (1 Thessalonians 5:22-24).

Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. 13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach (Hebrews 13:12-13).

- It also leads to true liberty and empowerment as you discover who you are in Yeshua, Jesus and who He is in you! You thus become a friend of Yeshua Jesus rather than a mere servant, enjoying an intimate relationship with Him through the Holy Spirit who lives in you! A spirit of sonship naturally develops with the grace to know the mind of the Father and the sense of responsibility to dress and keep the earth, and preserve it from corruption and distribute/redistribute the wealth and resources of the Kingdom.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. 15 Henceforth I call you not

servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. 16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you (John 15:14-16).

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together (Romans 8:14-17).

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise (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 shipwreck of the new life in Christ.

- Consistent diligent study of the word as a daily lifestyle will also equip you to understand the dynamics of life in the marketplace. Saints in the marketplace are ministers and need to be fully built up in the word as compass of their lives.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success (Joshua 1:8).

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper (Psalm 1:1-3).

- Beyond this, the saint is also expected to tap into the full assets that Elohim God 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 gained as well as the pool of relationships The Lord allowed you to maintain over the years. Your emotional make up and proven abilities are all part

of what Elohim God uses to define what kind of business or role (entrepreneur, manager, supervisor, or shop floor worker) you can play in the marketplace. Be diligent to know who you are in the spirit and what you are wired with to succeed in life.

Question #.2: How can you be sure you are called to the marketplace?

There are many ways The Father speaks to His own children in the earth realm. As an individual, you need to know His voice so that humans – whether they are ministers/leaders or ordinary people cannot confuse, intimidate, control or gaslight you out of your calling to the marketplace.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. 5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers...27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand (John 10:1-5, 27-29).

Here are some ways He communicates with us:

- Audible voice. Our Father loves to speak out and make manifest His will for our lives. Some people have the grace to hear His audible voice. When it was time to transition Barnabas and Saul for apostolic ministry, Holy Spirit spoke audibly.

Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. 4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus (Acts 13:1-4).

- Ask Him in prayer of faith. Be persistent and tarry until He says what He wants you to do.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Matthew 7:7-11).

- By the process of Training, Equipping, Activation of your spiritual gifts as you are trained here in the Global School of Ministry or elsewhere or as you receive the benefit of knowledge and understanding of critical issues through which you can make the right decisions.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:32).

- By utterance of the revelatory gifts. These include prophecy, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, dreams, interpretation, vision, discernment, trance, etc.
- Burden or impression He lays on your heart.
- The deep felt love or affection you have for any business or professional activity.
- Providential steps of Elohim. He had a purpose for creating and redeeming you and is able to bring it to pass as you surrender and yield to His dealings.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. 12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart (Jeremiah 29:11-13).

If you reflect on your life, you may discern a pattern whereby the Lord has ordered your steps into His will. If we trust the Lord's judgement, surrender to Him, He will bring to pass His determinate counsel.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. 8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil (Proverbs 3:5-7).

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. 4 Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. 5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. 6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. 7 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 (Psalm 37:3-7).

All things in the earth realm have been wired to work together for your good and holistic success – the good, the bad and the ugly!

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).

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

The plain answer is NO. The bible is clear that we are not to be unequally yoked together with people who reject Elohim God and actively serve other gods. Partnership with them can only create problems and real sorrow in the near, medium, or long term! We are required to observe the law of connections

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 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. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

Can two walk together, except they be agreed? (Amos 3:3).

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

The plain answer is yes! Saints in the marketplace can employ anyone who is qualified for a particular job without discrimination. Competence and faithfulness should earn

anyone a job. However, if anyone declares, with no probing, in a job interview, that he or she hates the God of the Bible or Yeshua, Jesus specifically, or has a fixed preference for any ungodly lifestyle that changes the equation. The law of the shambles should be observed:

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? (1 Corinthians 10:25-30).

Other than this, kingdom employers are free to act according to the leading of the Holy Spirit. It is through simple love to all men that those in the marketplace can win the hearts of sinners and prepare them to embrace Yeshua, Jesus who we represent.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

We are to do good to all men, especially to those of the household of faith!

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10).

Question #.5: Can saints work for unbelievers?

Yes. Saints can be in employment to anyone and use the platform to show the nature and character of Yeshua, Jesus.

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).

Employment can open the door to the hearts of both the employers and fellow employees, providing a wider scope for lifestyle evangelism than the narrow confines of pulpit evangelism. Joseph served an unbelieving boss, Pharaoh. Daniel served unbelieving bosses, including Nebuchadnezzar and yet did not stumble. They rather influenced people in high places to honour Elohim.

Question #.6: What are the ethical standards for saints whose employers are also Christians?

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

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. 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).

Question #.7: What are the ethical standards for saints whose bosses are unbelievers or difficult people?

Saints cannot lower their standards of service because their bosses are difficult or unbelievers. The standards articulated in scripture are indeed very high.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. 19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. 20 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. 21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us

*an example, that ye should follow his steps:
22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his
mouth: (1 Peter 2:18-22).*

Question #.8: In the light of what was said about Kingdom Economics, should Market place ministers make profits?

God approves profit, provided it is made ethically. As ministers in the marketplace seek first the Kingdom and its righteousness, profits which others are chasing after will chase them!

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his

righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof (Matthew 6:25-34).

Profitability is assured all those who are diligent and offer quality goods and services to their clients and customers.

In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury (Proverbs 14:23).

Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men (Proverbs 22:29).

Those in the Kingdom are stewards of the manifold grace of God who have received His charge to occupy with their gifts and callings until Jesus returns! (Luke 19:10-27) Kingdom marketplace ministers will be used by Elohim God to cause a paradigm shift in the way human beings esteem money. Money is an excellent servant but a bad master (1 Timothy 6:6-11, 17-19). As marketplace ministers esteem Elohim God above all else, He will bless them with money as a tool for good causes, as described in some chapters of this book. Kingdom businesses will be very profitable therefore because they have a mandate to manifest the authority of the King over all the earth. To fulfil the Great Commission and disciple, the nations will be mainly undertaken by those in the marketplace rather than professional clergy (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-20, Acts 1:8).

The Bible explicitly warns saints against profiteering, Shylock/sharp practices, and unethical practices.

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? 2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. 3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. 4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. 5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved (Psalm 15:1-5).

Question #9: What should marketplace ministers and Kingdom entrepreneurs do when there is a sustained state of running around circles, inability to breakthrough, and potential losses.

The Lord our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount: 7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all the places nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates. 8 Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them. 9 And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone: 10 The Lord your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. 11 (The Lord God of your fathers make you a

thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you!) (Deuteronomy 1:6-11).

Answer: In prayer, we should discern what is happening. We need to look beyond the immediate and natural realm to discern when Satan and demons are on assignment to nullify our assignments in the marketplace. In that case, spiritual warfare may be most expedient.

The tools to be used:

AUTHORITY OF THE NAME OF YESHUA, JESUS (Mark 16:17-19; John 16:23-26, Philippians 2:8-11).

POWER OF THE BLOOD (Revelation 12:11).

PRAYER, FASTING AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE (Matthew 17:14-21).

Those in the marketplace should wear the whole armour of Elohim always because most business sectors are heavily polluted with satanic rituals and projections of wicked folks.

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).

Kingdom entrepreneurs and managers should discern when the need for a corporate or departmental fast arises and do so without shame, observing the principles Yeshua prescribed:

And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, 15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. 16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. 17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. 18 And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? 20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. 21 Howbeit this kind goeth

not out but by prayer and fasting (Matthew 17:14-21).

Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly (Matthew 6:16-18).

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2. True or False: Saints often understand the abundant life in a religious context.
 True False
3. Explain the 2-parts of John 10:10.
4. True or False: The True Church is the brick and mortar building
 True False
5. What is the true charge Yeshua gave to the church and what is its purpose?
6. Which of the following is not part of the new identity of the called-out ones?
 Royal priesthood
 Sons of Elohim
 Jewish descent
7. True or False: Evangelism is not the Market Place
 True False
8. True or False: Our job as disciples is to allow Elohim to use us anywhere and everywhere
 True False
9. Explain the purpose of salt and light.

10. Explain the biblical basis for Market Place ministry
11. Which of the following is not true of Market Place ministry
- Living out the life of Christ in a clear and transparent manner
 - Living out the life of Christ in a clear and transparent manner
 - There is a universal law of reproduction in both the natural and spiritual realms
12. Which of the following personalities served Elohim and their generation faithfully and productively outside the four walls of the tabernacle?
- Caleb, Jonah, Cain
 - Abel, Noah, Abraham
13. True or False: Most ministers in the marketplace have a better understanding of the catalytic role of saints in the society.
- True False
14. Summarize 1 divine provision and 1 requirement for success in marketplace ministry.
- True or False: The priesthood after the order of Melchizedek is one in which all the redeemed are called to serve The Lord
- True False

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