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Chapter 1

Introduction: Context, Definition, 7 Dimensions and Synopsis

Introduction: Context of this Course

Ahead of His soon return Yeshua, Jesus is releasing the full capacity of His Word by His Spirit to sanctify His Church, making it radiant and spotless.

Ephesians 5:25-27 (KJV) 25 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.

- Spots stand for sin
- Wrinkle stands for religious customs and traditions which age with time and become ugly.
- Other such things stand for ways of doing things such as denominationalism and divisions, which decimate strength of the Church and systemic poverty, which starting with a mindset of lack.

This course contains revelations supplied by Grace which have the capacity to expand our Kingdom worldview so that true leadership grace can be received and walked in.

Definition

A strategic leader in the Kingdom is always conscious of the Big Picture and therefore serves within the framework of the total gospel of the Kingdom. For such leaders, it is not just about what they think, feel, or like to do. It is rather all about serving Yahweh, our heavenly Father, and the various dimensions of Kingdom influence appointed us. They Serve in consciousness of the brevity of life, limitations of

time, and realization of the imminence of eternity. To raise and release strategic leaders in The Kingdom Church during this final chapter of the age, who will make a good work out of their assignment, is obviously very important to Yeshua, Jesus, Head of the Kingdom Church. It is in this context that we need to receive with meekness His Word. To make necessary adjustments through repentance, transformation of the heart and renewal of the mind are therefore called for where necessary. Let it not be said that anyone would participate in this course and go home the same.

The nature of Kingdom leadership

Kingdom leadership varies from religious leadership. In religion, leaders are:

- Bosses who 'own' people
- Bosses who rule the people
- Bosses who oppress their followers
- Bosses who suppress the abilities of the people under them

In the Kingdom, the paradigm is different. True Kingdom leaders are those who are called to serve others with these 7 qualities and experiences:

1. They are called and chosen by the Lord. No leader emerges by him or herself.

Matthew 20:16 (KJV) 16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

Matthew 22:14 (KJV) 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

Hebrews 5:4 (KJV) 4 And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

2. The Lord calls them first to Himself so that they will spend time with Him and be processed before being released to

serve. This leads to the reality that in Kingdom leadership, 'to Be must precede to Do.'

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

3. Those who refuse to be with the Lord and grow in intimacy with Him cannot serve Him on the strategic leadership level. Intense focus on The King and His Kingdom defines their lives and ministries. For this reason, they come to a place of total trust in the benevolence of He Who sends them. In other words, while religious leaders may be drawn to care for their bellies, worry about when and how to make money and even end up merchandising their gifts and callings, strategic kingdom leaders do not lean on their own understanding. They know that He Who sends them will surely pay the bills and therefore seek Him and His Kingdom above all else.

Matthew 6:24-34 (KJV) 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. 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 10:1 (KJV) 1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Matthew 10:7-10 (KJV) 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. 9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, 10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.

This quality marks them out as different from those ministers who are in ministry to take care of their needs or accumulate wealth to finance their expensive lifestyles.

Philippians 3:17-21 (KJV) 17 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.) 20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for

the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

4. As Yeshua is thus enthroned as sovereign King within their hearts, they yield to Holy Spirit for inspiration, guidance, enablement, and empowerment. In this way, no room is given to the flesh to interfere with the decision-making process.

Romans 8:5-15 (KJV) 5 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. 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.

5. In strategic Kingdom leadership, faithfulness to He Who called them is essential. This virtue enables those who are

chosen to rely on the Grace received to serve acceptably so that they can win the ultimate prize.

Revelation 17:14 (KJV) 14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

6. Though called and chosen, proper preparation is nevertheless critical.

The preparation process includes these specific benchmarks:

- 6.1 **Kingdom leadership training.** The Global School of Ministry has been used by The Lord to develop a suite of Courses as resources which can be used to deliver this outcome. They include Kingdom Leadership, Priesthood and the Kingdom Church, Authority, Ministerial Ethics and Strategic Kingdom Leadership. In addition, the Commission runs the annual Master Class in Authentic Kingdom Culture and has designed specific leadership Master Class programs for Asia, Africa, and the Now Generation. All the resources and training packages are offered free of charge.
- 6.2 **Life-long training designed to sharpening of skills.** True Kingdom leaders do not rest on the oars of previous theological training, knowing that knowledge can become obsolete. Rather, they deliberately submit to a lifelong upskilling process including participation in conferences and targeted training exercises.
- 6.3 **Personal discipline by those who are called.** In this regard, the example of Paul the apostle is instructive:

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (KJV) 24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.²⁵ And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now

they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Discipline also includes exercising the physical body so that it functions optimally in good health and exercising moderation in what is consumed.

Philippians 4:5-7 (KJV) 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

7. **Strategic Kingdom Leaders embrace and subscribe to biblical ethical standards.** In this way, they embrace boundaries of behaviour which constrain them from living in the flesh and giving room to Satan and his cohorts to trip them over. Rather, through Watching, Prayer and Spiritual warfare, they are able to resist Satan, bind demons and give no space for the Old man (soul and body) to rise up and rule their beings. In so doing, they give space to the Lord to sanctify them wholly so that Holy Spirit rules their spirit-man which, in turn, rules their soul and keep the body under subjection.

1 Peter 5:8-11 (KJV) 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered

a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. 11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

James 4:7 (KJV) 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Synopsis

Strategic Kingdom Leadership is about operating successfully in the 7 Dimensions of Total Leadership. In strategic Kingdom leadership, 7 Dimensions of responsibility are to be constantly factored into the mindset and heart of those who are called to serve. These are the responsibilities Kingdom leadership owe to:

1. Elohim – Above
2. Yourself – Within
3. The Flock – Responsibility
4. The Family – Responsibility
5. To the Community/Society -Outside
6. To Governments and Political leaders in Authority – Legal and Moral obligations
7. Other leaders set above the leader - Upward

In this regard, strategic Kingdom leaders differ from other leaders who tend to have religious mindsets and tunnel vision. Religion makes leaders to tilt one way or the other, according to racial, ethnic, gender and other socio-economic perspectives which they grew up with. In other words, religious minded leaders do not see the ‘Big Picture’ of Kingdom realities. Strategic Kingdom leaders are those who would not focus on any one of these seven, but rather on all the dimensions. Not only that, but they will also give Holy Spirit space to enable them to be unified in pursuit of all dimensions with their allegiance and commitment to Elohim, driving all else! Let us get ready to take a deep dive into the Pool of Glory and be drenched!

Assignment: 1. Who is a Strategic Kingdom Leader? 2. Out of the 7-fold nature of Kingdom Leadership, please summarize any 5. 3.

What is your personal take away or resolution, flowing from this chapter?

Chapter 2

Kingdom Concept of Leadership + Profile

Part A: The Kingdom Concept of leadership

Yeshua taught that the real essence of true Kingdom leadership is service. In other words, leadership in the Kingdom is about serving, not ruling people or playing ‘the big boss’.

Matthew 20:20-28 (KJV) 20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. 21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. 22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. 23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. 24 And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. 25 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.

From a Kingdom perspective, those who cannot serve cannot lead, period! The acid test of leadership is to see oneself as on assignment to serve Elohim Who called us and serve the saints to whom we are

sent. This is not to be done by constraint, but willingly out of a ready mind.

Colossians 3:17 (KJV) 17 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.

Colossians 3:23-24 (KJV) 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.

In addition, Yeshua also demonstrated that service is the hallmark of true Kingdom leadership by how he humbled Himself to minister to the felt needs of his disciples.

John 13:1-17 (KJV) 1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. 2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; 3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; 4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. 5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. 6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? 7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. 8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. 9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. 10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are

clean, but not all. 11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. 12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? 13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. 16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. 17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

Perspectives of the early apostles

Apostle Peter offered a deep Insight into what he learnt from Yeshua, experienced in, and practiced about responsibilities of leaders to the flock.

1 Peter 5:1-5 (KJV) 1 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. 5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

The Basis of service is simply this: Elohim owns us by Creation, Redemption, and has a definite, specific Purpose for everyone He calls.

Some Pauline Teachings on leadership

Romans 13:1-7 (KJV) 1 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.

2 Timothy 2:1-12 (KJV) 1 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. 3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. 5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. 6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits. 7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. 8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: 9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. 10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's

sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

Testimonies of Paul

The way Paul understood his calling and affirmed it in some of his epistles is very instructive.

Romans 1:1-6 (KJV) 1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, 2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) 3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; 4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: 5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: 6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

1 Corinthians 1:1 (KJV) 1 Paul called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

Galatians 1:1 (KJV) 1 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;

Colossians 1:1 (KJV) 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother,

Factors which make Kingdom Concept of leadership realizable

1. Embracing the First Level of the call: to be a Disciple!

Matthew 16:24-26 (KJV) 24 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?

Death of Self Nature paves the way for Yeshua to be enthroned in the hearts of all who He will use. He wants to show up through our yielded beings. Anyone who tries to be a leader without first becoming a disciple will make a mess of the calling because the Old man will still be alive. That is why Paul showed us the way forward.

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

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

2. Embracing the Process

Kingdom leaders, though called by Elohim, nevertheless embrace the process appointed for their manifestation, just as Yeshua did with His first set of disciples in Mark 3:13-19. A biblical pattern developed through Global School of Ministry and the Global Advanced Mentorship Program involves a deliberate process called the TTEAR: Teach, Train, Equip, Activate and Release.

3. Outcomes of the Process

When the process is implemented in any ministry, it will produce emergence of ministers for the final harvest who have the heart to serve.

- 3.1. Those who are called to the Fivefold will discover the mandate and purpose.

Ephesians 4:11-16 (KJV) 11 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: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 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.

- 3.2. Through synergistic impartation of the Fivefold, saints discover the beauty of the Royal Priesthood after Order of Melchizedek. This is one where all believers are called to ministry, serving Elohim and others.

1 Peter 2:9-12 (KJV) 9 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.

- 3.3. The Critical Issue: all callings are revealed by the spiritual gifts Holy Spirit imparts into all. Kingdom leaders therefore operate from the paradigm that all saints, not some or a few, are given spiritual gifts as instruments of service.

Romans 12:4-8 (KJV) 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11-14 (KJV) 4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into

one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many.

1 Peter 4:10-11 (KJV) 10 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.

Classification of key spiritual gifts. They can be classified as:

A. Root Gifts

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B. Enabling/Power Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 (KJV) 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

C. The Fivefold – Ephesians 4:11-12

- D. The Other Gifts – this includes celibacy, intercession, hospitality and others.

The Great Balancing Issues

Effective use of spiritual gifts for edification of others as intended is possible by application of two balancing principles: Charity and Order.

1. Charity – service is edifying and worthwhile when done in Charity.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (KJV) 1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 13 And now

abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

2. Order. When there is order, the gifts can be manifested in a way which is edifying. When there is disorder, Elohim is dishonoured, and the church becomes a place of strife, competition and confusion.

1 Corinthians 14:1-33 (KJV) 1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. 2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. 3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. 4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. 5 I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying. 6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine? 7 And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? 8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? 9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air. 10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification. 11 Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me. 12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. 13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may

interpret. 14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. 16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? 17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified. 18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: 19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue. 20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men. 21 In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord. 22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe. 23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad? 24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: 25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth. 26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. 27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. 28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. 29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. 31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. 32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. 33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

Disqualifying Factors. The presence of some negative factors will disqualify leadership. They include these:

1. Borrowing from worldly paradigms of leadership.

Matthew 20:25-28 (KJV) 25 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.

1 John 2:15-17 (KJV) 15 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.

James 4:1-5 (KJV) 1 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?

2. Nicolaitanes/Nimrodic Priesthood – This is one where leaders behave as if they ‘conquered’ and therefore own the people.

Revelation 2:6 (KJV) 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

Revelation 2:15 (KJV) 15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.

3. Aaronic/Levitical Tendencies – this includes wearing of clerical robes, rings, staff, skull caps or crowns in order to be presented as a special professional priestly caste with access to Elohim who stand as middlemen between Him and sinful congregants.

Hebrews 7:11-22 (KJV) 11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? 12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. 13 For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. 14 For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. 15 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, 16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. 17 For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. 18 For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. 19 For

the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God. 20 And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: 21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:) 22 By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

Part B Profile of a Strategic Kingdom Leader

1. Called and chosen – This was articulated with clarity in the previous chapter.
2. Responds to the call with entire consecration (Romans 12:1; Psalm 50:5). This leads to enthronement of Yeshua, Jesus as Lord who rules. This is the heart of discipleship and marks the transition from believer to follower (Matthew 16:24-26),
3. Seeks the heart, rather the hands of Elohim. Values relationship with Elohim above material blessings. In this way walks in intimacy and can be regarded as a friend of Elohim to whom divine secrets can be revealed Psalm 103:17.
4. Matures to a state of sonship where he/she relinquishes self-interest and personal will, rather opting to know, embrace and prefer the perfect will of Elohim as the reason for being, just like Yeshua did (John 4:34, John 5:30; John 6:38). In this way, the leader takes personal responsibility for safeguarding the divine purpose from attacks and devices of Satan, his demonic and human agents so that the overall strategic purpose of Elohim is manifested.
5. Holiness of life is not a struggle but an absolute necessity, lived by Grace and enjoyed, not struggled with (Hebrews 1:9, 1 Peter 1:15-16).
6. Walks by uncommon faith (2 Corinthians 5:7). Through Faith, the Kingdom leader sees the Invisible which become tangible, leading to possession of the Impossible (Hebrews 11:1,6; Hebrews 10:35-38).
7. True Kingdom leaders have an inherent capacity to spot leadership capacity in others, invests in mentoring them and as

prompted by the Lord empowers them with responsibilities through which their grace is manifested.

8. Yeshua is the ultimate role model in strategic Kingdom leadership with Paul's life and ministry as the human model (1 Corinthians 11:1). In this regard, true kingdom leaders are models the saints look up to.
9. They practice the concentric relationship pattern of Yeshua: He had one confidant, John; 3 in His innermost circle (Peter, James and John); An inner circle (the 12 disciples); 70 co-workers; 120 Faithful; 500 at Olivet; ministry to countless others (the multitude).
10. True kingdom leaders who exercise any level of authority do not struggle with staying under authority and submitting thereby (Romans 13; Hebrews 13:7, 17).

Assignment: 1. Please share any 5 things you learnt from the Kingdom concept of leadership 2. Please summarize any 6 of the 10-point profile of Kingdom Leaders 3. What personal challenge or message did you receive from this lesson?

Chapter 3

Responsibility #.1: To Yahweh, our heavenly Father and Yeshua The Lord.

Yahweh created, redeemed, called, and commissioned those He chooses to serve as strategic kingdom leaders. Because of this, He gives them understanding of the big picture of what He wants to accomplish in His Kingdom, how He wants it done and with whom. For this reason, the first dimension of responsibility of a strategic kingdom leader is upwards with Elohim. There are 18 specific responsibilities true leaders owe Him. It must be recognized our heavenly Father provides grace by His indwelling Spirit for leaders to fulfill all these responsibilities because of the abundance of Grace He releases into their vessels.

1. Total Love of Elohim– From the day of Adam through the days of Moses and indeed all through the ages, Elohim has not changed in loving us and demanding we love Him beyond ourselves.

Matthew 22:35-38 (KJV) 35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, 36 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.

Ordinarily, loving our Father should be easy.

1 John 4:19 (KJV) 19 We love him, because he first loved us.

Revelation 1:5 (KJV) 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

The Leader who inclines the heart to know the Word and will of the Father is walking on sure foundation.

2. True Worship – Our second responsibility to Yahweh is to go beyond soulish, emotional worship which characterize the Pentecostal movement. He wants us to spend time with Him for sanctification of the soul so it will be subject to our spirit-man which in turn is subject to the indwelling Holy Spirit. This is a critical factor which will determine how far we can walk with Him. Unfortunately, the presence of the Old Man or self-nature changes the dynamics! Because self is a god, it has to literally die or be denied control before the saint or leader can enthrone Yeshua in the heart.

John 4:21-24 (KJV) 21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Romans 8:5-16 (KJV) 5 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. 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:

True worship of Elohim is an invitation to die to self.

Matthew 16:24-26 (KJV) 24 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?

John 4:23-24 (KJV) 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

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

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (KJV) 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.

The Truth is Kingdom life is only real when leaders submit totally to the Sovereign Rule of Yeshua, Jesus. When this takes place, it becomes possible to give Holy Spirit lead in all situations! That is how son-ship becomes a reality.

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

3. Dwell in His Presence – There is an upward call for those in leadership to dwell in the Divine Presence. This is an invitation to be with Yeshua, Jesus, to be processed into intimate relationship with Him.

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

It is by dwelling in His Presence and enjoying same that leaders can understand the ways of Elohim and value same above His Acts (Miracles, blessings). This was the grand secret of Moses which heaven took note of:

Psalm 103:7 (KJV) 7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

Exodus 33:13-15 (KJV) 13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people. 14 And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. 15 And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.

Psalm 16:11 (KJV) 11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

It is so sad many want to serve without dwelling with the Master. That leads to mercenary like behaviour. As John 15:1-8 makes clear, abiding with the Lord Yeshua and giving His Word space to be rooted in us is the grand secret of fruitfulness. Yahweh desires that we wear Yeshua as a garment.

Romans 13:14 (KJV) 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

4. Divine Insight and Guidance – Our Elohim is a Living Being! He has a Mind of His Own; knows what He intends to accomplish in the earth realm through vessels He called. Only those who truly understand this make their vessels available and open to receive light on what He wants to accomplish through them, rather than trust in their personal ability to think, plan and execute! Our Father yearns to transmit His Divine vision to willing and available vessels. To receive vision, direction and strategy by revelation when communing with Him, we are called to:

- 4.1. Diligently study the Word with a mind to know His will.

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

In this regard, they do not skim the surface for milk to serve babes and excite their fancies. Rather, strategic kingdom leaders emulate Ezra the reformer in internalizing the word they preach and teach.

Ezra 7:10 (KJV) 10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

- 4.2. Be open to receive revelatory gifts. True leaders do not despise or quench Prophecy or any of the revelatory gifts in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4:11

1 Thessalonians 5:19 (KJV) 19 Quench not the Spirit.

5. Form the healthy habit of recording what He shares with us. The faintest ink, it is said, is still better than the sharpest memory. We have no excuse in this generation not to document the mind of Elohim with the vast array of recording devices on our phones, iPads/tablets as well as beautifully designed journals. Faithfully documenting the counsel of Yahweh by first inclining our hearts to obey Him is vital.

Habakkuk 2:1-3 (KJV) 1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. 2 And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

We need to avoid the contemporary trap of regularly preaching without heart preparation. Rather, in prayer we ought to receive first for ourselves and then for the hearers. It is defective to sound off on promises of Elohim that are in the memory with which preachers stir up emotions of saints. Such approaches have been proved as severely defective because they do not produce transformation in the lifestyle and attitudes of hearers.

6. Communicate faithfully the vision of Yeshua, Jesus, for His flock - individually and corporately. Strategic Kingdom leaders communicate the vision of Yeshua systematically under unction of Holy Spirit. Contrary to what some think, He is a very organized Spirit. There are times when He wants saints to understand a particular divine concept very well. If necessary, true leaders should dwell on the subject matter for an extended period, giving saints 'chewable chunks' at each meeting time. At other times, He may want to release a brief, pointed word which should be communicated as received.

7. Steward of Divine Mysteries. Strategic leaders recognize that it is a privilege to be called to serve as under shepherd of Yeshua Jesus and incline their hearts to be a steward of His mysteries. A steward is one who serves what is already prepared.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 (KJV) 1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Therefore, we should not merchandise His revelations at premium prices, just as those in Babylon do! Yes, leaders can invest to produce and market books and audio/video and charge reasonable prices. It is consistent with kingdom culture not to charge very high costs which are unaffordable for the vast majority! Nothing leaders preach or write is generated outside of Him.

Matthew 10:7-11 (KJV) 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. 9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, 10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. 11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence.

1 Corinthians 4:7 (KJV) 7 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?

8. Divine Instrument – We are to see ourselves as instruments through who Yeshua, Jesus, is building His Church rather than ourselves as the builders.

Matthew 16:18 (KJV) 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

9. We are to build with the right substances and according to the pattern that Yeshua, Jesus, approved through the Pauline Epistles - not leaven of religion that is embedded in the Protestant Movement.

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (KJV) 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

In this regard, leaders need to understand which of the Fivefold offices they are called to, embrace same and recognize the grace of Yeshua in other ministers He will connect with them. For the benefit of the flock, strategic leaders allow Holy Spirit to use them to build interconnected Kingdom ministries where all saints tap into graces in all leaders and therefore, mature rapidly and holistically.

Ephesians 4:11-16 (KJV) 11 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: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more

children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 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.

10. Character and Integrity – Character defines who the leader is when the layers of Public Relations gimmicks are peeled off. It is imperative to lead with the right character of one who abides in Yeshua; His word in you and bear fruit of the Spirit from inside out. This is superior to religiosity which deal with rituals done on the outside to impress others (2 Timothy 2:19-26).

John 15:4-7 (KJV) 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Galatians 5:22-25 (KJV) 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Character is developed and enhanced when a leader constantly bears in mind the 3-fold nature of Elohim as Omniscient; Omnipresent and Omnipotent. Being conscious of this reality will enable the

leader to develop a true heart which has no 'secret compartment' for sin to spring up or be cultured. The outcome is one unilateral life inside and outside. Thoughts, words, and deeds line up to decorate our lives as witnesses to the reality that He is alive.

11. Never forget we are mere mortals whose lives and span on this side of eternity are entirely in the hands of Elohim! True kingdom leaders are always conscious of their mortality and do not assume the capacity to control the future or determine when their pilgrimage on this side of eternity will come to an end. They therefore invest all assets to fulfil their destinies, pushing nothing down the road. To truly lead strategically, this consciousness will cause a leader to deliberately decrease so Yeshua will increase in the hearts and minds of the saints. In this way, they are empowered to stand on the sure foundation that is Him and not frail humans! This was the grand secret of the awesome ministry of John the Baptist (John 3:25-34).

12. Do ministry in the consciousness that a day is ahead when we will be at Judgement Seat of Yahweh for rewards. All leaders will account for what they did with their lives, time, and all assets when they get to the Judgement Seat of Yeshua. Therefore, we emulate Paul to have an unshakeable passion to receive the right rewards because expectation is the mother of manifestation! (Mathew 25:14-30; Luke 19:11-27; 1 Corinthians 3:13-15).

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 (KJV) 9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 10 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 Timothy 4:6-8 (KJV) 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a

crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

13. Serve with an attitude of Joy of the Lord (not pain) in gratitude for redeeming and committing to our trust the awesome privilege of being a co-laborer with Him. With this attitude, strength will be drawn down from heaven to overcome all odds and run the race till the end.

Nehemiah 8:10 (KJV) 10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Isaiah 12:3 (KJV) 3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

14. Trust in Elohim and rest in His Grace. The sum of the matter is this: Leaders who walk this way are those who discover that the yoke of Yeshua, Jesus is not difficult because His Grace makes the difference! They enter His rest and live by that same Grace through which they were saved in the first place.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV) 5 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.

Psalms 37:3-5 (KJV) 3 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.

Matthew 11:29-30 (KJV) 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.

Hebrews 4:1-11 (KJV) 1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. 3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. 5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. 6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: 7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. 8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

15. Obedience. Elohim places a high premium on obedience to His commandments. Strategic Kingdom leaders do not buy the false liberty theologies of the modern era where multitudes are programmed to see the Word of Elohim as grievous. The proof of our love is simple: Hearty obedience to His Word!

John 14:15 (KJV) 15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 14:21 (KJV) 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him

1 Samuel 15:22-23 (KJV) 22 And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

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2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (KJV) 3 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.

16. Walk by Faith Not Sight, communicating to Elohim through effective prayer life. Elohim is a Spirit, dwelling in the third heavens while the leader is in the earth realm. Faith is the bridge that connects both realms of the Kingdom. A life of praying in Faith, without ceasing about everything indicates dependence on Elohim. Where necessary, the strategic

leader adds Fasting and spiritual warfare to the mix to resist Satan, bind demons and clear the assigned territory of opposition.

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

Hebrews 11:1, 6 (KJV) 11 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.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (KJV) 17 Pray without ceasing.

Luke 18:1-8 (KJV) 1 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?

Matthew 17:14-21 (KJV) 14 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.

Mark 11:22-26 (KJV) 22 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. 25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

17. They are ever ready for spiritual warfare to fulfil the assignments as sons of Elohim who speak with the enemy, Satan at the Gates. In order to be ever ready, strategic kingdom leaders wear the whole armour of Elohim always so that they do not give place to the Devil to string a surprise on them.

Ephesians 6:10-18 (KJV) 10 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 4:27 (KJV) 27 Neither give place to the devil.

18. They are led by Holy Spirit to know and do the will of Elohim in all things. This was the secret to the successful mission of Yeshua who was filled by Holy Spirit at the baptism of John (Matthew 3:16), led Him to the wilderness to be tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:1) and enabled Him to do the work of ministry (Acts 10:38). The outcome was spectacular: Yeshua was able to do the will of Elohim in all things, even unto death at the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46).

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

John 5:30 (KJV) 30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

John 6:38 (KJV) 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

When leaders are led by Holy Spirit and empowered by Him, they can accomplish all aspects of the Great Commission committed to their trust.

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

Acts 1:8 (KJV) 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.

Assignment: 1. What makes one a Strategic Kingdom Leader? 2. Please discuss any 9 of these 18 responsibilities of leaders towards Elohim which resonate most in your heart as experiences you need to press into. 3. What will you do with the revelations in this chapter?

Chapter 4

Responsibility #2 Responsibilities to the leader him/herself

Just as strategic Kingdom leaders owe Elohim some specific responsibilities, they also owe themselves some. To realise this truth and walk by it is to be safe. Those who ignore their responsibilities to themselves are in essence planning to fail in the long run. When leaders are careless about where they are going and how they lead, they make themselves unfit for Kingdom purpose.

1. Be true, real, and sincere. From time to time, they should undertake a personal SWOT analysis (Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) and be 'brutally honest' with yourself, under unction of Holy Spirit, to show you spots, wrinkles and traditions which mar the beauty of holiness.

2 Corinthians 13:5 (KJV) 5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

When this is so, there is propulsion into prayers of sincerity to receive cleansing and direction concerning the way forward. No one knows you like yourself. Where necessary, enlist frank help of your spouse, peers, and spiritual leader/mentor. This true heart and sincere spirit are an extraordinary asset which Elohim always responds to!

Isaiah 66:1-2 (KJV) 1 Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? 2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

2. Purpose to love and please Elohim in ALL things of thought, word, attitude, and deeds. This becomes real when leaders recognize His Omniscience and Omnipresence and the fact that all things are open to Him.

Matthew 22:37-38 (KJV) 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.

That way, leaders will escape the snare of Adam who thought he could hide from the Lord (Genesis 3:1-8). In all things, it is necessary for leaders to realise the things they do is not about them or even the flock per se, but rather He Who commissioned and sent them. Elohim and His grand purpose is what it is all about.

3. The safest inclination of the heart and mind of a leader to be safe and secure is that which loves righteousness and hates iniquity. That was one of the secrets to the victorious life of Yeshua,

Hebrews 1:9 (KJV) 9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

This will enable the leader to live in the constant reminder that Holy Elohim begat us by the Blood of the Lamb and wants us to live Holy unto Him. True holiness is simply the response of the redeemed to the Righteousness received as a gift from the Father. Holiness therefore has two dimensions:

- 3.1. Deliberate separation of one's being from all things that are evil or appear to be so — for His Name sake. When leaders do their part in the Holiness conundrum, Elohim Is always present to respond with the grace of sanctification!

1 Thessalonians 5:22-24 (KJV) 22 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.

- 3.2. Total consecration of the leader's heart, mind, and body to glorify the Lord. Holiness is the basic lifestyle of the redeemed just as love, walking in unity and serving others! This Kingdom reality needs to be re-discovered and emphasized! We are begotten by a Holy Elohim Whose DNA in us is holiness!

1 Peter 1:15-16 (KJV) 15 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.

In practical terms, the leader after Elohim's heart must agree with the Word that defilement in form of sexual impurity (whether overt acts or covert dimensions such as lust or any act of immorality) is extremely toxic.

Matthew 5:27-30 (KJV) 27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. 29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. 30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

This includes preservation of the sanctity of marriage as an unbreakable union of mature men and women as led by Holy Spirit, confirmed by a minister of the gospel.

Ephesians 4:17-24 (KJV) 17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other

Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But ye have not so learned Christ; 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 5:1-7 (KJV) 1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. 3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. 7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 (KJV) 3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; 5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: 6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. 7 For God hath not called us unto

uncleanness, but unto holiness. 8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

In this regard, strategic kingdom leaders have a solid compass in the Beatitudes and indeed all the Sermon on the Mount.

Matthew 5:3-12 (KJV) 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. 10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Wrong and Right responses to Sin. Though 24/7 holiness is the standard of righteousness of Elohim, it is possible for a leader to stumble and fall into sin. Where a leader stumbles in thought, word or deed and commits sin of any type, two extremes must be avoided:

- i. Gripped with fear and shame to the degree that the heart and mind is more concerned about public scandal. This is what Satan loves and he uses it to suggest to leaders who stumble or fall that the best option is suicide. Taking this course is extremely self-defeating and amounts to nothing more than a joy ride from Hell to the Lake of Fire!
- ii. Making light of the sin that one committed or seeking justification through aligning oneself with habitual sinners. This can be in the form of liking statuses on Facebook, which

suggest it is okay to live in sin or deliberately searching out the YouTube videos or TV broadcast of well-known hyper grace preachers to receive a sop to quieten the conscience.

If Sin occurs, the only option is to run towards, not away from Him!

Whenever a leader stumbles or commits sin, the safest thing is to run towards Elohim, not away from Him! It is time to dwell in the word and allow Holy Spirit to convict of Sin, righteousness, and Judgement. This will drive the individual to genuine repentance unto recovery.

1 John 1:5-10 (KJV) 5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 2:1-2 (KJV) 1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

2 Corinthians 7:9-11 (KJV) 9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. 10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. 11 For

behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

Case studies are for our learning.

1 Corinthians 10:8-13 (KJV) 8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. 9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. 11 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.

The reason why the sins of Great leaders were documented in the Holy Scriptures is to enable those alive to know Elohim does respond to contrite hearts and broken spirits!

Psalms 51:16-17 (KJV) 16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Abraham stumbled in the matter of asking Sarah to lie about being his sister rather than wife in Genesis 12 and allowing Sarah to push him to take Hagar as his concubine. Moses stumbled in the matter of striking the Rock. Though he did not enter the Promised Land,

Elohim specifically sent Michael to fetch his body so Satan would not have access to it. Grace was released to blot out the sin of Moses!

Jude 9 (KJV) 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

David committed adultery with the wife of a loyal Commanding Officer, Uriah, and used his murder to cover it up. Yet, the extraordinary act of repentance he undertook in Psalms 51 led to his recovery! Peter denied Yeshua three times but was recovered after repentance!

4. Truths about Sin which Leaders should never forget:

4.1. Sin is toxic. It is one single thing which, if embraced as a lifestyle, has the extreme potentials to make a leader run the race in vain: Lead others into the Kingdom and miss it!

Romans 6:1-7 (KJV) 1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (KJV) 24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now

they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

- 4.2. Satan cannot force a saint or leader into Sin! It will take the redeemed to open the door and keep it ajar for sin to wreak havoc. If you close the door at the thought level, he cannot gate crash!

James 1:12-16 (KJV) 12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. 16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

- 4.3. The ultimate door of Sin is love of the world! It creates lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and pride of life. To overcome, the best course is to identify how far the world seeks to tug at one's heart and to prayerfully get deliverance!

1 John 2:15-17 (KJV) 15 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.

2 Timothy 2:4 (KJV) 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

- 4.4. Living by the same Word the leader preaches will bring great deliverance from Satan, Sin, and the world!

1 Corinthians 9:27 (KJV) 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

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

5. Invest in breasting the tape into eternity. Make it your ultimate Purpose to receive the Crowns for productive Kingdom Ministry. Radically rule out missing eternity! You cannot be casual about this and obtain. Your heart, mind, will and emotion need to connect with the Masters' desire to bless you with the Crown on That Day!

This was the grand secret of Paul the apostle.

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (KJV) 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

6. Accountability. The onus is on leaders to make themselves accountable, otherwise they may make mistakes with no one to correct until they miss it permanently! Every leader needs a leader who can see beyond the facade, ask the tough questions, and call them to order regarding deviant lifestyle and doctrine. Prayerfully allow Holy Spirit to reveal the vessel He ordains to use to help you into destiny. If your

ministry is growing, you may need to prayerfully put in place a Board of Trustees or Advisory Council of a few trusted Senior Ministers who the Lord will use to ensure you stay within ambit of integrity in life and ministry. That is what accountability is all about.

Romans 13:1-4 (KJV) 1 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.

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7. Attitude to the Word. They dwell in the Word and make it the compass of life and ministry. Strategic Kingdom leaders cannot afford to live outside the word. They study to first feed their souls, rather than to throw it at others.

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

They preach and teach faithfully from the whole counsel. They make a value decision to build their lives and ministries on solid rock rather than shifting sand.

Matthew 7:24-27 (KJV) 24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Those who go outside the word, end up handling the word deceitfully and preach secular humanistic messages which tickle the ears of hearers.

2 Corinthians 4:1-2 (KJV) 1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

1 Timothy 4:1-2 (KJV) 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from

the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

8. They are aware that faithfulness and unfaithfulness are choices which have different ends on the Day of The Lord.

Matthew 7:20-23 (KJV) 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

9. Spiritual Maturity which makes them to trust Elohim and be unmoved by anything. The Leader who will make it into eternity must come to this place of maturity in Yeshua whereby the glorious new life received in the heart is not negatively affected by anything happening on the outside. This includes presence or absence of money; responses or reactions of people to your love and service (words, attitudes, or actions of humans). To come to this place of excellent attitude to whatever life issues that manifest is to attain spiritual maturity!

Romans 8:28 (KJV) 28 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 8:35-39 (KJV) 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that

neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Acts 20:23-24 (KJV) 23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. 24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

10. They recognize that it is all by Grace, therefore depend entirely on Elohim.

1 Corinthians 3:10 (KJV) 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

1 Corinthians 15:10 (KJV) 10 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.

If it is by Grace, then who they are and what they accomplish is not of works.

Romans 11:5-6 (KJV) 5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

Because it is not of works, there is no room for boasting or comparison with others.

1 Corinthians 4:7 (KJV) 7 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?

Assignment: 1. Which 6 points, out of the 10 points ministered the most to you in this chapter? 2. Please explain the 4 ways a leader can overcome sin listed in point 4. 3. What will you do with the lesson in this chapter?

Chapter 5

Dimension #.3 Responsibilities towards the Family

Let us remember that this course is about understanding seven dimensions of leadership which lasts the distance to eternity. Each strategic kingdom leader has a responsibility to Elohim, to self and to the family. Family does not just happen. It is Elohim Who conceives each family and brings it to manifestation in the earth realm at any given time, using a mature male and female as instrument of formation. The family should be the primary human bedrock of the life of a successful strategic Kingdom leader. A family can play this role when developed as a viable Kingdom community by the strategic kingdom leader. Some imperatives concerning marriage and family life in the life of the strategic kingdom leader are worth exploring, in this chapter.

1. Marriage should only occur in the perfect will of Elohim, as led by Holy Spirit. Generally, most strategic Kingdom leaders will be married. The starting point is to be sure all is done according to the perfect, not the permissive will of Elohim. Where a marriage union was originated and led by Him, there will be greater tendency for such to overcome storms and even grow stronger and better. But, where it was contracted on carnal basis, chances are it may wobble and crumble with time, setting off both parties potentially onto the highway of hell! Despite the doctrines of the Laodicean church of today which presents marriage as a temporary agreement of convenience which can be contracted and disposed of at will, the Holy Writ reveals something else. Here is how the Prince of Life describes the marriage bond:

Matthew 5:31-32 (KJV) 31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: 32 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and

whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Matthew 19:3-9 (KJV) 3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? 4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. 7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? 8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. 9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

The best counsel to give to the unmarried at this time is this: It is better to wait and know His perfect will than to rush off into what will turn out to be an endurance test rather than the enjoyment promised in the Holy Scriptures! The charge of Apostle Paul is instructive:

1 Corinthians 7:7-9, 26-33 (KJV) 7 For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that. 8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, it is good for them if they abide even as I. 9 But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

26 I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, I say, that it is good for a man so to be. 27 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou

loosed from a wife? seek not a wife. 28 But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you. 29 But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; 30 And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; 31 And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away. 32 But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: 33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.

2. Elohim needs to be enthroned through Yeshua as Lord of all. This starts with the couple: they should release each other to enthrone Yeshua as Supreme Lord Who has first charge on their lives, devotions, and times. Once this foundation stone is strongly laid, everything else about the relationship can proceed smoothly when we understand and embrace the truth.
3. Once a leader is married, the dynamics of life changes. Selfishness or self-centeredness must be uprooted. The reason is simple: Partners have a solemn obligation to love their spouses and where necessary, lay life down for their good! The mutuality of love is the key to successful marriages

Ephesians 5:21 (KJV) 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

For women, these are divinely instituted obligations in the union:

1 Corinthians 11:3, 8-12 (KJV) 3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

8 For the man is not of the woman: but the woman of the man. 9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man. 10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels. 11 Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. 12 For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.

Ephesians 5:22-24 (KJV) 22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

Colossians 3:18 (KJV) 18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

For men, these imperatives are worth studying in detail concerning marriage obligations:

Ephesians 5:25-33 (KJV) 25 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. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love

his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Colossians 3:19 (KJV) 19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

Both male and female leaders are under obligation to one truth in marriage: They cease to own their bodies! It is a mutual property of both parts of the union and access cannot be denied on account of ministry or any other excuse!

1 Corinthians 7:3-5 (KJV) 3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. 4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. 5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

4. For women in strategic Kingdom leadership, there will be some peculiar tests.

4.1. The test of submitting to a less spiritual husband who is carefree or careless. The key is to distinguish the ministry from the home. There is need to submit to him at home in the sense of allowing him to lead, even if his paycheck is smaller!

1 Peter 3:1-6 (KJV) 1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; 2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. 3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a

meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: 6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

- 4.2. The test of not allowing a less spiritual man to take the place of Elohim; distort the purity of the vision or use her as a cash cow to run a family-owned business – in contradiction to the Divine pattern of ministry one was given by Elohim. Here, intense intercession and spiritual warfare is called for as well as quiet determination not to displease Yeshua Who called the leader. Only Elohim can change the heart of such a man. Until He does, the true woman leader should embrace her cross as the fire of process which will take away all the dross of carnality which produces outcomes of patience, endurance, and forbearance, forged into her soul. In other words, that situation which the enemy meant for ill can become a great instrument of deep sanctification as she refuses to compromise and yet does so in a meek way which does not publicly dishonor her husband.

James 1:2-4 (KJV) 2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

James 1:12 (KJV) 12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

- 4.3. The test of dealing with a very insecure husband who is offended by the seeming public success or respect conferred on his wife while he is unacknowledged or even side-lined. Wisdom requires the woman should teach all those in the

ministry that she and her husband are one and they should respect and honour him as much as they do her. This is a very safe thing to do.

5. All marriages undergo tests. Our responses will reveal the depth of Yeshua within. The key is to avoid the blame game of finger pointing and its attendant judgmental spirit. Whenever problems occur, spouses should spend some time looking inwards and asking Holy Spirit to convict of sin, righteousness, and judgement. Each should spend quality time in repentance because it takes two to tango. It was said of John Wesley that his wife became such a terrible menace that at times she would fly off into a tantrum, pull him off the chair and across his study by holding onto his long hair. This faith worthy would never raise a voice or engage in self-defense in any way. The holiness message committed to his trust was thus severely tested and his life proved that sanctification was indeed possible!

Leaders are to avoid offense or vengeance towards their spouses.

Matthew 5:38-48 (KJV) 38 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. 42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. 43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not

even the publicans the same? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

6. One of the best tools to keep a marriage alive is the grace to forgive forward. This enables the couple not to retain animosity or offence against each other.

John 20:23 (KJV) 23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

1 Peter 4:8 (KJV) 8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

7. Marriage needs to be rooted in love for each other, nurtured into a life of Charity. As the bond of perfectness, Charity is a real glue which honours Elohim.

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (KJV) 1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Colossians 3:14 (KJV) 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

8. Where there are children, the strategic Kingdom leader must look beyond his or her preferences to invest in modeling our heavenly Father to them. When this is done in love and graciousness, what the children see through their parents enable them to become open to receive the Fatherhood of Yahweh when they hear the word of Truth.

Leaders should invest in the training, discipline, and development of the children. In this way, they are equipped to lead in their generation. The investments made into children often pay off in various ways.

- 8.1. They have a solid foundation, which the winds of life cannot blow away. The best time to shape the life of humans is when they are tender and malleable, in pre and during kindergarten years. What goes in often stays there.

Proverbs 22:6 (KJV) 6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

- 8.2. When children are well trained in the Lord, they live in ways that bring joy to their parents. They generally have a better chance of succeeding in life.
- 8.3. If children are made to embrace discipline when young, they learn to submit to authority. When grown up, they have potential to bring less stress – bad news of fighting; stabbing; gun shots; crime and incarceration.
- 8.4. They will grow in the Lord to discover and apply their spiritual gifts which enable them to live by grace and make the right career choices. Their gifts will make a way for them.

Proverbs 18:16 (KJV) 16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

- 8.5. The children are enabled to understand the call to ministry early in life and embrace any aspect to which the Lord calls them.
9. Strategic kingdom leaders who are Parents are enjoined not to exercise discipline in a way that is destructive. When wrongly done without love or in rash anger or wrath, the opposite effect is that children grow up resenting authority, becoming rebellious and hardened thereby.

Ephesians 6:4 (KJV) 4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Colossians 3:21 (KJV) 21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

10. In the New Testament, parents whose children are unruly and engage in consistent reproachful behaviour create a crisis, which can only be resolved prayerfully.

1 Timothy 3:4-5 (KJV) 4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

11. Singlehood and Celibacy. Not every strategic Kingdom leader will be married. Celibacy is the key for those who opt to stay out of marriage. It will be purchasing a ticket to hell for a leader to avoid the commitment of the marriage union, and yet desire to enjoy the pleasures of conjugal relationship outside of its parameters. Adultery, fornication, and all types of uncleanness, including masturbation and pornography have no place in the lives of saints generally and especially strategic Kingdom leaders!

Ephesians 5:3 (KJV) 3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

Celibacy is the spiritual gift of not feeling any pressures to engage in sexual activity — both in the mind and body. As a matter of fact, one of the secrets of the intense and expansive ministry of Paul the Apostle was the reality that He chose celibacy and was sustained in it by the grace of Elohim.

Matthew 19:10-12 (KJV) 10 His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. 11 But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. 12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

1 Corinthians 7:1-2 (KJV) 1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

1 Corinthians 7:7-9 (KJV) 7 For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that. 8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, it is good for them if they abide even as I. 9 But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

12. Additional Principles: Where most or all family members are called. Where leaders brought up their children in the Lord there are two extremes that must be avoided:

12.1. Being apologetic or ashamed that Elohim has laid hold of all members of the family. In this scenario, the leader unconsciously may begin to respond to jealousy or ignorant reactions of some saints who take offense against his/her family for being in ministry. In this case, the leaders may overreact to the degree that gifts and callings of some family members are shut down or frustrated just to make other saints in the congregation or ministry happy. This is a carnal response to a good thing Elohim has done and amounts to questioning His election.

Case studies: Yeshua called James and John as apostles in His innermost circle and their mother was thrown into the bargain as a Deaconess! Yeshua called two other brothers, Peter, and Andrew within the inner circle of 12. All the daughters of Phillip the Evangelist were Prophets. Moses and Aaron, his senior brother were leaders of Israel while their sister Miriam was worship leader. From being skeptical, two of the blood brothers of Yeshua, Jesus – James and Jude – became leading apostles. James was so highly regarded in the Alpha Church that he chaired the First Jerusalem Council of Acts 15.

12.2. Turning the ministry into an exclusive Family-owned Business. This is a sad situation where all leadership of a ministry is deliberately concentrated in the family while all other saints are outsiders. In this scenario, the cash is the issue: the family lives off it at will with no accounting and control system in place. If this happens, long term strategic growth will be compromised as brethren will see themselves as strangers and visitors to help for a season. The danger of the ministry being an instrument of exclusive funding of the family's luxurious lifestyle is that it can take away the blessing of Yahweh.

Where all members of a family are called into ministry, the safest way to go is as follows:

12.3. Let each family member be manifested by Holy Spirit through spiritual gifts and callings that are evidenced by all,

not deliberate displacement of other saints to make room for them. As they serve diligently, as unto the Lord, He manifests them at His appointed time.

- 12.4. When ministry is done by calling and spiritual gifting, all brethren should be given opportunities to manifest what is in them. Because Ministry is complimentary, not competitive, there should be no need for a family member to displace another brother or sister. The more gifts in the house, the merrier!
- 12.5. The key is to follow the Fivefold leadership model in Ephesians 4:11-16, rather than enthronement of one office, usually the Pastor while others are made satellites. If a true fivefold pattern of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers is in place, there will be enough room for all saints to find and occupy their appointed places!
- 12.6. Qualified Trustees should be set in place to manage the business affairs of a ministry. They should in turn put into office Deacons. Only those qualified according to Acts 6:1-7 should be put into office
- 12.7. A proper financial system should be put in place for proper disbursement of ministry funds.
- 12.8. Leaders should be properly taken care of. In no way does this suggest that leaders should not be taken care of. A wise ministry or congregation will make upkeep of the leader a priority, especially if there is clear proof that the investment of time and skills of the leaders are producing outcomes of empowered saints.

1 Timothy 5:17-18 (KJV) 17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. 18 For the scripture saith, thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.
Final Word

By no means should a spouse, children or parents be placed above the Lord for any reason! Doing so would amount to making idols out of them.

Matthew 10:34-39 (KJV) 34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. 35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. 36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. 37 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.

It is after Elohim is made #.1 that family should be placed next and deliberately invested in by the strategic Kingdom leader. Otherwise, the life of the leader may rest on a shaky foundation.

Song of Solomon 1:6 (KJV) 6 Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

Leaders must avoid the trap of double standards: ignore or accept faults of family members and hold other saints in the ministry or congregation to higher standards of conduct. What is good for the Goose is good for the Gander, as the modern parable goes!

Assignment: 1. What are key obligations a leader owes to their spouse? (Take any gender you prefer to discuss) 2. What are the responsibilities of leaders who are parents to their children? 3. Please list 5 other major truths which ministered most to you in this chapter.

Chapter 6

Dimension #4 Responsibilities to the flock of Yeshua, Jesus

There are four types of churches in the earth realm:

- The ‘church’ of humans – established by humans for the ‘belly’ (Philippians 3:27-29)
- The ‘church’ of Satan – the tares planted by the enemy while men slept in Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.
- The ‘hybrid church’ – established as a mixture of all types and thrives on secular humanism, messages of the ‘new plastic cross’ which are opposed to the Old Rugged Cross.
- The Kingdom Church of Yeshua which is owned by Him and built by Him based on principles of His Kingdom.

In the Kingdom Church, the reality that the flock belongs to Yeshua is the first thing to bear in mind by strategic kingdom leaders! What this means is that His flock are the principal reason for which some saints are called to be leaders. In the society, real businesses rate their customers as king and reason for their being. The sad truth is the average Pentecostal, Charismatic and Independent minister comes into ministry with some expectations that are unrealistic. Part of that is the ‘Big Boss’ mentality where the flock are looked upon as ‘my members’. This is an extremely blasphemous phrase! They are not our members! The sheep are members of Yeshua, His very Body that was ransomed at a great Price! It is needful to repent of that mindset, pull down such thought process and allow The Word to renew our mind so we can see the flock as His! 1 Peter 5:1-4 is a scripture that every minister must understand and walk in.

1 Peter 5:1-4 (KJV) 1 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.

The starting point of true strategic level Kingdom ministry is to come to the realization that leaders are stewards, called to dispense/serve grace to the saints assigned to them, not lords of the manor! In real terms, leaders owe the flock of Yeshua 12 responsibilities:

1. Serve them! You lead by serving joyfully as unto The Lord. Refuse to see yourself as a boss for the flock to serve but rather a servant of the Lord sent to serve them. This will take a radical paradigm shift away from the worldly leadership culture around us to one where we learn from Yeshua and walk in obedience (John 13:1-17).

Matthew 25:25-28 (KJV) 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: 27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

Colossians 3:17 (KJV) 17 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.

Colossians 3:23-25 (KJV) 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.

2. Demonstrate Yeshua, Jesus in everyday life. We are called to be examples to the flock or be the models of godly conduct they can see. They have eyes to see and senses to understand if we live like Yeshua outside the pulpit.

1 Corinthians 11:1 (KJV) 1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

3. Love the flock above self-interests and convenience - Sacrificially

1 Corinthians 11:1 (KJV) 1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

John 13:34-35 (KJV) 34 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.

4. Feed the sheep with food appropriate for their level of maturity.

It is significant that the core charge of Yeshua to Peter and by extension all leaders is to 'feed the flock!'

John 21:15-17 (KJV) 15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. 16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. 17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

There are some who are at the level where what they need is only Milk and should be fed the basics of the faith.

Peter 2:1-2 (KJV) 1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Others can mature to the point they need to be fed with strong meat of the Word lest they get into the state of arrested babyhood syndrome.

Hebrews 5:12-14 (KJV) 12 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.

5. Stand in the gap for Elohim to mature the flock by The Spirit; preserve and bless them.

Leaders should systematically teach saints how to pray as well as undertake the ministry of intercession to stand in the gap for them. Among other things, the leader needs to intercede for saints to overcome temptations and not to be exposed to situations beyond their present levels of Grace.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV) 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.

Hebrews 13:17 (KJV) 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.

6. Act as true shepherd by being their covering in place of spiritual warfare.

Satan and his demons are alive and well, always prowling around seeking whom to devour. Leaders are called to a twofold response to this reality. The first is to teach saints principles and patterns of spiritual warfare. The second is to utilize the anointing inherent in their calling and office to resist the enemy also on their behalf. Leaders cannot afford to be indifferent or judgmental when the flock is going through challenges. Empathy is called for.

John 10:10-15 (KJV) 10 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. 11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. 12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. 13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. 15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

1 Peter 5:7-9 (KJV) 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

7. Reproduce Leadership by Empowering saints to become Leaders at the levels Yahweh ordained. There is Delegated Authority and Residual Authority of all saints. Leaders need to recognize what Yeshua has called them to be and have in place a systematic process to empower them to attain the same. A simple Spirit led process, which the Global School of Ministry received for the Kingdom Church, is called the T.T.E.A.R process. The acronym stands for these:

- **Teach** the whole counsel of Elohim systematically so that believers can become disciples of Yeshua living according to His Word, not a fashion of their contemporary generation (Matthew 28:18-20). If you just preach according to the stirring of emotions or needs you perceive, they will never grow, but will always desire milk! Teaching is about careful choice of the right food with which the sheep is nurtured.
- **Train** them to become ministers/part of the Royal Priesthood - discovering their callings and spiritual gifts and using them to edify the Body (Romans 12:3-6; 1 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 4:7; 1 Peter 4:10-11). No untrained army can take a city, province, nation, or generation for King Yeshua! Many saints are untrained and therefore unproductive.
- Equip them as individuals — mentor them one on one to locate skills for ministry that are unique to them. This enables them to appreciate who they are in Yeshua and who He is in them. This was the principal Yeshua, Jesus, applied to the 12 disciples. Paul the apostle was very effective because of this approach with his mentees. That was also what he recommended to Timothy, his protégé.

2 Timothy 2:2 (KJV) 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.

- **Activate** the gifts and callings of Holy Spirit in them. A true leader may see who Elohim has called them to be and the manifestations of their gifts before they can see and believe.

Those gifts are activated as you teach on what they are and how they manifest. Additionally, you call forth what is in them by affirming them privately and publicly including through the pulpit. This is also done as you lay hands and pray. Avoid the temptation of turning Sunday services into demon manifestation spectacles called deliverance services. Have fixed days for deliverance meetings for those who need it so that Sunday and Midweek services are for building up the congregation to mature in Christ. What you emphasize will be manifested in public ministry!

- **Release** them into productive ministry. Within say two years of sitting at the feet of the Lord, saints who undergo this process should have completed a training cycle. Organize an ordination programme and publicly lay hands to commission them to serve in various capacities in the ministry. Whether as ushers, choir, deacons/deaconesses, elders, or those called to the Fivefold pulpit ministry or those called into the Market Place. They will be empowered to succeed better if they are commissioned to do what Elohim called them to do.

Empowering is about a switch of paradigm from being a lid to being a lid lifter! Yeshua, Jesus, empowered various circles of His followers:

- John was a confidant he shared some burdens and secrets with such as identity of Judas. To him, Yeshua committed care of Mary, His earthly mother.

John 19:25-27 (KJV) 25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! 27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

John 21:20 (KJV) 20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also

leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?

He specifically chose the 12 to be personally mentored and processed to carry the mantle collectively.

Mark 3:13-19 (KJV) 13 And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. 14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, 15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils: 16 And Simon he surnamed Peter; 17 And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder: 18 And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite, 19 And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.

He empowered 70 through hands on missions with clear instructions on the Kingdom operating system for the Great Commission.

Luke 10:1-12 (KJV) 1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. 2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. 3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. 4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. 5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. 6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. 7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is

worthy of his same, and say, 11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. 12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.

Acts 1:4-8 (KJV) 4 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 1:12-15 (KJV) 12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. 13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. 15 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,) hire.

Luke 10:7-12 (KJV) 7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the

labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. 8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: 9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. 10 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, 11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. 12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.

From the uniform testimony of scriptures, Yeshua had 120 disciples who were faithful till the end and received the gift of Holy Spirit for service.

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Acts 2:1-4 (KJV) 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

There were 500 brethren who saw the risen Yeshua the day He ascended to heaven. 380 of them did not wait for baptism of Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:3-6 (KJV) 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

From the uniform testimony of scriptures, Yeshua ministered unto possibly hundreds of thousands or more people regarded as the uncountable multitudes who thronged His meetings to have their needs met, eat free food or attracted by His Charisma during His three- and half-year public ministry.

Note: Many pastors are unnecessarily afraid of ordination and fear that when they do so, the brethren will depart to start their own ministries. This is a religious mindset of control. A true leader knows those Yeshua, Jesus, assigned to you, will hear His voice in you and come as John 10:27 says. Those who are sent by Him to be part of the ministry will not misuse empowerment! They will rather be motivated to abide and serve with all their heart. In so doing, they will abound and bear much fruit -- spiritually and otherwise — which their peers will see and be attracted to the ministry where they are!

If people choose to leave and claim Holy Spirit is leading them, it is better to release them graciously with a blessing than clutching at them. If you retain such people, they may destroy the ministry from within, foul the atmosphere and cause tension, which the congregation does not need. Allow them to depart and Elohim will prove whether He called them after some time. If they lied in His name, they would return in penitence. Be willing to forgive and let go. Always bless and never curse anyone who is leaving your ministry — whether they did so properly or not. Let Elohim be judge so bitterness will not get hold of you.

Romans 12:14 (KJV) 14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

Hebrews 12:14-15 (KJV) 14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

8. Lead the flock to fulfill the 7 dimensions of the Great Commission.
 - 8.1. Preaching the gospel of Yeshua as Saviour and Redeemer of the world. Preaching the gospel of Yeshua systematically from the locality, city, community to the Province, State, Nation, Continent and globally, according to His mandate.

Acts 1:8 (KJV) 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.

- 8.2. Teaching those who are saved so they become disciples. This is a systematic process of using the word, as inspired by Holy Spirit to deal with mindsets and worldly cultural ways of life.

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV) 18 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.

- 8.3. Training disciples to become Royal Priests of the Kingdom.

1 Peter 2:9 (KJV) 9 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;

- 8.4. Church planting. This should be undertaken where saints in proximate locations are nurtured as vibrant communities to be strengthened by Holy Spirit and each other and be accountable.

Hebrews 10:23-25 (KJV) 23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 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.

- 8.5. Making all saints aware they are Ambassadors of King Yeshua, Jesus, and the Kingdom wherever they are planted

to represent Him. They should therefore consciously be the Kingdom Salt which releases preservative and flavoring virtue to bring forth redemptive purpose and gifts of their host community. In the same way, they should not be isolated or hide away. Rather, they should be like Light that is placed on a Lamp stand to illuminate the darkness of their environments.

Matthew 5:13-16 (KJV) 13 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.

- 8.6. Mobilizing financial and material resources to meet needs of those who lack or suffer. This includes ministry to widows, orphans, prisoners, the homeless, prostitutes and those on the margins of society.

Matthew 25:31-40 (KJV) 31 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.

8.7. Proclaim the Kingdom in full -- let them know these Kingdom realities:

- they can and should experience Kingdom Now when they submit 100 percent to the Sovereign Rule of Yeshua in their hearts.
- That they are part of one single, indivisible Kingdom regardless of their races, ethnicities, gender, location, and socio-economic status.
- Above all, they are to be challenged to apprehend and be totally committed to the Kingdom to come when Yeshua/Jesus will return to rule and reign over all the earth. Keeping them conscious of the reality that our King is coming will take their eyes of distractions and pressures of the day so that they can live wholly for Him (Matthew 6:19-34).

9. Add value to lives of those who are truly assigned to you from Elohim, not men or flesh: It is Yeshua Who distributes His sheep to under-shepherds through leading of Holy Spirit. When He Is at work in their hearts, these things will happen without any human effort:

9.1. They will recognize voice of Yeshua, Jesus, in the voice of the leader.

John 10:26-27 (KJV) 26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

9.2. Come to you — as Holy Spirit orders their feet.

John 6:37 (KJV) 37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

- 9.3. They will connect with you on a heart level.
 - 9.4. They will Abide with you.
 - 9.5. They will abound spiritually and all round by reason of receiving ministry from you which is from the Lord.
10. Use Rod of Authority to exert correction and discipline so people do not stray permanently out of Elohim. Leaders must avoid the trap of allowing the emotions of those they lead to cause them to avoid confronting them when they err. A leader needs have a staff on one hand to comfort and a rod on the other hand, to correct.

Psalm 23:4 (KJV) 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Hebrews 13:17 (KJV) 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.

11. Challenge younger saints to utilize social media to breakthrough and expand the vision — Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, zoom, Twitter, Periscope, etc.
12. Avoid undue expectations from the flock for rewards and honour! Look to the Lord for rewards, not specific people you lead. The Lord can use whoever He wants to bless you and your heart will be free of ought or bitterness when those you lead harden their hearts or close their pockets. He Who called you is faithful and will bless you with vessels who will not steal His glory.

Hebrews 13:5-6 (KJV) 5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Assignment: 1. Please provide a summary of the lessons in this chapter. 2. Out of the 12 responsibilities of the strategic leader to the flock, please summarize any 7. 3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

Chapter 7

Dimension #.5 Responsibilities to the host Community

Strategic Kingdom leaders recognize that they are dual citizens of heaven and community/states/nations where they are planted. Just as they are responsible to Elohim in heaven, they have a range of responsibilities towards the communities where their ministries are located or where they live.

1. They owe it as a duty to the Community for the church or ministry to be the Kingdom Salt, which Yeshua released to activate or catalyze transformation.

Matthew 5:13 (KJV) 13 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.

As an agent of transformation, Salt does two things:

- 1.1. **Catalyzes transformation.** It adds value. A little Salt worth a small amount of money adds flavor, which brings forth taste of all condiments purchased at a great price. In the same manner, our engagement with destiny of the community where we are planted will ensure that the Yeshua, Jesus, factor is injected into realm of the Spirit. In that way the redemptive purpose and gifts of the community in the nation and world is activated. Strategic Kingdom leaders therefore walk in understanding that the Church is not called to be isolated from the community. It is rather separated to engage with and impact the people and land.
- 1.2. **Salt preserves from corruption.** By being engaged with the community, the works of Satan are exposed and destroyed in prayer and spiritual warfare. If the ministry/congregation prays and wars effectively, all the evil spirits which work in the community can be subdued so that the people are more open to the Word of Redemption.

Ephesians 6:10-18 (KJV) 10 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;

Engagement of the Church with the community releases virtue for which the mercy of Elohim can stay judgement. It is important that brethren continue to stand in the gap to push back the frontier and influence of evil so that it is contained. Otherwise, the evil in the community will ultimately ‘invade’ and pollute the church! The presence of Yeshua and heaven are with every congregation based on the principle in Matthew 18:19-20.

Matthew 18:19-20 (KJV) 19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

This promise to King Solomon therefore can be validly appropriated for the divine assignment of preservation of the community/city/state or nation:

2 Chronicles 7:13-15 (KJV) 13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; 14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

2. Strategic kingdom leaders also owe it to the Community to be the Light of Yeshua, Jesus that illuminates the darkness of their religiosity, customs, and traditions.

Matthew 5:14-16 (KJV) 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.

When the glorious light of the gospel shines on the cultures, habits, and traditions of people of the host community, it reveals their deficiencies. The intensity of such light has the effect of attracting them to bow to that which is superior. Humans are by nature utilitarian and will be more open to the word of truth when they consistently experience what works better from the lives and Kingdom practices of saints.

3. Social Action. Strategic leaders cannot afford to lead ministries that live in isolation and be oblivious of needs of their host communities. Relevance must be the basis of social action. In that case the duty of strategic leaders will include deliberate matching of social needs of the community with available capacity of the ministry. In this way, Kingdom ministries should be prepared, if need be, to do any, some, or all these as Holy Spirit reveals and leads:

- 3.1. Offer hot meals in winter or cold meals in summer in the same rented, leased, or mortgaged Church buildings.
- 3.2. Set up and run after School Clubs in subjects such as English language, Mathematics and Civics or whatever subjects in which student residents therein are deficient or need help.
- 3.3. Provide Information centers, where legal immigrants can discover love, acceptance, know their duties and responsibilities to the State and how to access benefits that are due them. This service can be very useful in certain regions.
- 3.4. Provide food banks, where necessary to cater for the poorest and those who suddenly find themselves out of job.
- 3.5. Run nurseries and crèches where necessary at low/affordable cost. Scholarships in such facilities can be offered to babies of the poorest of the poor who get jobs so that they can be lifted away from their socio-economic holes.
- 3.6. Activate specialist outreaches to those in hospitals, prison, those in prostitution, drug addiction and advocacy services according to capacity of the individual congregations. Where needful, congregations existing in the same communities or cities or who are members of the same ministerial networks can team up to deliver synergistically.
- 3.7. Running homeless night shelters inside the Church premises. With the right training, this can speak more for the mission of the Church and provide a platform for the gospel to penetrate hearts more than 20 crusades that are staged at expensive costs each year.
- 3.8. More economic use can be made of available space in church buildings, whether they are near population centers or distant. When value is offered in a location, those in need will gravitate towards it. Through social action, a property is

more fully utilized and therefore has greater value in the sight of Elohim.

It is sad to see the extreme wastage which goes on in 'church' premises where saints only congregate once or twice or at most three times a week. For most ministries, the usage of their buildings amount to less than 10 hours each week yet so much is paid in rent and mortgage. It makes great sense to expand usage of space to include serving the community in various ways as described in this chapter. Churches can also go the extra mile to arrange pick up of those who need services they offer, whether with ministry-owned vans or private cars of saints who volunteer for same.

Social Action is one of the clearest ways to fulfill the role of saints, individually and collectively. as ambassadors of the Kingdom in our communities. There is great reward when we intentionally see the community and its people as worthy to receive love and affection. It enables them to open their hearts to the gospel. It is said that 'if we win their hearts, they will let us take their hands'. The simple meaning is that they will yield better to the direction the Lord uses us to take them. Ultimately however, the greatest blessing is the commendation we will receive from King Yeshua at end of the age.

Matthew 25:31-46 (KJV) 31 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. 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

4. Pray and research the community and act as Holy Spirit leads. Generally, the Lord is ever willing to reveal/show those who dare to ask, the needs that can be met in their communities. As He reveals to strategic leaders what those things are, He provides enablement for them to organize to meet those needs. Social action is not an end to itself, but rather a means to the ultimate end: from receiving practical symbols of love, which meets their practical needs, hearts of people in the community and the community as a corporate entity are opened to the ultimate love of Elohim, which is Yeshua, Jesus!

John 3:16 (KJV) 16 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.

Let us emulate Elohim in loving and giving. Yeshua in His time on earth did not just preach. He met needs of the people – physical health and food.

Matthew 14:13-21 (KJV) 13 When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities. 14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. 15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. 16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. 17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. 18 He said, Bring them hither to me. 19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. 20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. 21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

Social action therefore can be a powerful instrument for holistic Salvation in the community.

Assignment: 1. Please discuss 3 responsibilities which strategic kingdom leaders owe the community where their ministries are located. 2. Which point in this chapter resonated in your heart and challenged you the most? 3. What will you do with the truths in this chapter?

Chapter 8

Dimension #.6 Responsibilities Toward Government and Political Authorities

In continuation of the concept that strategic leaders look at the bigger picture and are more prone to demonstrate the fullness of Kingdom truth, we need to consider the reality that they also owe responsibilities to Governments and those in political authority. Such responsibilities include:

1. Understand the laws and policies which affect the Kingdom church. Both leaders and the saints are dual citizens of the Kingdom of heaven in the earth realm as well as specific nations where they live and work. There is no wisdom or virtue to live in blissful ignorance of Constitution of the nation or policies of State and local governments which affect and impact the saints. Leaders should be aware of current affairs, just like Yeshua.

Luke 13:1-5 (KJV) 1 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? 3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. 4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Obey Laws which do not contradict those of Elohim on any subject matter. Leaders and Saints are instructed to submit to the authority of Government leaders. It may sound strange but nevertheless true that Political leaders are also ministers of Elohim.

Romans 13:1-7 (KJV) 1 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.

1 Peter 2:13-17 (KJV) 13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; 14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. 15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: 16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. 17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

Both strategic leaders and the ministries they lead should obey laws of the land. This includes paying tax for personal income received. Even Yeshua, Jesus, our King obeyed the laws of the land and asked Peter to pay tax!

Luke 20:20-26 (KJV) 20 And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor. 21 And they asked him, saying, Master, we

know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly: 22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no? 23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me? 24 Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's. 25 And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's. 26 And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.

Matthew 17:24-27 (KJV) 24 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. It is noteworthy that Joseph and Mary were in the process of submitting to the Imperial Taxation plan of Rome when Yeshua was born. That is one of the confirmations of the historic Yeshua.

Luke 2:1-7 (KJV) 1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused

wife, being great with child. 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Strategic leaders should proactively obey the Law and avoid situations where civic authorities or the law find them guilty of breaking laws! Our righteousness must exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees.

Matthew 5:20 (KJV) 20 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.

Conscientious objection to immoral or unjust laws. If laws are passed which directly contradict the Bible, the Word is clear that we can conscientiously object without necessarily being nasty and negative. After all we are ambassadors of the King and should reflect His nature, even when under pressure. We can be bold in an elegant way which confounds those who seek to make us compromise on righteousness!

Acts 4:18-20 (KJV) 18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Acts 4:25-29 (KJV) 25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? 26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. 27 For of a truth against

thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. 29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

True leaders need to be ready to suffer persecution and even go to Prison where need be and yet count it all joy! To get negative and hate on political leaders because of their lifestyles or policies — just like politicians do with opponents does not in any way represent the King of Kings!

Matthew 5:11-12 (KJV) 11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

James 1:2-4 (KJV) 2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

2. Strategic Kingdom Leaders need to systematically teach Saints that as the world descends into the end times, gross darkness will cover the earth by laws which endorse sin as a lifestyle.

The Church is not called to force Elohim and His righteousness on people who prefer to reject Him. At the same time, we need to be proactively prepared to ensure that those who reject Yeshua do not ensnare us to live the way they do! In such times of gross darkness, our lifestyles which decorate our long sermons will have greater impact on them.

Isaiah 60:1-3 (KJV) 1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Philippians 2:12-16 (KJV) 12 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.

Strategic Leaders should invest time standing in the gap for political and governmental leaders within their spheres of influence, unconditionally. They should incorporate praying for both the general citizenry and for governments, political and governmental leaders in the overall corporate prayer life of their ministries and congregations.

1 Timothy 2:1-6 (KJV) 1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

The heart of the king is in the hands of Elohim!

Proverbs 21:1 (KJV) 1 The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

In any case, most politicians, even when well intentioned, often find themselves overwhelmed with the strength of the thrones they sit on. Most thrones were dedicated to certain principalities ages ago and exert certain influences on the rulers. Ultimately, however, the Statute of Limitation takes effect and all such motions lead into the exact biblical framework of end of the age. It makes sense for spiritual warfare to include warring against the unseen powers behind thrones and authorities!

3. Strategic leaders should receive grace therefore to discharge the obligation of love towards Governmental and Political leaders. If this is not the heart condition, prayers will be judgmental, negative and of non-effect.

Romans 13:8 (KJV) 8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Even where the authorities are harsh and difficult, strategic Kingdom leaders need to avoid situations where their pulpits are turned into fountains of bitterness, hate and acrimony against those in authority. Saints and leaders are not called to be vengeful and unnecessarily combative with political authorities. We need to witness for Yeshua, even when under pressure!

1 Peter 2:12-18 (KJV) 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. 13 Submit

yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; 14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. 15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: 16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. 17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. 18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

Strategic Kingdom leaders embrace persecution and trials from political leaders with joy, not anger or offence. His answers to questions when arraigned before Pontius Pilate were so profound that no fault was found in Him. Rather, He fulfilled the prophecy of being like a sheep before the shearers, meek, yet firm.

John 18:31-38 (KJV) 31 Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: 32 That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die. 33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? 34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? 35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? 36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. 37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. 38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out

again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.

John 19:4-12 (KJV) 4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. 5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! 6 When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. 7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. 8 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; 9 And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? 11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. 12 And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.

The example of Paul: all things work together for good

Paul was a strategic Kingdom leader. He knew his rights as a kingdom citizen. When the Jews wanted to subvert justice and murder him prematurely, he took advantage of the political system to appeal to be taken to Caesar in Rome.

Acts 25:1-12 (KJV) 1 Now when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem. 2 Then the high priest and the

chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and besought him, 3 And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him. 4 But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself would depart shortly thither. 5 Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with me, and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him. 6 And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Caesarea; and the next day sitting on the judgment seat commanded Paul to be brought. 7 And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove. 8 While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all. 9 But Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me? 10 Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest. 11 For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar. 12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.

In so doing, Paul was able to minister to people in the Imperial Household, though a prisoner. In Rome, he was able to advance the gospel and announce the reality that the baton of the gospel was moving from the Jews to the Gentiles.

Acts 28:14-31 (KJV) 14 Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome. 15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as

Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage. 16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him. 17 And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. 18 Who, when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me. 19 But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of. 20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain. 21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judaea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee. 22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against. 23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening. 24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not. 25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, 26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: 27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted,

and I should heal them. 28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it. 29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves. 30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, 31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him. Through the experience of Paul, we understand the reality that all things work together for the good of strategic Kingdom leaders. Because they are called as the elect of Elohim, the reality is that whatever they encounter – the good, the bad and the ugly – shall work together for the good of leaders who trust Elohim in all situations.

Romans 8:28-39 (KJV) 28 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. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than

conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Assignment: 1. Please discuss 4 responsibilities which strategic kingdom leaders owe those in authority/government. 2. Which point in this chapter resonated and challenged you most? 3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

Chapter 9

Dimension #.7 Responsibilities to other Leaders over the Leader

At the beginning of this course, we stated that a “strategic leader in the Kingdom is always conscious of the Big Picture and therefore serves within the framework of the total gospel of the Kingdom. For such leaders, it is not just about what they think, feel, or like to do. It is rather all about serving Yahweh, our heavenly Father, and the various dimensions of Kingdom influence appointed us. They serve in consciousness of the brevity of life, limitations of time, and realization of the imminence of eternity. To raise and release strategic leaders in The Kingdom Church during this final chapter of the age who will make a good work out of their assignment is obviously very important to Yeshua, Jesus, Head of the Kingdom Church. It is in this context that we need to receive with meekness His Word. To make necessary adjustments through repentance, transformation of the heart and renewal of the mind are therefore called for where necessary. Let it not be said that anyone would participate in this course and go home the same.

The Kingdom is structured in such a way that all saints are to live like Yeshua, as His brethren in the earth realm. Yet, the Father has given to each saint or groups of saints, leaders He uses to feed, nurture, guide and empower them. While each saint has liberty in the Spirit to be all that he or she should be, it pleases the Father to give them leaders to bring them into the realm of fullness of divine purpose.

Jeremiah 23:4 (KJV) 4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord.

Two principles undergird the dimension of the Kingdom in the earth realm and give it balance: Liberty and Order. Those called to leadership need to make the most of both principles. Within the

remit of their individual assignments, there is Liberty to hear from Holy Spirit and be led by Him.

2 Corinthians 3:17 (KJV) 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

To accept and walk in Liberty without accepting and walking in Order, under Authority set above a leader by the same King Yeshua, Jesus is to institute a culture of License which creates disorder. This tendency will ultimately distort the way younger saints and those outside the Commonwealth perceive the King and His Kingdom.

Galatians 5:13 (KJV) 13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

On the opposite spectrum, to embrace Order and submission to authority without making allowance for the Liberty leaders should enjoy in the Spirit to deal with micromanagement issues may foster a culture of religion with dead works substituting relationship with Elohim. In other words, Order should not be basis of high handedness and domination. True Kingdom order empowers, blesses, and enlarges those who are connected by Holy Spirit. They are connected in relationship, not in position or titles for domination and rule. In any case, all leaders need to recognize that they do not lead in a vacuum. All leaders are part of the Kingdom and will find themselves in situations where there are other leaders whose remits are wider in scope than theirs to whom they report directly or indirectly. These include Overseers or Senior Pastors of Ministries, Vision Holders and leaders of Ministers fellowships or networks at various levels.

What this means is simple: every leader needs a leader or council to whom they are accountable! Everyone who Holy Spirit uses to nurture others also needs to be nurtured by other vessels appointed by the Father. This is not about giving of tithes and offerings or sowing of seed as some suppose. It is about making real spiritual

investments to bring out the best in the leader one is assigned to mentor.

2 Corinthians 10:7-9 (KJV) 7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? if any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's. 8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed: 9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.

For Pastors of congregations and other leaders at the hands-on level to demand acceptance, love, submission, and obedience from those they lead and refuse to release same to those placed in leadership over them such as Overseers of Ministries or leaders of networks is to engage in willful hypocrisy. This principle can be extended and applied to various scenarios of leaders needing mentors or senior ministers to willingly submit to.

Romans 13:1 (KJV) 1 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.

Let us consider these simple principles of responsibilities leaders owe their own leaders:

1. True leaders need to discern/recognize and receive their spiritual uplink.

Whether in the Congregation, denomination, or ministers' network a leader belongs to, it is a healthy thing to discern and recognize all those that are set above by the Lord, not those who try to exercise illegitimate spiritual authority.

1 Thessalonians 5:12 (KJV) 12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

2. Esteem them highly in love

Love is still the central operating system of the Kingdom. Leaders need to love their leaders and not despise them or see them as competitors for honour. When a relationship is based on and forged by love, Elohim is honoured and pleased. It will ensure that a religious spirit of domination or subservience does not arise.

1 Thessalonians 5:13 (KJV) 13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

When we esteem leaders highly, we will complement their own assignments and there will be no room for competition. A competitive spirit cultures strife and division. That was the case with Absalom the son of David who saw his father as a competitor for affection of Israel. He therefore set out to chip away at their affection for him by suggesting that he (Absalom) would serve them better in 2 Samuel 15:1-6.

3. Willingly accept and submit to their authority in King Yeshua.

When there is a heartfelt, Spirit-led submission to authority of uplinks, there is a smooth and unhindered flow of grace, virtue, wisdom, and the Divine Presence.

Romans 13:1 (KJV) 1 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.

Hebrews 13:17 (KJV) 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.

All leaders render three types of reports, consciously or unconsciously to the Heavenly Father concerning those they lead: neutral report; negative report which is unprofitable and joyful/positive report which brings great blessings.

4. Do to them what you want those you lead to do to you.

Doing to them what you wish others you lead to do to you is the seed of greatness you are sowing for a rich harvest! Leaders like to be loved. In the same way, love your leaders! Submit to them in sincerity. Pray for them with sincere hearts, not judgmental spirits which reflect a negative mindset.

Matthew 7:12 (KJV) 12 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.

Galatians 6:7-8 (KJV) 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

5. Be the extended hand of Yahweh in providing for their material needs.

This is more so with those leaders who, by weight of their responsibilities or age, are called to full time ministry. It also includes those who are not in a position to fend for themselves because they are totally invested in taking care of the flock. The scripture enjoins leaders to systematically bless them.

Galatians 6:6 (KJV) 6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

1 Timothy 5:17-18 (KJV) 17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. 18 For the

scripture saith, thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

Let it also be said that leaders have no excuse to withhold financial and material blessings from leaders set above them because they are perceived as ‘well off’ or ‘with a good job’. In blessing a leader, let it be by love; by leading of Holy Spirit; by Kingdom principle of honour or by sacrifice. It is not about the person we are blessing but about the Lord Who called them!

Matthew 10:40-42 (KJV) 40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. 41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. 42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

It is sad that saints in the Holiness movement tend to be stingy towards their leaders while those in the pseudo-prosperity gospel have a generous disposition towards their leaders! Could this be one of the reasons for the systemic poverty in the holiness movement? Is it suggestive of breaking of one of the spiritual laws of prosperity?

6. Do not receive accusations against those who lead you in private.

The Bible is specific in warning that accusations against leaders should not be received privately but in the presence of a witness or witnesses. It is therefore imperative that you should always make sure there is a witness when any one is making a complaint against someone you are subject to.

1 Timothy 5:19 (KJV) 19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

By Holy Spirit, endeavor to discern motive of the person approaching you to determine if it is basically to break a relationship forged by Holy Spirit and decline to hear the ill words lest you fall into the trap. If the person making the complaint is unwilling to do so in the presence of the person being accused or other responsible people, the leader is at fault to open the ears to receive what is then no more than a gossip! If you receive an accusation without any desire to prayerfully reconcile the accuser with the leader, you become a partaker of his/her rebellion. By the principle of Kingdom protocol, when people approach you with a complaint against say your Pastor or Overseer, it is safer to admonish them to pray for purity of motives and if the matter is substantially significant, refer them to those in authority over the leader concerned.

7. Emulate them in those areas of manifest grace that you need to excel.

If you are diligent, you will discover a number some things that signify great virtue in the leaders that are set over you. Tap into the same grace and add to yours as you emulate them in those areas where the Grace of Yeshua which you too need to excel is clear.

Hebrews 13:7 (KJV) 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.

1 Corinthians 11:1 (KJV) 1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

8. Though highly gifted, talented, and well endowed, strategic Kingdom leaders are also passionate about keeping rank, knowing that it is a basic precept of the Kingdom. They do not need to be told to stay in their place. Every authority has the inbuilt capacity to discern great authority and to align properly without seeking to disrupt the chain of command out of desire for pre-eminence.

1 Chronicles 12:38 (KJV) 38 All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king.

Joel 2:7-8 (KJV) 7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: 8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

In the New Testament, King Yeshua commended the Centurion following his expression of being a rank keeper who understood the principles of leadership order.

Matthew 8:5-12 (KJV) 5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, 6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. 7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. 11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

In the same way, one of the sharpest rebukes in the Bible was for Peter when he failed to keep rank.

Matthew 16:21-23 (KJV) 21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. 22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. 23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Keeping rank is a sign of true maturity and spirituality in leadership. It is evidence of death of self that those in leadership willingly acknowledge authority the Lord Himself put in place and consciously avoid thoughts, words, attitudes, and actions which have potentials of upending same. When saints are in this mode, there will be no room for competition or disorder which attracts demonic intrusion

James 3:13-18 (KJV) 13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. 14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. 15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. 16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

In the alpha Church great grace was released when the saints came into this degree of alignment. When Peter spoke about replacing Judas Iscariot, all accepted his word. No wonder the Bible records explicitly the enabling environment which signaled their readiness to receive Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost:

Acts 2:1-4 (KJV) 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Bible records the case of a man called Diotrephes, whose ambition propelled him to refuse to keep rank and submit to John, the elder and only surviving one among the original 12 apostles.

3 John 5-11 (KJV) 5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers; 6 Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well: 7 Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. 8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth. 9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. 10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church. 11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

9. Quit honorably, without drama any time you believe the Lord is moving you on.

It is always important to avoid drama as many carnal people tend to. If for any reason you discern that the Lord has another assignment for you or that your time with a particular leader is up, be as graceful

as you can in arranging and managing your exit. Do not try to destroy the work of the Lord there because of any issues you have with the Pastor or Overseer! If you do so, it may well be that you are fighting the King of Kings Himself, Whose Body the ministry or congregation is part of. He does not sanction confusion and arm of the flesh in affairs of His Kingdom.

1 Corinthians 14:33 (KJV) 33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

1 Corinthians 14:40 (KJV) 40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

If there is sin of immorality, child abuse or fraud involved, the leader who is privy to the truth should be in much intercession and receive grace to report it humbly and conscientiously to those who hold the vision in trust such as Elders or Trustees or leaders of the network he or she belongs to. This can be done in writing with sufficient evidence since the law enforcement agencies may be involved, if crime was committed contrary to the statute books.

The Lord is more than able to deal with any issue and may use any means He chooses including direct action or other leaders he/she is accountable to do so. In this regard, we need to learn wisdom from David and how he dealt with Saul. Twice, he had the opportunity to kill the elder and ascend the throne he had already been anointed for. He refused to do what Elohim was better qualified for.

1 Samuel 24:1-20 (KJV) 1 And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi. 2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats. 3 And he came to the sheepecotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave. 4 And the men of David said unto

him, Behold the day of which the Lord said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily. 5 And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt. 6 And he said unto his men, The Lord forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord. 7 So David stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way. 8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself. 9 And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt? 10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the Lord had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the Lord's anointed. 11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it. 12 The Lord judge between me and thee, and the Lord avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee. 13 As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee. 14 After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea. 15 The Lord therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of thine hand. 16 And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. 17 And

he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil. 18 And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the Lord had delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not. 19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the Lord reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day. 20 And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand.

Assignment: 1. Please discuss at least 5 of the 9 points. 2. What new insight did you gain from this lesson? 3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

Chapter 10

Context, Content, and Outcomes

In closing this epic download from the Throne of Grace, let us dwell on a few germane issues. Let us start by recognizing the reality of why some people are strategic Kingdom leaders while others are not. They are raised to see the Big Picture of the King and His Kingdom in all that is assigned and to respond with great grace whereas other types of leaders often get into tunnel vision of seeing themselves and their assignments only. Strategic Leaders are functions of four factors working in tandem in specific vessels:

1. Divine Election – Before the foundation of the world, they were chosen by Elohim in Yeshua to fulfill a specific role in the Kingdom.

Ephesians 1:4 (KJV) 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

They received His call to lead — often when they appeared unqualified. Interestingly, Elohim rarely calls the qualified but rather qualifies the called. They submit themselves to divinely given opportunities to learn, be trained, and receive discipline which equips them for success in ministry.

Calling – it is Yeshua Who specifically called them to be under-shepherds assigned to care for some of His flock (John 15:16). No one takes this honour to him/herself (Hebrews 5:4).

2. Perspectives/mindset — The mind is a powerful internal tool. How people think affects them. Those who mentally accept what the Lord is saying will invariably gravitate towards manifestation of election. Those whose minds are negative invariably drift away into unbelief.

Proverbs 23:7 (KJV) 7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

3. Attitudes — Attitude to election will manifest through emotional responses to what and who the Lord is calling leaders to. The right attitudes arise from healthy, balanced emotional intelligence.
4. Lifestyle — Lifestyle is the logical outcome of a continuum. Positive thoughts about election and calling will lead to words that are full of faith in Yahweh. This will lead to attitudes and actions that are in alignment with the calling. Those actions lead to winning habits which when repeated become a lifestyle of character which carries the anointing and calling.

Additional realities. There are additional realities which impact the lives and ministries of strategic Kingdom leaders.

Eternity/Heavenly Conscious, yet earthly relevant!

The hearts and minds of strategic leaders are constantly aware of the Omniscience, Omnipresence and Omnipotence of Elohim. They are always eternity conscious yet are practical concerning day to day challenges and cannot afford flights of fancy. Under leading of Holy Spirit, they take necessary actions that are pleasing to the Father in obedience to Yeshua their King concerning what should be done to fulfill the vision of the Father for the earth realm and its inhabitants. They therefore identify by the Spirit, their assigned allotments and occupy same in obedience to instructions of their King in Luke 19:10-27. Within this framework of eternity, they redeem time to make the main things the main things!

Romans 13:11-14 (KJV) 11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour

of light. 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Ephesians 5:14-17 (KJV) 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

This consists of putting in place by leading of Holy Spirit, Kingdom operating systems which have the net effect of turning sinners to saints, transforming saints to disciples and able ministers of the gospel after the Order of Melchizedek. The operating system challenges all saints to function in the earth realm in intimate relationship with Yahweh as their Father and themselves as His sons. In this way, the strategic purpose of Incarnation of Yeshua, Jesus to restore many to the original nature of Adam before his fall is achieved. While other types of micro-leaders concentrate on gathering crowds of believers who are co-dependent on them, and call them their 'members', strategic Kingdom leaders concentrate on nurturing and empowering believers to mature and live like sons of Elohim in the earth realm!

Hebrews 2:9-14 (KJV) 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. 10 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;

Context of leadership

Strategic Kingdom Leaders are raised for the Body and society in the context of:

1. Nurturing the Bride to be who her Groom wants her to be. They are clear that He does not want His Body-Bride to be a dry religious organization which people join as a dependent, dormant consumerist clientele. By leading of Holy Spirit, they understand clearly the revelation in the Word that the Church of called out ones <Ecclesia> is a divine organism of active cells and parts. They therefore refuse temptations to import Babylonian systems to the Church, despite allures of how much 'Church growth' can occur.

Ephesians 4:15-16 (KJV) 15 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.

2. Preparing the Bride to be spotless, radiant, and ready for His return. They recognize that the Body-Bride of Yeshua is imbued intrinsically with His Nature of Love; Holiness; Divine Power and Service. They cannot accept or relax when any of these four dimensions are lacking or not manifest. This picture of the Church that is ready for return of the Lord – the Omega Church drives everything they do. In other

words, strategic leaders recognize that this pivotal prophecy of the Omega Church will be fulfilled by Yeshua through their vessels:

Ephesians 5:25-27 (KJV) 25 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.

3. Sustaining the Priestly Order of Melchizedek which Yeshua initiated and is High Priest over even in the Now. This is the Royal Priesthood of saints who live and function as Priests and Kings. For that reason, they reject all attempts to resurrect the decadent Nimrodic order of priesthood which preys on destinies of saints who are counted as cattle for money. They also recognize through clear scriptural passages in Hebrews chapters 5 through 9 that King Yeshua fulfilled the expectations of the Levitical/Aaronic Priesthood and took them out of the way permanently so that the Melchizedek order can flourish without hindrance.

Strategic leaders realise that there are two dimensions of the Melchizedek Priesthood:

- A. Present Time: At this present time, all saints are taught, trained, equipped, activated, and released to flow as Royal Priests and Kings. In prayer, spiritual warfare; exercise of gifts of Holy Spirit and other-worldly lifestyle, they legislate into the environment affecting the natural from the spiritual realms.

1 Peter 2:9-12 (KJV) 9 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.

Philippians 2:12-16 (KJV) 12 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.

- B. In the Future when Yeshua, Jesus returns to rule and reign on earth for 1000 years: All that saints do now as Kingdom life is a dress rehearsal for the world to come when they shall function in an open sense as co-heirs with Yeshua, Jesus

Romans 8:16-25 (KJV) 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. 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 21 Because

the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. 24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Revelation 1:5-6 (KJV) 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 5:9-10 (KJV) 9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 20:6-7 (KJV) 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

4. Strategic Kingdom leaders are instruments Yeshua, Jesus uses to make the Church a visible, viable factor in the earth realm which impacts society in a definite way that can be felt and seen. This impact dispels darkness and transforms the

community/society from inside out, just as the leaven a woman hid in measures of flour.

Matthew 13:33 (KJV) 33 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.

They lead the Church not into isolation but rather to be separate from the world system ruled by the enemy to engage with it!

Matthew 5:13-16 (KJV) 13 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.

This conforms with the prayers of Yeshua, Jesus to His Father not to take away His saints but to preserve them from satanic influences.

John 17:8-19 (KJV) 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.

5. Strategic Kingdom leaders are to lead the Church to Occupy, until King Yeshua returns. Saints who they lead are distinguished by looking beyond the four walls of where they congregate. Such saints, congregations take a wholistic view of the Divine assignment and embrace such heartily. They know there is a day for evaluation when they will stand at the Judgement Seat of Yeshua, Jesus to account for all gifts, callings, and opportunities to represent their King! (2 Corinthians 5:10) They live and lead in the consciousness that their vessels and those of saints assigned to them are ordained to be used to deliver specific measures of Kingdom Impact in assigned environments, communities or territories within times and seasons set by Elohim. Until such is accomplished, they believe and know that nothing can cut them down. They therefore operate with the spirit of courage arising from the DNA of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah Who bought them with the costly price of His Own Blood!

Luke 19:10-27 (KJV) 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. 11 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.

The Content of Strategic Kingdom Leadership: Teamwork!

At the heart of strategic Kingdom Leadership is a firm consciousness of ‘we’ and ‘us’, not ‘me’ and ‘I’. Once the Lord commissions them, they receive the Big picture which is not given

to others. But they are acutely aware of their own limitations in terms of project implementation, no matter how gifted or talented. They therefore fall back on the Lord in dependency and prayer seeking to know those He sends and given peculiar skills to activate an effective leadership team. As the Lord sends such people, the leader has a primary responsibility to communicate the vision continuously until those sent from heaven understand and buy into it. They will then train them into their individual roles. Those who are sent from heaven will stick with the process until the team emerges. Those who are not sent will depart at some point to pursue what they believe is their callings or eject themselves out of offenses they are unwilling to resolve. Following the Law of process, this may take time but eventually, an unbeatable team emerges. Meanwhile the Lord sends various types of destiny helpers along different phases of the journey. When recognized, accepted and embraced, these destiny helpers make it easier and smoother for the divine purpose to manifest.

If the strategic leader is serving in a congregation, there will be progress towards manifestation of a Kingdom governmental system: the Fivefold of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers who are aligned by Holy Spirit with the vessel chosen as vision holder/ set manor woman. Other leaders who will emerge are exhorters and deacons. Working together, they take off strain from the visionary and from each other so that Yeshua, Jesus becomes all in all while the Body becomes a viable spiritual organism where all saints mature rapidly.

Ephesians 4:11-16 (KJV) 11 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: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 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.

This development comes about because the strategic Kingdom leader is always aware that he or she is a mere vessel in the hand of the Lord to bring His Body together in love and unity.

John 13:34-35 (KJV) 34 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 17:20-23 (KJV) 20 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.

The Kingdom does not permit lone ranging by saints or leaders! Ever one can fit into a team, if there is humility and sincerity. All leaders and saints are vested with grace to Release and Receive virtue!

Strategic Kingdom leaders are delivered from two extremes:

1. The Old wineskin of Christian Religion
2. The Old mindset of being bosses

Mark 2:21-22 (KJV) 21 No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment: else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse. 22 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.

Sacrifice and the ultimate acid test!

In pursuit of all these things, strategic Kingdom leaders plug into the divine flow by the same law of sacrifice through which they were redeemed by Blood of the Lamb. In sacrificing their personal desires and ambitions, they become dead to self and fully alive to Yahweh and His divine purposes. That is a real acid test!

Matthew 16:24-26 (KJV) 24 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?

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

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

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

To die for the Lord or suffer reproaches for His Name becomes a non-issue for them. In the same way, they can make great sacrifices for the brethren and flock of Yeshua committed to their trust! The truth is that in our death of self, the Lord reproduces His life to multitudes just as through His death as the Ultimate Son, an innumerable company of saints are now in the Kingdom as sons!

John 12:24 (KJV) 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

He Who calls us has already ordained to use us exponentially to reproduce abiding fruit! If we understand this central truth, we will just cling to Him while Holy Spirit processes and uses our yielded vessels!

John 15:1-8, 16 (KJV) 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

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.

Let us make Elohim happy by applying these principles to be empowered and empower others committed to our trust! Only empowered ministers can produce empowered saints. When saints are empowered, we will not be distracted with dealing with children mess! We will have the outcome of faithful, dependable men and women who understand the Times; love the Lord; have a perfect heart are focused on the Big Picture and march in formation with leadership to take the land for Christ! (1 Chronicles 12:32, 38). Let us end by saying that they are the only way we can lead with confidence into eternity without fear of ultimate rejection.

Assignment: 1. Please summarize this chapter. 2. Which aspects of the chapter resonated most in you? 3. What will you do with the message of this chapter?

Chapter 11

Some Keywords and Traits of Strategic Kingdom Leaders

As we seek to conclude this vital course, it is essential that we recap some of the concepts that were expounded directly or indirectly. In so doing, we believe that pinpointing some keywords which highlight traits through which strategic kingdom leaders can be recognized is a healthy thing to do.

Philippians 3:1 (KJV) 3 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.

Please no one should feel bad if you do not seem to ‘see’ or ‘feel’ any of these traits yet. Most often, those who are elected and called by Elohim may not consider themselves qualified. Unknown to them, they may have the graces in seed form which can only be seen or discerned by those who are truly spiritual. If you receive this truth and abide in Yeshua, the fruit will become evident with time.

John 15:1-8, 16 (KJV) 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

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.

The Keywords and Traits

1. Election. Election is the sovereign choice of Elohim by which He chooses who He wants to be a leader. Often, they may appear unqualified in the eyes of natural humans. Those the Lord calls into leadership walk in understanding of Election. For that reason, they are grateful and constantly conscious that their ministry exploits are not function of their abilities.

1 Timothy 1:11-16 (KJV) 11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. 12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; 13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. 15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

2. Grace. They live in and walk by Grace. For them grace is not just about their Salvation experience. It is about everything they think, say and do as well as how they do them.

1 Corinthians 3:10 (KJV) 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

1 Corinthians 15:10 (KJV) 10 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.

3. Anointed/Empowered. Strategic leaders are empowered by the anointing of Holy Spirit received from The Lord. This is what enables them to do exploits.

Acts 1:4-8 (KJV) 4 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.

Presence of Holy Spirit guarantees a deeper bonding with Yeshua the King. Holy Spirit teaches and guarantees understanding of deeper truths in the word and a capacity to preach from the depths of the spirit-man (belly) rather than the intellect of the soul realm.

John 7:37-39 (KJV) 37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

4. Visionary. They often see further than those they lead as well as their contemporaries who have tunnel vision. Since what they see in terms of vision may be further down the road, they tend to write down what the Lord says, wait on the Lord and discern when the appointed time for manifestation is fully due.

Habakkuk 2:1-3 (KJV) 1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. 2 And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Those who oppose visionaries bring grief and pain on themselves because they fight Elohim.

5. Prayer. Because they stay focused on the visions from above, strategic leaders are wise not to run ahead of Elohim with their thoughts and emotions. Rather, they hear from Him in prayer and are renewed in their strength at the place on waiting on the Lord.

Luke 18:1 (KJV) 18 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (KJV) 17 Pray without ceasing.

Isaiah 40:30-31 (KJV) 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.

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

6. Faith. Strategic leaders are imbued with the spirit of Faith. This enables them to relate confidently with Elohim Who is a Faith God.

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

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8 (KJV) 1 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 10:35-39 (KJV) 35 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.

Because of this, they have strong confidence in Him and can move mountains and slay giants.

Mark 11:22-24 (KJV) 22 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.

7. Forgiveness. For the reason of being effective in prayer and faith, strategic kingdom leaders cannot afford the luxury of keeping malice, offence, or ought in their hearts. This provokes them to forgive forward and keep their hearts free of malice or unforgiveness (Matthew 18:23-35).

Matthew 6:14-15 (KJV) 14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Mark 11:25-26 (KJV) 25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 18:21-22 (KJV) 21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Ephesians 4:30-32 (KJV) 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

8. Love. Leaders love the people committed to their trust and serve from this law of the New Covenant.

John 13:34-35 (KJV) 34 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.

They make the exposition of love given by Paul a framework for assessing how healthy their inner man is (1 Corinthians 13).

Colossians 3:14 (KJV) 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

1 Peter 4:8 (KJV) 8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

9. Compassion. Leaders realize that the ultimate proof of leadership is not the numbers they can crunch or scope of their ‘achievements’. Rather, it is the degree to which they allowed Holy Spirit to use them to touch hearts and lives of real humans. It takes a heart of compassion to deliver this outcome. Compassion arises when the leader has a heart connection with those he or she is assigned to and feel their needs, pain and aspirations.

Matthew 9:36 (KJV) 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Matthew 14:14 (KJV) 14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Matthew 15:32 (KJV) 32 Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

10. Faithful Stewards. True leaders are faithful to the Lord who called them, to their leaders as well as to the saints committed to their trust.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 (KJV) 1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:17 (KJV) 17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

1 Corinthians 7:25 (KJV) 25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.

11. Servant leadership. Strategic kingdom leaders have a heart to serve Elohim and the saints with great grace. They refuse worldly paradigms of leadership.

Matthew 20:20-28 (KJV) 20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. 21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. 22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. 23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. 24 And when the ten heard it, they were moved

with indignation against the two brethren. 25 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.

12. Constitution. Kingdom leaders consider the Holy Scriptures as Constitution of the Kingdom and compass for life and ministry. They do not wish to modify or handle it craftily but rather study with a heart to understand and grace to obey.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (KJV) 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 2:15 (KJV) 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Assignment: 1. Please discuss any 10 of the 12 keywords/traits of strategic Kingdom leaders 2. Which ones appealed most to you as needed in your own life and ministry? 3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

Chapter 12

Conclusion: Additional Keywords and Traits of Kingdom Leaders (2)

As we now conclude this vital course on strategic kingdom leadership, we continue to pinpoint some keywords which highlight traits through which strategic kingdom leaders can be recognized. The fact that we may repeat some traits highlighted in various sections of the course is a healthy development as Paul said to the Philippians.

Philippians 3:1 (KJV) 1 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.

As an emerging or established leader, do not feel bad if you do not seem to 'see' or 'feel' any of these traits yet. As noted in the previous chapter, those who are called by Elohim may not consider themselves qualified. It is said that Elohim does not call the qualified but rather qualifies the called. One historical and spiritual reality is that a leader may have the grace for the traits in seed form which can only be seen or discerned by those who are truly spiritual. We repeat the assertion in chapter 11 that when a leader embraces this truth and abides in Yeshua, the fruit will become evident with time.

John 15:1-8, 16 (KJV) 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

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.

The Keywords and Traits

Let us continue from where we stopped in the previous chapter.

13. **Strategic mindset/world view.** They have a holistic view of their assignments and the operating environment which factors in all potential strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats before determining the way forward as led by Holy Spirit. Called the mindset of ‘generals’ who consider all angles to wars, this distinguishes them from religious minded or tactical leaders with their tunnel vision that is focused on the immediate battle or challenge. In this way, they do not rush into what seems like the best opportunities but tend to evaluate all possibilities and determine where they sense the Lord is leading them. For this reason, their prayer life is not about bread-and-butter issues but rather the focus is on the Kingdom.

Matthew 6:7-13 (KJV) 7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. 9 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. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

14. **Trail blazers.** Strategic kingdom leaders are trailblazers. Imbued with an adventurous spirit, they are not afraid to launch out, create new pathways and break new grounds. Yeshua was a trail blazer. A personality such as apostle Paul also broke new grounds in the gospel.

Romans 15:18-20 (KJV) 18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, 19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. 20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:

15. **Resilient.** They are resilient and not easily subdued or overwhelmed by pressures or challenges. The testimony of Paul the apostle is very impactful.

Acts 20:22-24 (KJV) 22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: 23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. 24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

2 Corinthians 11:22-33 (KJV) 22 Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. 23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. 24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. 25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a

day I have been in the deep; 26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; 27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. 28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? 30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. 31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. 32 In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: 33 And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

Romans 8:28-39 (KJV) 28 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. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all

the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

16. **Motivators.** Because of their confidence in Elohim, they draw down strength to motivate others they are assigned to excel. This is often done effortlessly.

2 Timothy 1:1-7 (KJV) 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; 4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; 5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also. 6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

In so doing, Elohim uses motivational leaders (not ‘motivational speakers’!) to multiply grace for leadership in their mentees.

2 Timothy 2:1-7 (KJV) 1 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. 3 Thou therefore

endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. 5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. 6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits. 7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

17. **Catalysts/Transformation instruments.** Strategic leaders have a God given capacity to catalyze transformation within the lives of saints as well as within the community that they are located. For them, ministry cannot be about what goes on within four walls of so called ‘church buildings.’ Seeing the church as the redeemed of the Lord, their focus is on how Holy Spirit can use them to impact their community.

Matthew 13:33 (KJV) 33 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 5:13-16 (KJV) 13 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.

18. **Model.** True leaders have a testimony of passionate pursuit of the King and His Kingdom. Their quest for righteousness is so pronounced that those they lead see their level of godliness as worthy of emulation and therefore challenged to yearn for same. Elohim often gives them this righteous desire of their heart.

1 Corinthians 11:1 (KJV) 1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

Philippians 3:17-18 (KJV) 17 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. **Wisdom.** Strategic leaders often rely on Elohim's on time wisdom and guidance concerning what to do, what to say, when and how. In this way, they function above their fellows.

Psalms 111:10 (KJV) 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

Proverbs 3:13 (KJV) 13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

Proverbs 4:7 (KJV) 7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Proverbs 8:11 (KJV) 11 For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

20. **Courage/boldness.** Strategic kingdom leaders have grace to be courageous and bold in the face of adversities. This gives them the ability to stand up to the giants of this world.

Joshua 1:6-7 (KJV) 6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. 7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which

Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest.

Acts 27:21-25 (KJV) 21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. 22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. 23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, 24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. 25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

Acts 28:15 (KJV) 15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

21. **Humble/Meek.** Though bold and courageous, strategic leaders also receive grace to be humble and meek, as they look up to Yeshua, the author and finisher of their faith. This enables them to receive the backing of Elohim to win wars.

Matthew 11:28-30 (KJV) 28 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 5:6 (KJV) 6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

James 4:6-10 (KJV) 6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth

grace unto the humble 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

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

22. **True worshippers.** Strategic leaders do not boast or exalt themselves. They are aware that who they are and what they do as well as accomplishments are entirely by Grace. This causes them to give all the glory for all things to Elohim.

John 4:21-24 (KJV) 21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

23. **Kingdom First.** They are passionate in pursuit of Kingdom Purpose. Their eyes are fixed on the manifest kingdom/Kingdom to come, and they frame all opportunities and challenges within that context

Matthew 6:24-34 (KJV) 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. 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.

24. **Discipline.** Strategic Kingdom leaders receive grace to live disciplined lives. They are moderate in what they eat, drink and how they use time. They do not give room for wastage of kingdom assets including money and time.

Philippians 4:5-6 (KJV) 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

One key motivation for discipline is to prevent the ‘signpost syndrome’ which Paul spoke of in this passage:

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (KJV) 24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

25. **Multi-task.** Most strategic leaders have a God-given capacity to spearhead, lead or manage several tasks simultaneously. With their eyes are focused/fixed on the Big picture, they are still able to initiate, and lead connected or associated Kingdom projects. This trait enables them to be adaptable which in turn makes it possible to reach more of the unreached in their own ‘terrain’.

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (KJV) 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. 20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; 21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. 22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. 23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

26. **Delegate.** Strategic Kingdom leaders invest in sharing the vision with those Abba Father gives them as co-labourers. As they identify the gifts and callings of the brethren, they give Holy Spirit space to manifest grace for specific sectors. Appropriate tasks or assignments are then delegated to such brethren for smooth running of the entire ministry. The grace to delegate makes strategic kingdom leaders to not know people after the flesh – gender, age, or socio-economic status.

2 Corinthians 5:16 (KJV) 16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

This is why Paul committed to two young men – Timothy and Titus the extraordinary opportunity to lead the Churches at Ephesus and Crete respectively.

1 Timothy 1:2-4 (KJV) 2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. 3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, 4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

Titus 1:4-11 (KJV) 4 To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. 5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: 6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; 8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good

men, sober, just, holy, temperate; 9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. 10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: 11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

Just as Paul established in Galatians 3:26-29 that sons of Elohim are not differentiated by gender, he showed great respect to the women who served with him in ministry as co-laborers.

Romans 16:1-7 (KJV) 1 I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: 2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. 3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: 4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. 5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my well-beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ. 6 Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us. 7 Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

27. Lively conscience. To keep them grounded, the Lord blesses strategic Kingdom leaders with a lively conscience which they guard with all their heart. In this way, they are spared the snare of damaged or seared consciences

Acts 24:16 (KJV) 16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void to offence toward God, and toward men.

Romans 9:1 (KJV) 1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

Romans 13:5 (KJV) 5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

2 Corinthians 1:12 (KJV) 12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

1 Timothy 1:19 (KJV) 19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

2 Timothy 1:3 (KJV) 3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

Titus 1:15 (KJV) 15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

28. Sent. Strategic kingdom leaders are sent people. They know and recognise this and have firm confidence in He Who sent them. They rest in Him and His benevolence, knowing that He will pay their bills.

Matthew 10:1-14 (KJV) 1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son

of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. 5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. 9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, 10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. 11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. 12 And when ye come into an house, salute it. 13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV) 18 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.

29. Secure/Nothing to prove. They know when and how the Lord wants to use them. For this reason, they are under no pressure to perform. This is what made Paul to do mighty exploits and all kinds of healing but could not do anything when there was no unction to heal Trophimus, his Personal Assistant. Leaving him at Miletus, Paul proceeded on his journey. With this attitude, strategic leaders emulate Yeshua Who escaped the

snare of Satan during the temptation in the wilderness represented by the poser: 'if thou be the son of God'

Acts 20:4 (KJV) 4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

Acts 21:29 (KJV) 29 (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

2 Timothy 4:20 (KJV) 20 Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

Matthew 4:3-11 (KJV) 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

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30. **They reproduce after kind.** They have great grace to reproduce – bear fruit in terms of those they lead to the Lord, empower them through discipleship and training so that they too mature to become strategic leaders in their own right. In this regard, the Teach, Train, Equip, Activate and Release process becomes a handy tool

Genesis 5:1-3 (KJV) 1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; 2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. 3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, and after his image; and called his name Seth:

Assignment: 1. Please discuss any 12 of the keywords/traits of strategic Kingdom leaders 2. Which ones appealed most to you as needed in your own life and ministry. 3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

Course Impact Assessment

1. True or False: The total gospel of the Kingdom is the framework from which all Kingdom leaders should serve?
 True False
2. Explain the difference between Kingdom leadership and Religious leadership.
3. Who is a Strategic Kingdom Leader?
4. What is the purpose of Strategic Kingdom Leaders?
5. Please list the 14 responsibilities Strategic Kingdom Leaders have to Yahweh our heavenly Father. Select 2 and briefly explain your understanding of the responsibility supporting your response with at least 2 scriptures.
6. Please select one of the case studies discussed and explain how it relates to the responsibility Strategic Kingdom Leaders towards self.
7. Strategic Kingdom Leaders have responsibilities towards family. Please explain why this responsibility is important.
8. Please select 2 of the 12 responsibilities of Strategic Kingdom Leaders to the flock and explain how these responsibilities support the spiritual growth of the body.
9. Which of the following are responsibilities Strategic Kingdom Leaders have toward the community?
 - Activate and catalyze transformation
 - Support only members of the congregation
 - Economic use of space in buildings
 - Social Action Hold revival meetings to collect offerings
10. True or False: Strategic Kingdom Leaders have a responsibility to obey the laws always
 - True False

11. What are the two principles that undergird the dimension of the Kingdom in the earth realm and give it balance?
12. Please briefly discuss 1 of the 3 responsibilities Strategic Kingdom Leaders have towards those in authority/government.
13. Please briefly explain the context and content of Strategic Kingdom Leadership
14. Briefly summarize the Kingdom Concept of Leadership
15. True or False: Yeshua taught Service is the real essence of True Kingdom Leadership
 - True False
16. Explain how the Kingdom Concept of leadership can be realized
17. Explain how the effective use of spiritual gifts is a component of True Kingdom Leadership
18. Summarize the disqualifying factors for leadership
19. True or False: Ministry should be done with a mindset of the Judgement Seat of Yahweh.
 - True False
20. Which of the following is not a responsibility leaders owe to Yahweh?
 - Trust
 - Disobedience
 - Walk by Faith
 - Readiness for spiritual warfare
21. True or False: Strategic Kingdom Leader must understand and embrace the truths taught in the Sermon on the Mount.
 - True False

22. True or False: There is not a wrong and right response to sin.
- True False
23. Explain the first thing Kingdom Leaders must bear in mind concerning the flock.
24. Select one of the responsibilities Kingdom Leaders owe to the flock and detail what the responsibility is, how the responsibility should be carried out and how the responsibility benefits the leader, the body and the individual saint.
25. Explain the fear many pastors have concerning the T.T.E.A.R process and how the fear is a hindrance to accomplishing the unfinished Great Commission.
26. Provide and explain three ways strategic leaders can serve the community.
27. True or False: Keeping rank is a sign of true maturity and spirituality in leadership
- True False
28. Which of the following is one of the reports leaders render
- True Report
 Negative Report
 Neutral Report
29. Explain why some people are strategic leaders while others are not
30. Explain the two dimensions of the Melchizedek Priesthood
31. True or False: Lone ranging is acceptable in the Kingdom
- True False
32. Explain the deliverance from Old Wineskins and Old Mindsets

33. Select one of the Keywords of Strategic Kingdom Leadership and explain your understanding supporting your response with at least 2 scripture references.
34. Select one of the Key Traits of Strategic Kingdom Leadership and explain your understanding of the trait, whether or not you possess the trait and how you will apply your understanding of the trait in your life.

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ABOUT THE BOOK

In this manual, Strategic Kingdom Leadership is presented as one with a holistic view of service to all the 7 Dimensions of Total Leadership. In this regard, strategic Kingdom leaders differ from other leaders who tend to have religious mindsets and tunnel vision. Specific chapters deal with responsibilities of strategic kingdom leadership to:

1. Elohim - Above
2. Yourself - Within
3. The Flock - Outside
4. The Family - Inclusive
5. To the Community/Society - Outside
6. To Governments and Political leaders in Authority - Legal and Moral obligations
7. Other leaders set above the leader - Upward

Religion makes leaders to tilt one way or the other, according to racial, ethnic, gender and other socio-economic perspectives which they grew up with. In other words, religious minded leaders do not see the 'Big Picture' of Kingdom realities. Just like Generals who focus on the whole war effort, rather than tactical battles, strategic kingdom leaders are those who would not focus on any one of these seven, but rather on all the dimensions.

This treatise ends with an exposition of 30 keywords and traits of those called to this special dimension of leadership. This resource is Course 140 of Global School of Ministry and the Global Advanced Mentorship Program in Authentic Kingdom Culture available through various platforms, visit www.kingdombooksclub.com and www.gsomonline.org to check which platform works for you.

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