

MANIFESTING GOD PODCAST

STUDENT NOTES — KINGDOM STEWARDSHIP: PRESENCE

When the Plan Gets in the Way of the Presence

Anchor Scripture: Matthew 21:12–17

Supporting Scriptures: 1 Samuel 2–4; Exodus 32–33; Numbers 9:15–23; 2 Samuel 5:17–25; 1 Corinthians 12–14; Luke 10:38–42

KINGDOM STEWARDSHIP REVIEW

Kingdom Stewardship: Faithfully cultivating everything God entrusts to us because everything ultimately belongs to Him.

The Five P's

Presence → Purpose → Prompting → Possessions → Person

Goal: Manifesting the Person of Christ

Journey:

Inspiration → Revelation → Transformation → Manifestation

1. PRESENCE COMES FIRST

John 15:1–8

Before Purpose — **Presence.**

Before Prompting — **Presence.**

Before Possessions — **Presence.**

Before manifesting the Person of Christ — **Presence.**

Remember:

Fruit is never the command. Abiding is the command. Fruit is the consequence.

My Notes:

2. WHAT TABLES ARE IN THE TEMPLE?

Matthew 21:12–17

Jesus entered a functioning Temple filled with religious activity—but He overturned what was interfering with its intended purpose.

Remember:

You may manage it, but you don't own it.

Presence requires space. Stewardship determines what gets to occupy it.

3. WHAT CAN INTERFERE WITH PRESENCE?

FAMILIARITY — 1 Samuel 2–4

Hophni and Phinehas handled holy things but failed to honor God.

Key Truth:

What becomes familiar can stop feeling sacred.

IMPATIENCE — Exodus 32–33

Israel became tired of waiting and manufactured a golden calf.

Key Truth:

Impatience can cause us to manufacture what Presence intended us to wait for.

Impatience: “I can't wait.”

Presence: “I won't go without You.”

CONTROL — Numbers 9:15–23

Israel moved when the cloud moved and stayed when the cloud stayed.

Key Truth:

When Presence moves, we move. When Presence stays, we stay.

Question:

Does my structure serve God's Presence—or do I expect God's Presence to serve my structure?

YESTERDAY'S METHOD — 2 Samuel 5:17–25

David asked God for direction again even after winning the previous battle.

Same God. Same enemy. Different instruction.

Key Truth:

Yesterday's move of God cannot automatically become today's method for God.

DISTRACTION — Luke 10:38–42

Martha became distracted while serving Jesus.

Key Truth:

Don't become so busy serving His Presence that you stop sitting in His Presence.

4. PRESENCE WITH ORDER

1 Corinthians 12–14

Paul teaches:

Freedom with responsibility.

Manifestation with discernment.

Presence with order.

The Spirit distributes gifts **“just as he determines”** (1 Corinthians 12:11).

Remember:

It is not **Presence OR order.**

It is:

PRESENCE WITH ORDER.

Order should never become an excuse for control.

PRESENCE CHECK

What tables may be in my temple?

Familiarity: “I know how this works.”

Impatience: “God is taking too long.”

Control: “I already have the plan.”

Distraction: “I’m too busy serving.”

Yesterday's Method: “This is how God did it before.”

Ask Yourself:

What is occupying space in me that belongs to God?

What might God be asking me to surrender or change?

If God changed my plans today, would I recognize His direction—or resent the interruption?

MANIFESTING GOD PRINCIPLE

If God is only allowed to move according to our plan, we're not following Presence—we're asking Presence to follow us.

This Week's Challenge

Pray:

“God, what is occupying space in me that belongs to You?”

Then ask:

“Holy Spirit, what needs to move?”

What is God saying to me?
