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THE KINGDOM OF GOD

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO MINISTRY

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PNEUMATOLOGY OF THE KINGDOM

A Holistic Interpretation of Holiness

- Purification:

- Act 15:8 *And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us;*
- Act 15:9 *and in **cleansing** their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us.*

- Empowerment:

- Act 1:8 *But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

PURIFICATION & SERVICE

Purification is to supply my own needs.....

Empowerment is to supply for the needs of others

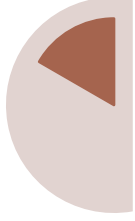
- John Wesley interpreted sanctification as ***the process where love expels sin***
- **Stanley Jones** added:
“Sanctification as a process where love expels sin ***and is conducive to love others***”
 - Purification without Service leads toward Indifference
 - New disciples should be trained into the Kingdom values
 - If you have not experienced Purification, then there was never Justification by Faith,

LOVE, SIN AND SERVICE

The sanctifying work of the spirit is conducive to a life of service

True Spirituality involves Purification and service

PURIFICATION



Love expels
sin

EMPOWERMENT



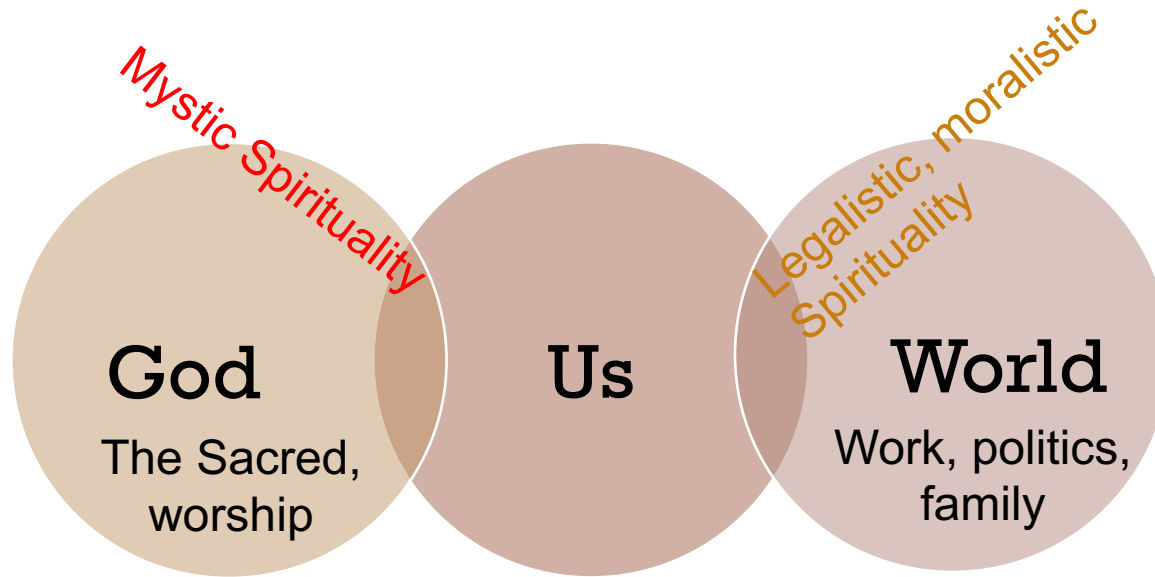
Love is
conductive
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SPIRITUALITY



A Life of
Service

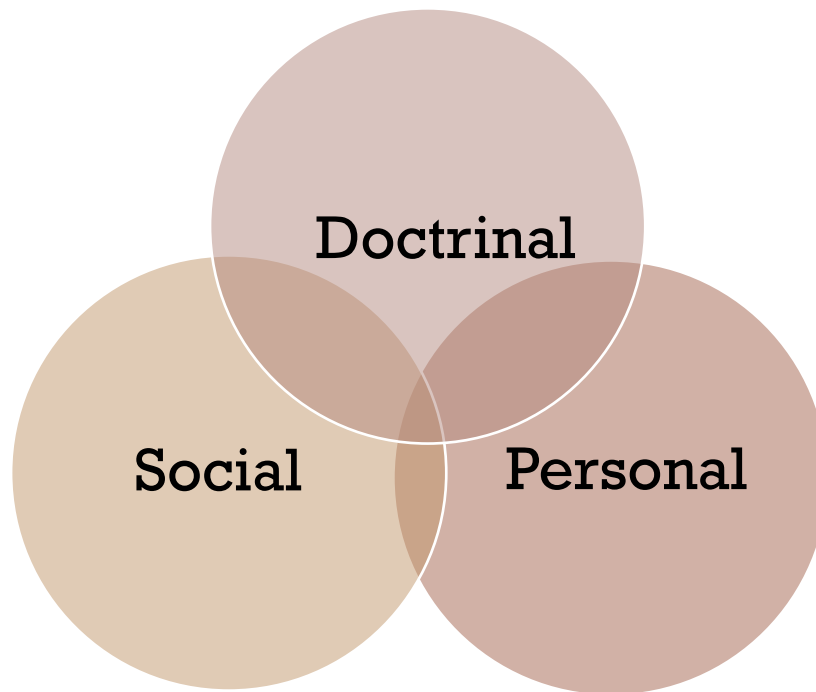
THE PROBLEM OF A FRAGMENTED SPIRITUALITY



The separation between the Secular & the Sacred is an incomplete, ineffective model to fulfill the great commission.

The Forgotten Ways Handbook, Hirsch & Altclass

- **Doctrinal:** *Right doctrine without appropriate application is incomplete*
- **Personal:** *Giving our personal story without the reason for our hope & its impact is incomplete*
- **Social:** *Engaging in social action without biblical balance is also incomplete*



HOLISTIC SPIRITUALITY

Tim Keller in his book “Generous Justice” correctly identifies the three dimensions of the full gospel response

Any one or two of these perspectives emphasized by itself leads to a *distortion of the Gospel of Christ*.

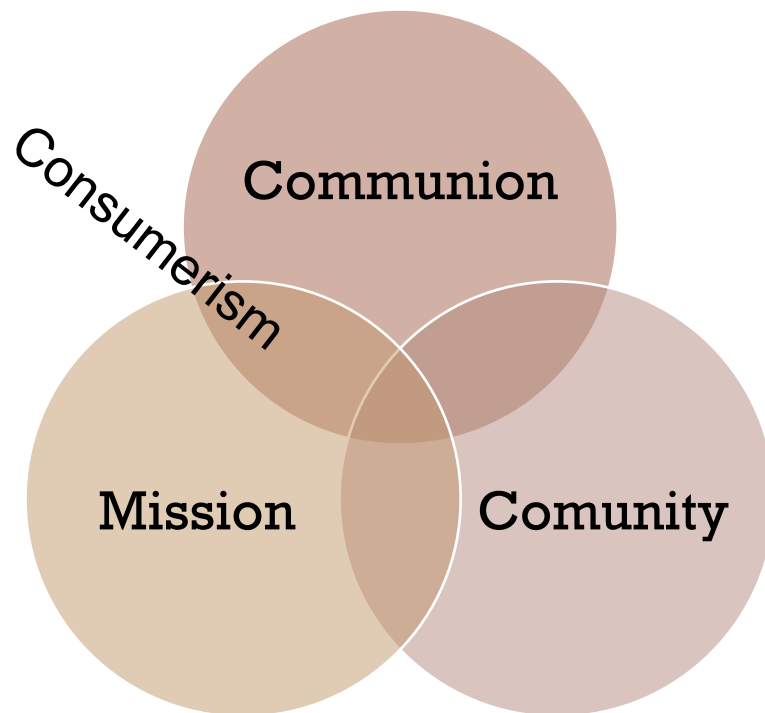
- Believers today pick & choose where to attend
- We are here to SERVE not to be served.



OBSTACLE #1: INDIVIDUALISM

- The legacy of 300 years of Modernism.
- The **reduction** of God's good news to individual salvation.

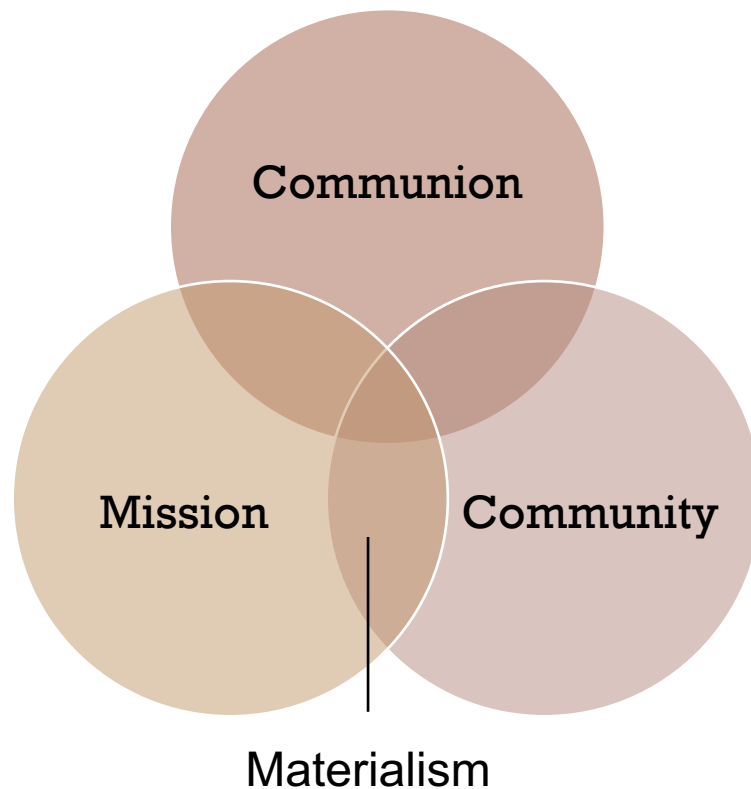
- Debt is the main feature of consumerism
- Disciples aren't consumers, they should be *producers*.
- the problem of consumerism is the marketing of sacred things as if they were commodities to be consumed



OBSTACLE #2: CONSUMERISM

It keeps us from being able to participate in God's mission to the world.

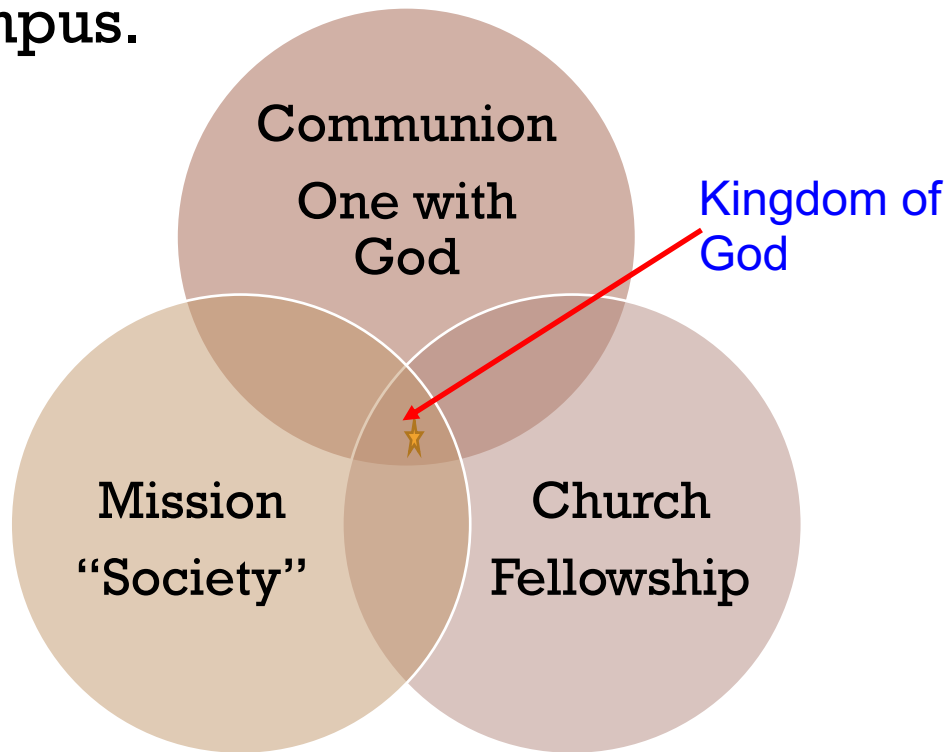
- Megachurches function like corporations instead of following the organic DNA of the Primitive church
- Churches that are most effective in delivering a product tend to be the least effective in making disciples



OBSTACLE #3: MATERIALISM

Materialism is a barrier between missions and community

- Believers listen to the word,
Disciples obey the word.
- Experience the Kingdom of God
outside the walls of the church's
campus.



KINGDOM SPIRITUALITY

Emulating Jesus' praxis,

learning to live
incarnated in
society



KINGDOM DISCIPLESHIP

A New/Old way of making Disciples

- Jesus spent at most three years discipling the apostles.
- Jesus focused in a process:
 1. Time of Discovery
 2. An inclusive Family
 3. Kingdom Now/Eternity Now
 4. Apprentice learning curve
 5. Spiritual Transformation

JESUS' WAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

Timeless
effective
method

THE ISSUE OF BELIEF

- Jesus allowed his followers to **examine** his values & the values of the Kingdom of God.
- Jesus broke traditional barriers by gaining their **trust** by living among the people, incarnated
- Jesus allowed his followers to **choose** to follow him or not.

	Modernist	Easterners	Postmodernists	Gospel
How we/they believe	Reason	Faith	Preference	<i>Discovery</i>

THE ISSUE OF RELATIONSHIPS

- Modernist tend to be autonomous, which manifests in individualist lifestyles: “personal relationship with God” & the tendency to fellowship with the immediate family.
- Easterners understand that relationships are inclusive & entails faith, family & tradition.
- Postmodernist are pluralistic, they prefer disconnected relationships without much compromise

	Modernists	Easternist	Postmodernists	Gospel
Relationships	Autonomous	Inclusive	Pluralists	<i>Inclusive Community</i>

- We Modernist are notorious for valuing **security**
 - (insurance, job security, retirement plans)
- The Easterners value **legacy**,
 - They value legacy as the most important thing to pass on to the next generation.
 - (Faith, Family)
- Postmodernists value the “**here & now**”
 - They value “gratification” at the core center of its values.
 - Little emphasis on tomorrow

VALUES

The Primitive church offered its members a “window to heaven” the possibility of healing, God’s intervention, Hope and eschatological direction.

SO FAR.....

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How we value relationships	Autonomous	Inclusive	Pluralist	<i>Inclusive Community</i>
Values	Security	Legacy	Gratification	<i>Eternity Now</i>

- The Modernist influencesc through **institutions**, positions and programs.
- The Easterner influences by **tradition**
- The Postmodernist seeks to **deconstruct** the past in order to build new narratives, new frameworks of existence.

HOW DO WE INFLUENCE?

The primitive church impacted its world by modeling, living Jesus' message...

ALMOST THERE....

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How we influence	Institutions	Tradition	Deconstruction	Modeling

The Tangible Kingdom, Hugh Halter & Matt Smay, p. 75

- The Modernist values success by the **final product**. The church values growth, corporations value profits, etc.
- The Easterner values the **process** rather than the final product. The process is attached to the inclusive family, legacy and tradition.
- The Postmodernist values his **justification** as basis to deconstruct reason, structure, and search for meaning in the Here & now mentality.

HOW WE EVALUATE SUCCESS

The Primitive
church value
character
“transformation”
as the culmination
of the discipleship
process.

JESUS' METHOD OF DISCIPLESHIP

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Values	Security	Legacy	Gratification	Eternity Now
How we influence	Institutions	Tradition	Deconstruction	Modeling
How we value success	Final Product	Process oriented	Justification	Transformation



