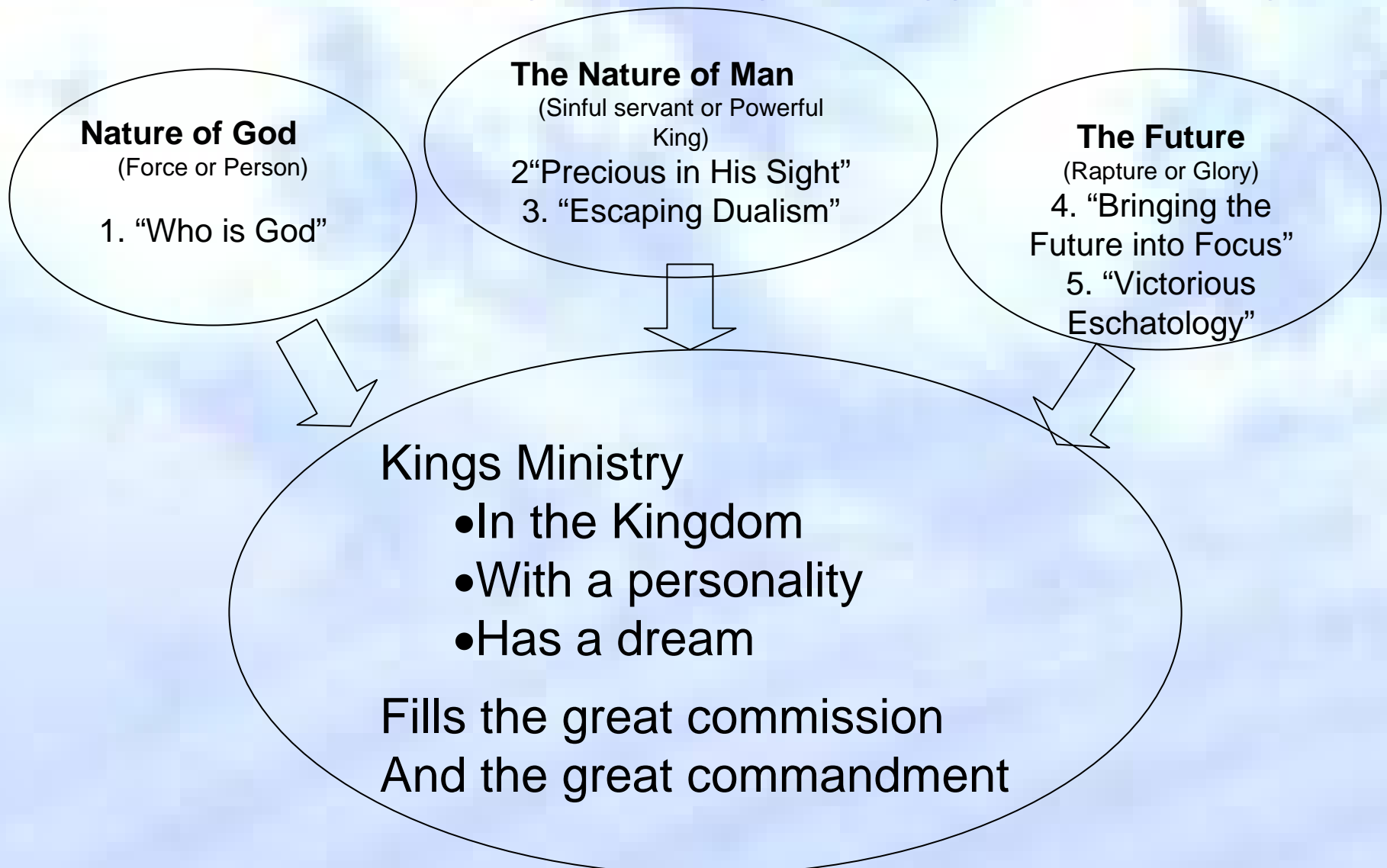


2. Building the Kingdom Through Your Heart's Desire

Gen 12:2-3

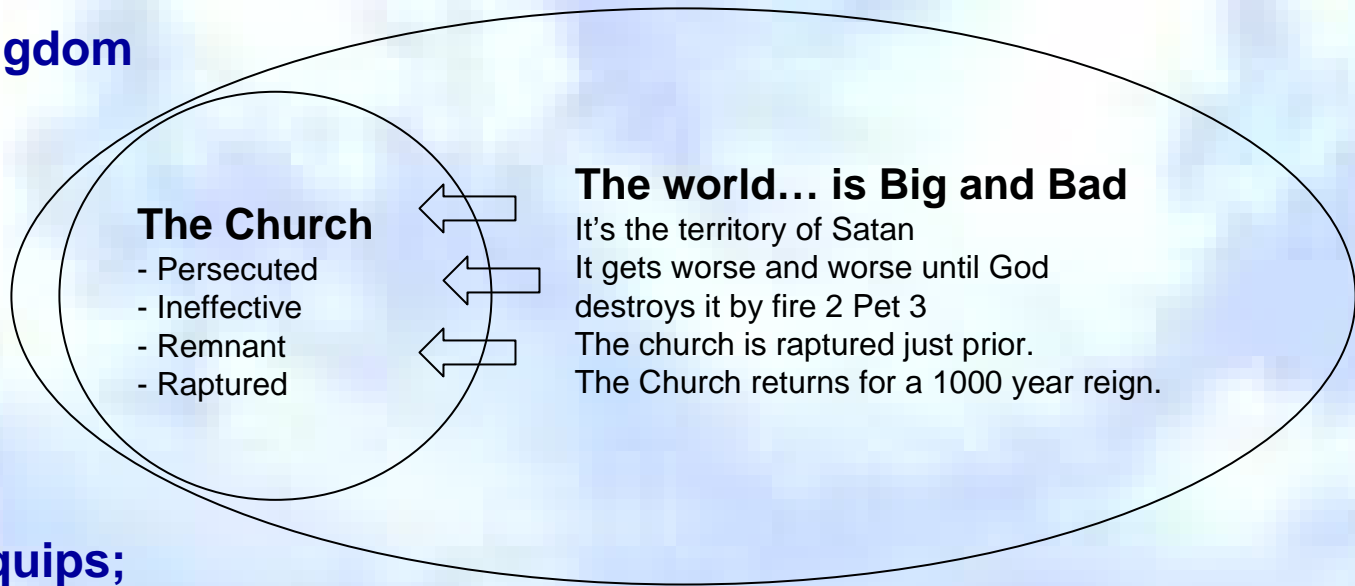
I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you;
I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

Start with the Right Theology – Suggested Reading



Start with the Concept – of the Kingdom

Church = Kingdom



The Church Equips; Kingdom expands



1. The Nature of God

Jesus Came (to bring us “life”)

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. 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.** Jn 10:9-10 KJV, Jn 3:16-17, Jn 6:33,51

The Philosophic god

Experience the personal God

Impassable – Unemotional..... Freedom

Immutable – Never changes..... Conversation

Omniscient - Knows all..... Seek one another

Timeless – Knows the future..... I shape the future

Sovereign – Controls all..... I take initiative

“Force-ful” concepts of God (Big God Little people) produce something:

1. Authority based relationships
(the premium is on obedience from the ants)
2. A Legal approach to faith
(Covenants are contracts vs. relationships)
3. Lethargy
(Predestination - He's in control, why bother)
4. Stoicism – Emotions just get in the way
(hide your emotions, God doesn't like them)

2. The Nature of Man – friend of God

Making the Transition (Maturing) from “Sheep” to “King”



Focus.....Rules/Principles.....Vision/Dreams
Responsibility.....God.....Me

Kingly Leadership – Helping people connect with their own unique vision & showing success by example
Servant Leadership – Making people do what they don't want to do..... & showing success by example

From the Head

Obedient
Unity
Submissive / Compliant
Servant's heart

Humility
Meekness
Faithfulness
Principled / ethical

From the Heart

Initiative / Assertive
Unique
Power / Authority
Creativity / originality / ingenuity /
resourceful / visionary
Boldness
Enterprising
Decisiveness
Flexible / inspirational

About Your Heart - God

- Ezek 36:25-27 KJV (See also Heb 8:10, 10:16)
 - 25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.
 - 26 **A new heart also will I give you**, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.
 - 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.
- Ps 37:4 Delight yourself in the LORD and he **will give you the desires of your heart.**
- Ps 20:4 4 May he **give you the desire of your heart** and make all your plans succeed.
- Ps. 37:31 The **law of God is in his heart**; his feet do not slip.

3 Views of the Future Kingdom

Camp #1 - The future is bleak, The rapture is our hope.

Views itself as a holy but persecuted remnant in terms of the present. The enemy is in possession of many secular institutions and the antichrist is behind the scenes manipulating events for evil. The newspapers are usually full of material to support this view. Camp #1 hearts are projected all the way up to heaven and they are not available to build the Kingdom now because everything in the present will be destroyed by future wars, famines, earthquakes, or by the Lord himself. In this camp my heart is positioned for hope in the rapture and I keep it in neutral - "waiting" for the savior. This camp tends to avoid entanglement with the marketplace. Here's a verse I might use to distance myself from all the present carnality.

Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly **await** a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ... Phil 3:19-20

Camp #2 - It's bad now but revival is coming.

This has largely been a position of the prophetic movement. Revivals, historically, and more recently in places like Toronto and Brownsville, remind us of God's ability to break out in power. So, we build our expectations around God's miraculous intervention and position our hearts to anticipate a revival in the future. Here's a verse I might use to point to God's future revival.

- Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days **will he revive us**: in the third day **he will raise us up**, and we shall live in his sight. Hos 6:1-2

3 Views of the Future Kingdom (continued)

Camp #3 – The Kingdom Is Upon You

- In this camp we see the kingdom of God already established and we see our job to expand it to fill the earth. It's not easy because the enemy does hold some territory, but it's our job to take it back. We also have lot's of very clear promises that we'll succeed. So we have this "we're winning" mentality and our hearts are positioned in the present to make a difference.
 - *Please hear this, "We don't have to discount a coming revival or rapture; those are just not the primary focus of our hearts - we're no longer 'waiting'." We're no longer prophetic "doomsayers."*
- The Kingdom of God is present on earth now. Those that can see it can expand it. My heart is positioned in the present to make a difference today. I'm back from the future; excited, empowered, and optimistic about the present. These are some of the verses I might use to point to the Kingdom of God.
 - But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Matt 12:28 KJV
 - The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John; since that time the gospel of the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it. Luke 16:16
 - No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. Rom 8:37

Moving From Servant to Friend

a. The promise to Kings (Friend of God)

John 15:15-17

5 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.
16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last. ***Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.*** 17 This is my command: Love each other.

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Ps 37:3-4

see also Ps 20:4, John 15:7-8, 14:13-14, 15:7-8, 15:15-16, 16:23-24

b. The degree of difficulty

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and **only a few find it.** Matt 7:13-14

c. Servants Substitute Obedience for Relationships

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Ps. 51:16-17) and (Ps. 40:6-8)

d. What We (servants) Think God Wants

- a. don't _____
- b. stop _____
- c. give up _____

“Give up the desires of your heart”
Enjoy being a monk
#1. I don't want to,
#2 I can't

e. What is Spiritual Warfare – Guarding Your Well Spring – Heart's Desire

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. Prov 4:23

f. The Goal of Morality – Ecstasy

You will show me **the path of life**; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Ps 16:11 NKJV

g. Dreams Keep Us Young (What's your Dream; How can I help?)

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits — 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, 5 who satisfies your desires with good things **so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's**. Ps 103:2-5 NIV

The One Question God Asks Every King

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said,

"Ask! What shall I give you?" 1 Kings 3:5 NKJV

...friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God 22 **and receive from him anything we ask**, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. 1 John 3:19-22

3. **What is your "Joy Ahead"?** _____

... **who for the joy set before him endured the cross** Heb 12:1-3 29

"I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel 30 will fail to **receive a hundred times as much in this present age** (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields-and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. Mark 10:29-30 (from New International Version)

4. **What's Your Heart's Desire?** _____

"This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. **I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.**" Heb 10:16 (8:10)

Learn To Be Childlike - Ask

- Pretend (daydream, meditate)
- Play (Act, Practice)
- Dream (Prophecy, Proclaim)
- Shop till you drop

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will **see visions**, your old men will **dream dreams**. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. Acts 2:17-18

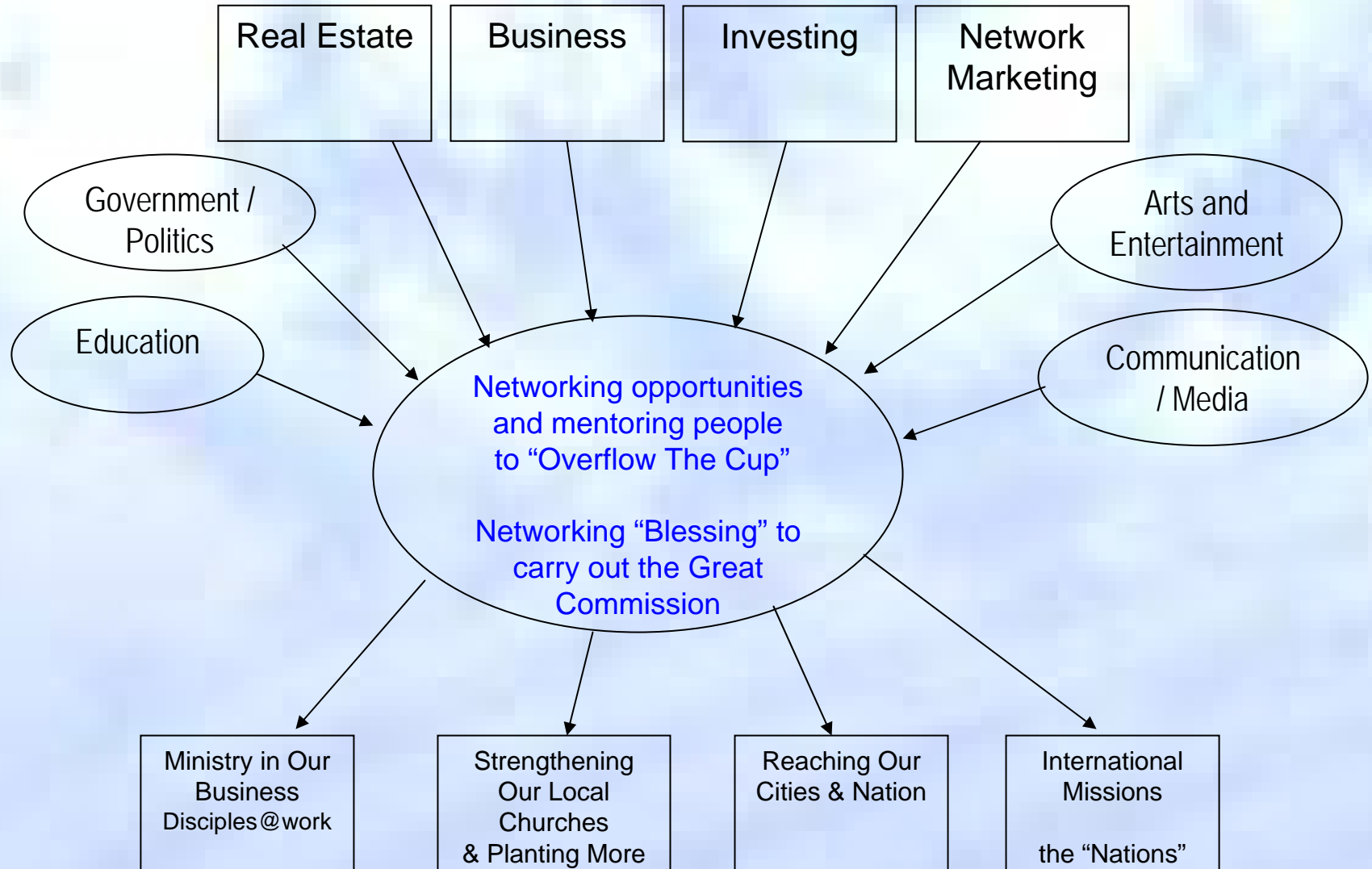
What to Ask – Live on 10%

Now to him who is **able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine**, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Eph 3:20-21 ...and all peoples on earth will be blessed **through you** Gen 12:3

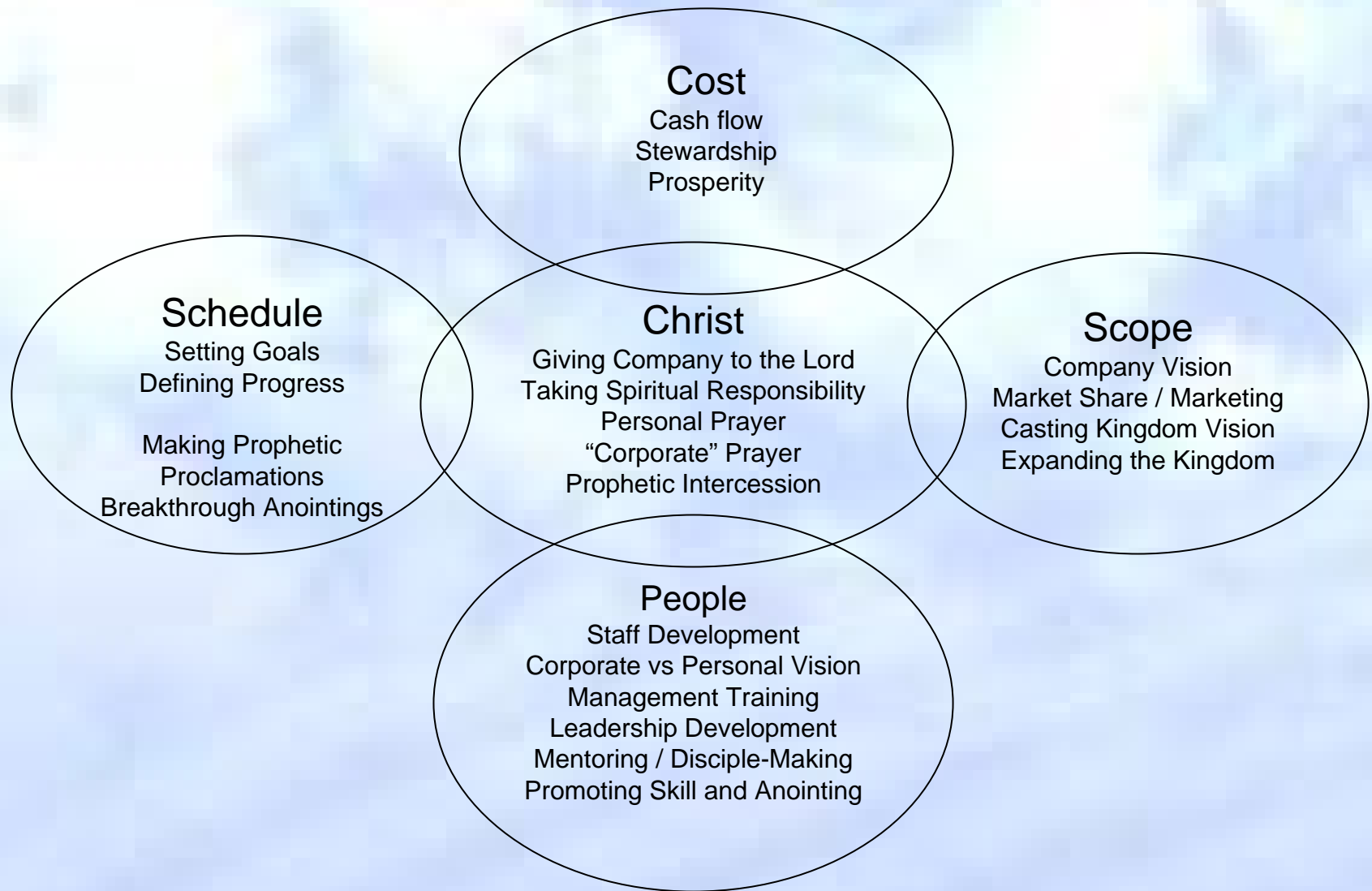
Choose Life - Seize initiative Josh 17:14-17

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now **choose life**, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. **For the LORD is your life**, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Deut 30:19-20

Networking Kings – why we're Here!



Christ in Your Company & Your Company into Christ



Actions for Kings

1. To lay a foundation

Go to www.releasing-kings.com

Sign up for our free email newsletter

Look at the 4 free reports

Order copies of the books and give them to entrepreneurial personalities

2. Personally - What's your heart's desire? *1 Kings 3:4-5*

3. Learn to spend on income generating assets (why you save) (instead of houses, cars, boats, swimming pools, vacations)

- Start a business
- Invest
- Buy Real Estate
- Network Marketing (direct sales)
- Spend time with contacts in the above areas (see web)

Pursue your vision for ministry / Generosity

4. Spread the word

- Bible study with our book "Releasing Kings"
- <http://www.releasing-kings.com/Starting-a-Group.html>
- Start a ministry to equip and release Kings "Outside" local church

“How to” for Pastors

What I can do to release Kings in my Church?

Spread the concept of the Ministry of Kings – it’s contagious

Give copies of Releasing Kings to the entrepreneurial types in the church

Preach the theological foundation discussed in part 2 of the Releasing Kings

Preach the practical application in the marketplace – business, government, communications, the arts, education, etc.

Give examples of success stories (ministry outside the church in the marketplace that complements the church by expanding the Kingdom)

The Passion by Mel Gibson

Host or attend a conference on Releasing Kings

Identify a leader for those with an entrepreneurial calling – a leader of Kings in your local church

1. Encourage him to network with other Kings

Subscribing to the Releasing Kings Newsletter

Attending a Marketplace Ministry conference

Participating in the conference calls

Starting a training session in your local church to help people connect with their marketplace dream.

2. Ask him to develop a network of Kings in your local church

Challenge them to add a ministry plan to their business plan

pastor their employees

evangelize their customers

Identify ministry projects for their church, City, or Missions opportunity they can fund and manage

3. Encourage them to Mentor a group of young people