

The Releasing Kings Study Guide Vs. 1.1

We've designed this study guide as an aid to teaching from our book, "Releasing the Kings". You can use it to:

- mentor a small group at your work place
- teach a class for Kings in your church
- teach a business group
- mentor your sales associates in network or direct marketing
- use as a theme for your home group
- study the material on a personal level

This file contains

- one page of notes per chapter
- graphics suitable for reproduction (including overheads)
- study questions to help you implement these truths in your personal experience (at the end of each section)

There is also a companion PDF file that highlights key points in the book with notes in the margin to help you with additional comments and questions. This material can be covered in as little as 4 sessions or as long as 20. Generally, we recommend 8 – 12 sessions. Lastly, we'll provide an hour of free consultation (from John) to assist you in any way we can to make your use of this material fruitful.

Implementation

We've developed a website and email newsletter to further help you assimilate this material. (Marketplace ministry is developing too fast for any other media.) Here's what's available at <http://www.releasing-kings.com>

1. An email newsletter
2. A bio on Harold and John and a list of upcoming events
3. Bio's of Kings in various occupations based on our interviews
4. Four free reports on hot topics related to Kings that you can download
5. Other resources we recommend

Introducing “Kings”

Timing – “the next revival will occur in the marketplace”

“Currently many of the Lord’s prophets are pronouncing with great emphasis and urgency that this is the time when our Lord is going to prosper those who will have the faith and courage to step forward into ministry in the marketplace. But the Church has not known how.” John Sanford (pg IX) – John founded the Elijah house ministry, wrote our foreword, and is a pioneer in the prophetic movement.

1. Marketplace Ministry and workplace ministry – are different.

“This book is not about how to be successful at your job; it’s about how to be successful at your dream. Allow the Lord to unveil the oneness of your vocation, your avocation, your ministry, and God’s purpose for your life. You’ll be amazed at the blessing that flows from a life integrated in those four areas. The ensuing passion is highly contagious.” Pg Xii

2. A New Breed of “Ministers”

- New Christians are excited about gifts, ministry, and the miraculous
- The only ministry model is preaching / pastoral
- “Lay Ministry” in the church is a stop gap – “unpaid overtime for most”

the Answer is

- Kings minister in the Kingdom – in our cities, the marketplace
- Priest – pastor the local church
 - Priests – the 2% on staff
 - Levites – 10-20% that make the ministries in the church work
 - Kings – 80% that don’t fit in church ministries

What if the 80% of our congregations really were fruitful in the marketplace?

3. We’ve broken this subject into 4 categories

- Part 1 discusses the roles of Kings and priests
- Part 2 provides a theological foundation that motivates Kings
- Part 3 – the ministry of Kings, what motivates them
- Part 4 – the personal life of Kings

Note:

You are going to find that your heart’s desire matches God’s heart more than you realized. When you see it, you will be surprised and delighted at the doors that open in every area of your life...you’ll no longer be “just a servant.” Pg 5

Intro to Part I

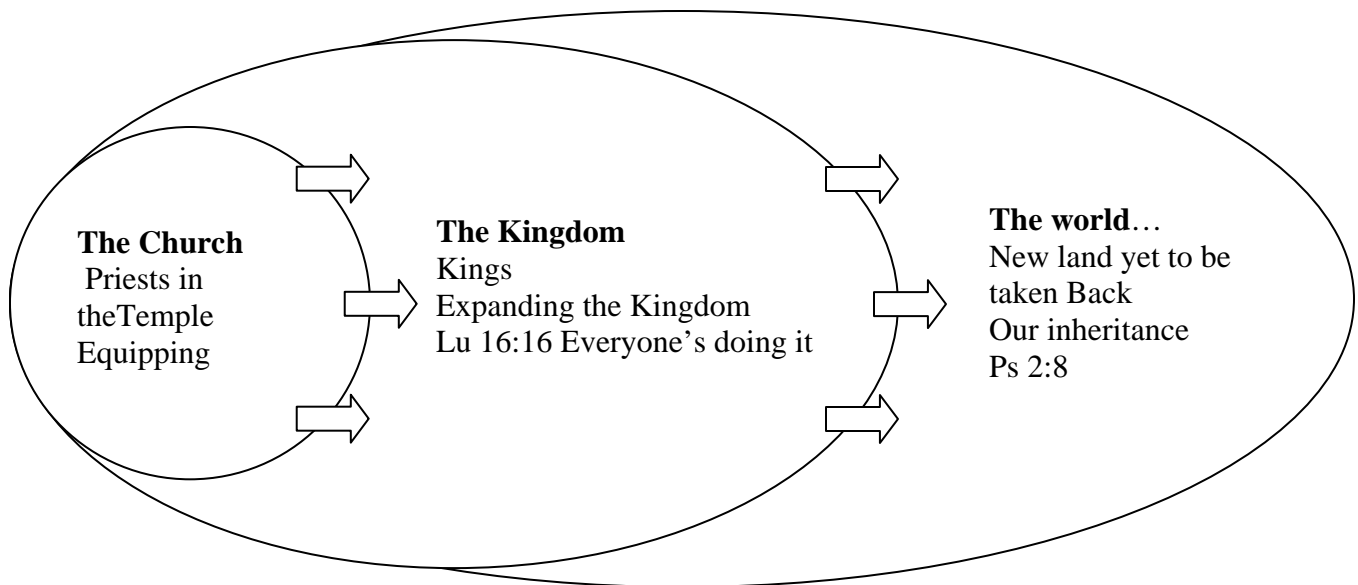
The key to understanding the distinction between priests and kings is 1) what their ministries are, and 2) where they function

We'll use this graphic a number of times throughout the book. It has roots in our eschatology which we'll discuss in more in Chapter 9

This understanding opens the door for marketplace ministry and the role of Kings endeavoring to expand the Kingdom. Eureka! We see that Priests (pastors, teachers, and other anointed church leaders) have a role in the Church. Kings (Christians in the marketplace) have a role out in the world, expanding the Kingdom of God. Pg 13

This basic understanding is the key that unlocks marketplace ministry

Priests equip the church... Kings expand the kingdom



Chapter 1 - Kings get the job done

Ezra the priest / Nehemiah (the king's cupbearer... a government official)

A full 13 years later Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem, took charge of the project, and had the walls up in 52 days. Nehemiah is ministering as a King.

So the wall was completed on the twentyfifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. (Neh. 6:15)

...in the days of Nehemiah the governor and of Ezra the Priest.... (Neh. 12:26)

How many Kings or Priests can you name from the Bible?

Kings – Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, Solomon, Daniel, etc.

Priests - ?

Point 1 – God uses Kings outside the church to get the job done.

Chapter 2 - The Roles of Kings, Priests and Prophets

Kings – Deut 17:14-20

1. Kings are chosen by God and ordained just like priests (15)
2. Kings are cautioned against materialism (16-17)... they are anointed for wealth, subject to pride and independence
3. Kings must stay close to scripture (18-19)
4. Kings reign... have wealth, power, influence

Priests – Deut 18:1-8, Num 18:20-21

1. Priests have no allotment nor inheritance, the Lord is their inheritance
2. Priests derive income from tithes and offerings (Deut 18:1-4)
3. Kings have great wealth, priests do not
4. Priest's first priority is to minister to the Lord

In addition:

- a. Priests have a focus for God's people and shouldn't be weighed down by projects or material concerns (Acts 6:2)
- b. Priests leave the 99 and go after the 1.

Pastors hesitate to go faster than the slowest lamb; Kings rarely go slower than the fastest horse.

- c. Priests have hearts for worship
- d. Priests are chosen by God, consecrated, and ordained.

Prophets – Deut 18:18-22

1. Guard against detestable practices (Deut 18:12)
2. Can discern wrong motives, and hidden behavior
3. Speak the voice of God, often intercessors
4. Can fall into presumption if they go beyond their unction (20)
5. God endorses prophetic ministries, holds people accountable to heed the prophet
6. Prophets often supported supernaturally
 - Elijah fed by ravens, then by a widow with no food (1 Kings 17:6, 14)

Point 2 – Kings, Priests, and Prophets have different but complimentary ministries

Chapter 3 – the Kings Personality: Bold, Competitive, and Creative

Kings function in business, arts, politics, communication, entertainment, education, etc.

1. **Business Mindset** – David, sheep rancher in training to be the King
2. **Competitive Spirit** – David killed lions and bears with a club; a giant with a rock
3. **Motivated by profit** – David asks about he reward for killing Goliath (1Sam 17:26)
4. **Creativity and Craftsmanship** – an anointing like Bezalel (Ex 31:1-6)
5. **An anointing to get wealth**

You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. (Deut. 8:16-18)

6. **Wisdom and Reputation** –

*...seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this **business**; (Acts 6)*

When Kings are recognized and released, they minister with great results (Acts 6:3-7)

*“...Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then **the word of God spread**, and the number of the **disciples multiplied greatly** in Jerusalem, and a great many of the **Priests were obedient to the faith.***

(Acts 6:3-7 NKJV)

1. the word of God spread
2. disciples multiplied greatly
3. priests got saved

7. **Reaching Cities** - people who are faithful in small matters (such as money) are given more responsibility (such as cities).

*“The first one came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned ten more.’ ‘Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, **take charge of ten cities.**’ ” “The second came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned five more.’ His master answered, ‘You take charge of five cities.’ ” (Luke 19:16-19)*

Questions:

1. Do you think this parable applies to heaven or this life (or both)?
2. To date, the model for city evangelism has focused on the role of pastors... is it really the responsibility of Kings?

Point 3 – Kings have a unique personality that is required for their ministry in the marketplace – God’s warriors and generals.

Chapter 4 – Kings, Priests and Prophets Working Together

The Biblical pattern is all 3 functioning differently toward the same end.
Let's highlight the 4 difficult areas

1. View of wealth

- Priest that preach “holy” poverty, or
- an imbalanced focus on cars, clothes, offerings

Without promoting the excesses of materialism, we must make room in our theology for Kings to be channels for the finances, influence, power, and leadership to expand the Kingdom.

2. Leadership in Churches

- Priests / pastors have the responsibility to lead the local church
- When Kings get involved they can be tempted to run the whole church

Priests never can surrender the leadership of the church to a King without violating a spiritual principle. Kings don't serve God in the Temple; they serve Him in the marketplace.

3. City Transformation

Current approach in the US is Pastor-centric to the exclusion of Kings – hasn't worked!
They have unified, strategized, prayed, held city-wide meetings, and proclaimed themselves as the gatekeepers of their cities.

4. Decision Making in the Church

- a. the imbalance of “covering” theology – applied outside the church
- b. a Senior pastor does need to be the highest authority in his/her church
- c. Kings are not an extension of the ministry of equipping in the local church
 - David didn't need a priest's permission to wage a war
 - Kings need to give themselves permission to hear God and act (in the Kingdom)

Please hear this simple pattern for decision making. Pastors should make the decisions affecting the local church; they are God's Priests in the Temple. Kings should focus their initiatives toward the great commission—reaching outside the church and expanding the Kingdom. Kings should return from the marketplace with fruit—fruit that grows the local church. Pastors function primarily in the church; Kings function primarily in the marketplace.

5. Apostolic Influence

The apostolic influence on the church will help bridge Prophets, Priests, and Kings.
Note: when Kings function the evangelistic wing of the local church will be added.

*When modern-day Kings begin to function, we'll see new land taken for the Kingdom. Kings will begin to inherit the whole Earth, as they possess what the Lord has for them. Pastors will see the **impact of Kings in Church growth and evangelism**. It's time to make room in our theology for this three-fold cord.*

Point 4 – Healthy relationships between Kings and Priests occur when boundaries are understood.

Chapter 5 – Kings in the New Testament

1. Revisit the Rich Young Ruler (Luke 18:18-25)

Priestly interpretation – Rich people can't get into heaven, sell all, live by faith

Kingly interpretation –

- a. Don't put material wealth before God
- b. sell you current inventory to care for the poor
- c. Go back to your business and help the poor by getting them jobs or showing them how to start their own business.

2. Peter, the businessman

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. (Matt. 4:18-20)

Priestly interpretation – Quit your job and go into full-time ministry

Kingly Interpretation – Peter did follow Jesus but the fishing business didn't stop. The Bible is largely silent on the details (whether Peter ran it part-time or some one else did)

“I'm going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We'll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.... (John 21:1-14)

Priestly interpretation – Peter is discouraged, quit the ministry, & went back to his job

Kingly interpretation –

- a. the nets and boats didn't sit idle for 3 ½ years and then work one night
- b. Peter's business functioned somehow for 3 ½ years of Jesus ministry
- c. Jesus used boats in his ministry multiple times (Probably Peter's)
(Lu 5:1-3, Matt 8:23, Matt 9:1, Matt 13:2, Matt 14:13, Matt 14:22)

3. Paul Had a Business

Paul went to see them, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. (Acts 18:2-4)

You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:34-35)

Or is it only I and Barnabas who must work for a living? (I Cor. 9:6)

Paul is an apostle, yet he is obviously not in full-time ministry.

2 observations:

- a. We should appreciate and model “Kingly” ministries that provide their own support. They combine business, discipleship of employees, and ministry.
- b. We should appreciate, but not idolize full-time ministers.

Point 5 – The Bible is full of examples of Kings and is largely written by Kings and from a Kingly perspective. Marketplace Ministry is as old as the Bible.

Chapter 6 – Imagine, Discipling Nations

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matt. 28:18b-20)

Questions

1. Do you think we rely too much on God to sovereignly bring us revival instead of having and plan and working it?
2. Do you think Kings with the right degree of power and wealth in business and government could make a difference?
3. Within the sphere of your business or influence, how could you make a difference?

Point 6 – Kings are the means God will use to carry out the great commission.

Conclusion to Part 1

The concept of releasing Kings into the marketplace is a remarkable breakthrough that will release the Body of Christ into the “mission” of Christianity—taking the Gospel to the ends of the Earth. Marketplace ministry is an innovative, yet simple, message that can revolutionize people’s concepts of ministry and change their understanding of “fruit” to that of reaching the marketplaces of the world.

Now that you understand the roles of Prophets, Priests, and Kings and see the potential, can you see anything missing?

1. Is the concept of recognizing and releasing Kings a program for the church?
2. Do you think anyone will implement it?
3. What do you think it will take to Release Kings?

Note: I want to suggest it will take a shift in our theology in three areas

1. our concept of God
2. our view of the nature of man
3. our view of the future

Why go back to doctrinal foundations for marketplace ministry? Because **working with God instead of performing for Him** is fun, addictive, pleasurable, adventurous, joyful, meaningful, and rewarding. Converting from a “religious” to a “relational” motivational base returns us to our first love. You don’t have to wait for heaven to experience God’s blessings (Psalm 16:11). The Kingdom of God has come upon you (Matt. 12:28).

*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)*

Application – Thought Questions for Part 1.0

Key Point – Kings are real! They minister in the marketplace and their ministry is equally valid with those of priestly ministries in the church. The function of Kings is to expand the Kingdom outside the church. Kings are entrepreneurial by nature and have the ability to get things done – quickly.

1. Have you thought of yourself as a King?
 - a. Have you given yourself permission to minister in the marketplace?
 - b. How?
 - c. What are your spiritual gifts?
 - d. How have you used them in the marketplace?

2. The nuclear church has not yet generally seen the role of Kings yet (neither have Kings).
 - a. Have you competed for a priestly function inside the church?
 - b. Have you seen doors close as you tried?
 - c. Have you felt rejected? Wounded?
 - d. Can you see God keeping you from involvement in priestly ministry inside the church in order to preserve the focus of your ministry as a King?

3. Can you see the “land” God has for you?
 - a. Can you define it for others?
 - b. What is it?
 - c. Can you see the connection between God’s promised land for you and the desires of your heart?
 - d. Can you see the implementation of your spiritual gifts in your marketplace setting?

4. Have you used your prophetic gift to get a sense of direction in your job or business?

Assignments

1. Write out your personal story in a couple of pages similar to the format we’ve used to interview other Kings and share it with your group.
See examples at <http://www.releasing-kings.com/Interviewing-Kings.html>

Part 2 – Foundations for Kingly Motivations

We take a hard look at the theological foundation for Kings for simple reasons:

1. Marketplace Ministry could degenerate to another passing program soon to fade from the scene of the church
2. These truths / doctrines reveal something about the nature of God that allows us to naturally gravitate toward Kingly characteristics... it's a lifestyle, not a program.
3. Sound doctrine provides a “motivational” base to begin a Kingly ministry... We're doing what God had planned all along.
4. Every “Reformation” has come with some “theological shift” to support it. Marketplace ministry is no exception. Our theology does have to change.

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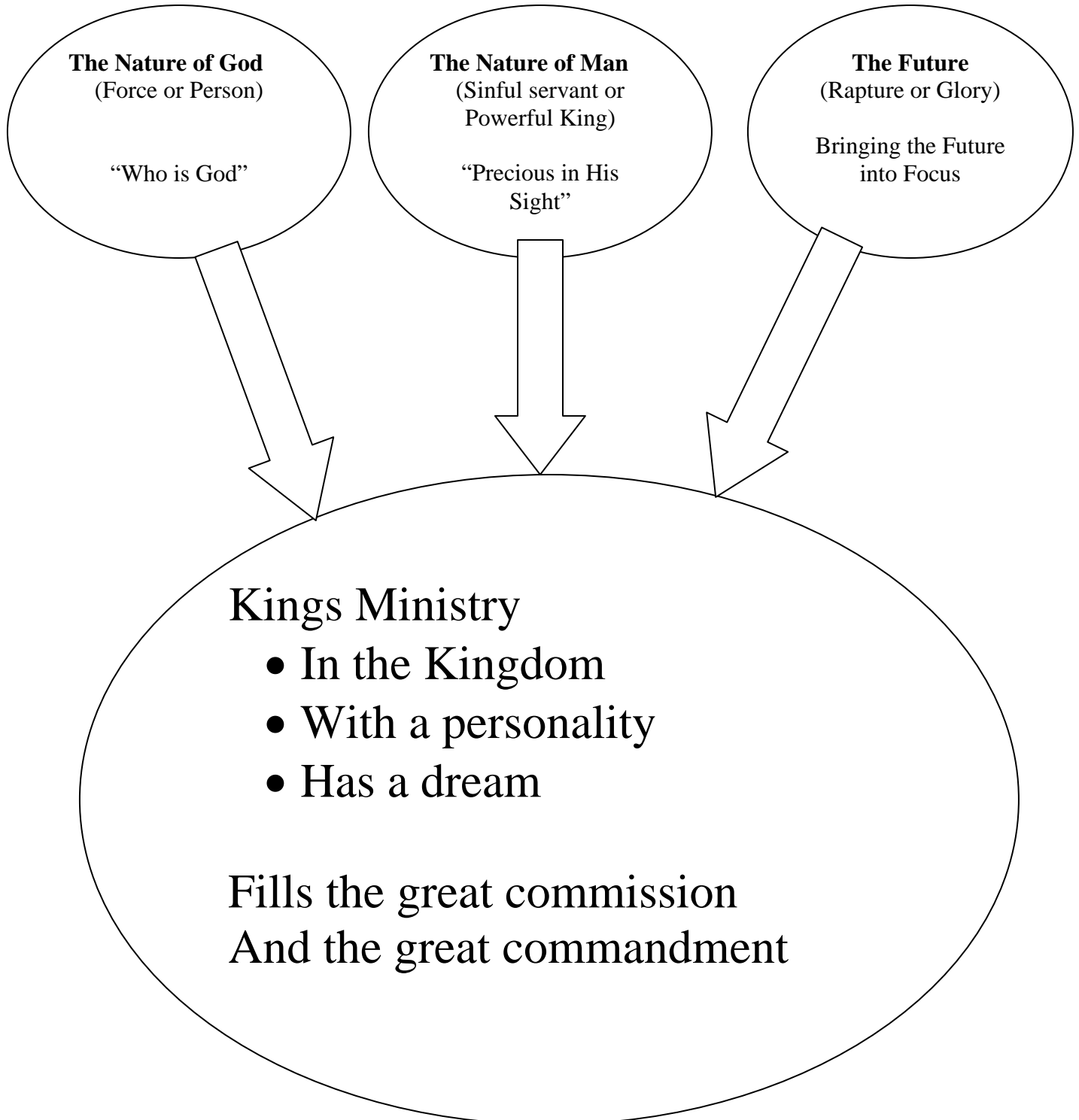
Reformation in Our Day

Releasing Kings is a move of God; the equivalent of a “Reformation” in our age. When we think of reformation several thoughts come to mind

1. Luther's salvation by grace...
 - a. this reformation includes a theological shift as well (see Pt 2)
 - b. God is personal
 - c. Men are created in God's image, designed to walk and work with God
 - d. The future is bright – the whole earth will be filled with his glory
2. The Priesthood of the believer (the saints have personal access to the bible and faith)
 - a. In this reformation God is putting the saints into the ministry in the market place.

Foundations in Theology

Part 2 – Releasing Kings



Chapter 7 – Who is God

1. *The Influence of Greek philosophy – Stoicism (Classical View of God)*

- God (gk) is the prime mover – a sterile force, stoic and unresponsive to His Creation
- Our God is interactive, emotional, personal, and communicative! Most of us would have to admit we don't fully know God who has those characteristics.

2. *Passivity turns to Initiative*

Classical view of God - He has predestined and controls all things

- Align ourselves with our predetermined path
- Avoiding rebellion, presumption, and personal ambition—all things that compete with the will of “The Force.”
- spiritual disciplines are directed at zeroing out personal initiative so we don't get out of “God's will.”
- Like a robot, if God doesn't touch the joy stick, we don't make a move. We are left theologically unwilling to take a risk and follow a leading that we might confuse with personal initiative or rebellious ambition.

Biblical view of God - God is interactive, emotional, personal, and communicative!

- God values initiative
- He values the dreams and desires of our heart (part of His own creative process)
- We are His children, His friends, and His co-laborers, seated at his right hand
- Prayer really does change the future course of events

3. *If God Is Just a Force, I Only Can Know His Principles*

- God is a cosmic force, I know His principles - everything is predictable & manageable
- If I'm performance oriented, comfortable with principles... impersonal, aloof, uncaring

The emptiness of rules and principles eventually break us and bring us to Christ
Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

(Gal. 3:24-25 KJV)

- The principles can tell us when we're out of bounds, but they won't substitute for hearing the voice of God and sensing His leading.
- We no longer read the Bible for knowledge; we read to hear God speak something into our spirits.
- Kings, such as David, connect with a “personal” God. The prayer and emotion of the Psalms, the prophetic, the communication with God in the form of questions and answers—all these things become real to us *when our doctrine embraces the reality of a personal, relational God.*

4. *From Principles to Real Faith*

- Promises in the Bible can degenerate to principles of faith (the title deed)
 - Covenant can degenerate to the legal basis we use to manipulate the force
- Real, Biblical faith begins with real communication with God – revelation, quickening
Whatsoever you bind... whatsoever you loose... there am I with them Mt 18:18-20

5. Authority-Based Relationships Become Personal Relationships

Step 1 – we perceive God as authoritarian, we are the ants

Step 2 – ants obey the force, live by the principles

Step 3 – Lead ants make others “obey” and give allegiance to the “principles”

...voila! We’re authoritarian and blind to it

We become like the god we worship

*The idols of the nations are silver and gold, made by the hands of men.... Those who make them **will be like them**, and so will all who trust in them. (Ps. 135:15-18)*

Kings that have really touched the heart of God are unique in their ability to make others successful. ...the definition of leadership

6. If God has Emotions, So should we

You wouldn’t expect to see a cosmic force dancing through the streets, would you? Neither did Plato and his pals. The philosophic concept of God that profoundly has influenced Christianity and the whole Western world was totally void of emotional expression or variation. Since we want to be as God, we value stoicism and show no emotion.

- In reality, the God of the Bible clearly shows emotions: joy, sorrow, anger, jealousy, and delight.
- When Jesus went through the courts of the Temple and turned over the tables of the money changers, He appeared more as a raging bull than a humble monk.
- Kings must be free to experience emotions to stay in touch with their intuitive, creative nature.

7. Lethargy Turns to Passion

If we think of God as the sun, evenly bathing all people with the same favor, there is little motivation for individuals to try to please Him.

- On the other hand, if God is responsive to individuals, then there are things people can do to give Him pleasure.
- You can please Him.
- There are things which you can do to make Him pleased with you.
- Once you understand this about God, you’ll be passionate, spirited, competitive (even aggressive) in pursuing Him, working with Him, and pleasing Him.

8. Covenant – from Contractual to Relational

Marriage is a picture of our covenant with God

(not a legal contract as much as a romantic relationship)

- Covenant relationship means God wants to include you in the planning process. He probably won't change the destiny of the universe, but your desires will change the specifics of His general will for your life.
- "What do you want to do?" is a very important question to God.

9. What About Mistakes?

Kings have to have the freedom and courage to make mistakes (they will anyway)

- Imagine God having the future all mapped out and never deviating from that plan. Now imagine making a mistake (sinning) and ruining the whole future of the universe. Still want to step out? No thanks. Even if we sin, He is willing to forgive.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

David, an adulterer and murderer, is a man after God's own heart in the end (Acts 13:22)

God can and does redeem our failures... even removes the consequences

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. (Rom. 8:28 KJV)

10. God is our Father

- The overriding dynamic in the relationship is for a father to help his children rise and become all they can be. If God is, indeed, a Father, then His predominant desire must be for us to *rise, be happy, and be successful*.
- In contrast, if God is a cosmic, impersonal force, then He has no real desire for our success. He can take it or leave it. He is unaffected by our struggles or daily affairs.

See the progression of Fatherhood

1. More authority for the young
2. Guide the teens
3. Release the young adults
4. They mentor others

God desires your initiative as you mature

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The Nature of God

May the force “Not” be with you

The Philosophic god

Impassable – Unemotional

Immutable – Never changes

Omniscient - Knows all

Timeless – Knows the future

Sovereign – Controls all

“force-ful” concepts of God (Big God Little people)

produce:

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

Finding God's Abundance

11 The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity--in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground--in the land he swore to your forefathers to give you.

12 The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. 13 The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. 14 Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them. Deut 28:10-14

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10 NKJV

1. The Good news of the Gospel (Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection)

1 Cor 15:1-6

15:1 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time

2. The Promise of "Life" (Financial too!) - Deut 28:1-14

It's easy to "fully obey" the Lord – all He asks for is relationship

9 Carefully follow the terms of this covenant, so that you may prosper in everything you do.

14 I am making this covenant, with its oath, not only with you 15 who are standing here with us today in the presence of the LORD our God but also with those who are not here today. Deut 29:9-15

4. What God is really like (Generous, gracious, knows our weak areas)

"Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. 21 I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.' Luke 19:20-21

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12 Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him. 13 The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. 14 He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him. 15 So all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth. Gen 26:12-15

The Good News (Gospel) 1Cor 15:1-6

Death

Burial

Resurrection

Reformation Theology
(our theology)

- no sin
- no life

My carnality vs. God's will
Never finds Heart's desires
Deut 29:16-19

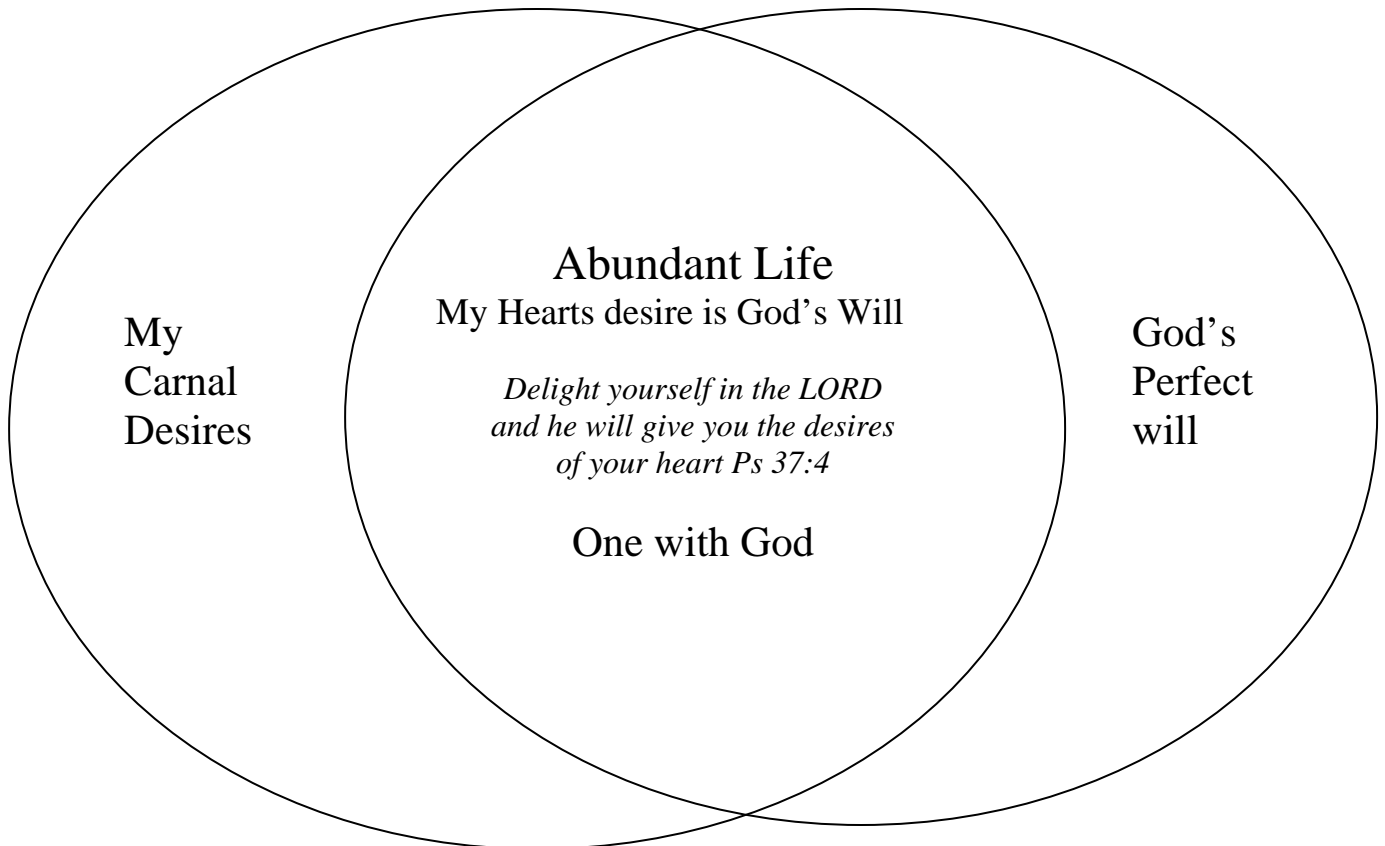
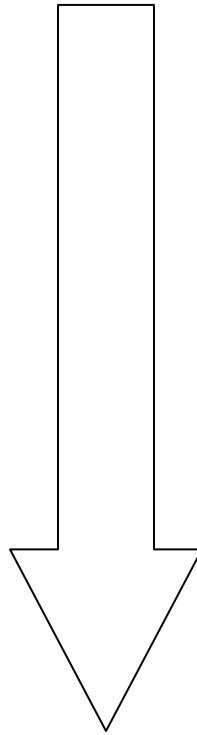
Divides into 2 people
"Bi-polar"

New Age theology

Life (Spiritual Activity)
Apart from the Blood

No foundation....
Rains come....
Matt 7:27

Subject to deception



Chapter 8 – Who Am I

Human Depravity? (True or False)

1. **People are Precious to God** – even in their unsaved state (listen to the language)
 - a. Joseph... a **good** and **upright** man Lu 23:50-51
 - b. Cornelius... devout and God-fearing (Acts 10:2)
 - c. Jesus refers to the unsaved as “good and evil” (Mt 12:35)

2. **Sin came into the world, not mankind**
 - a. “sin entered the world” (Kosmos) not the human race

3. **Our Righteousness is not as Filthy Rags**
 - a. “all our righteous acts are like filthy rags” Isa 64:6 is balanced by vs
*You come to the help of those who **gladly do right**, who remember your ways....*

4. **Sinful From Birth?**
 - a. *Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me Ps 51:*
See the balance verses:
David – from my mother’s womb you have been my God Ps 22:9-10
Paul - *God, who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace.... Gal 1:15*
Jer 1:5 - But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace....

5. **None Righteous**
 - a. Rom 3:10-12... have turned away... become worthless (they weren’t born sinful)
 - b. Rom 2:14-15 People are naturally aware of God and show willingness

6. **Reaching Good People who aren’t saved**
 - a. If you believe in depravity, unsaved people pick up on your prejudice
 - b. “Good” people won’t allow themselves to be unfairly and unnecessarily defined as evil before they can get saved (the gospel of depravity doesn’t reach them)
 - c. *The portion of the Church which believes in total depravity has a focus on reaching the “down and outers.” But, in reality that message precludes us from reaching “normal people” who don’t happen to be consumed by sin and its consequences.*
 - d. Marketplace ministry targets normal, productive, and good people with the gospel

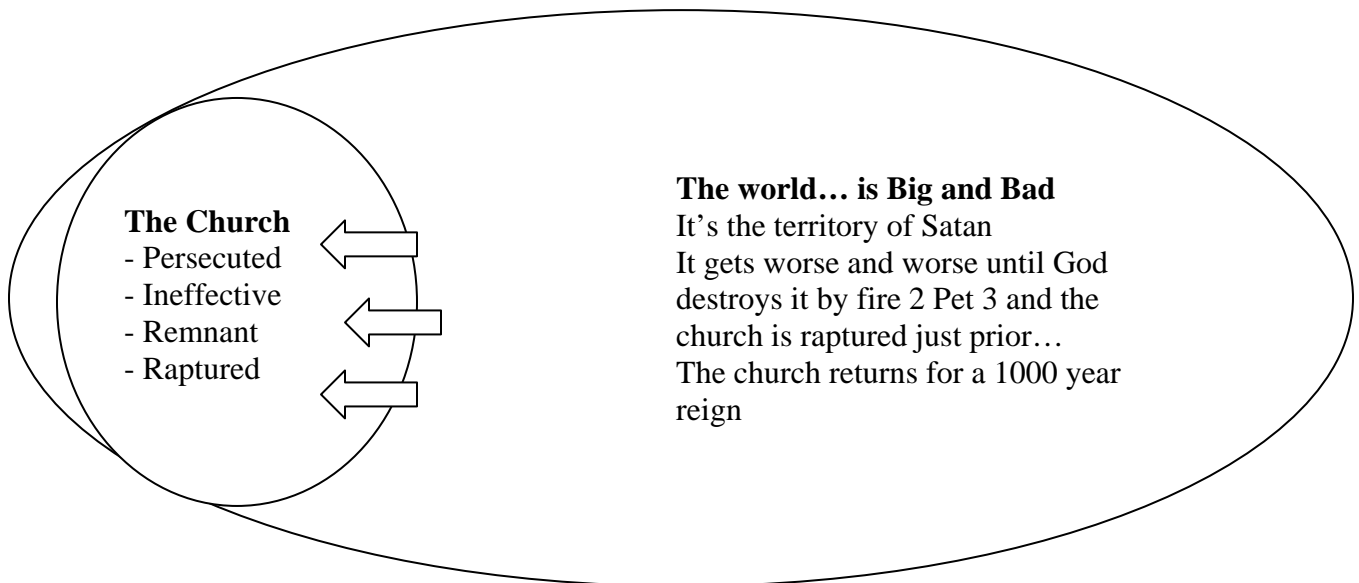
7. **A theology for personal initiative**
 - a. We’re created in God’s image
 - b. It’s easy to see why God values people and how He relates to and works with them. They really are treasures in earthen vessels. We see how God could entrust them with anointing, influence, authority, and wealth to minister to others. We can see how God’s people can be creative and call on the resources of Heaven and bring new ideas, and answers, and resources into being. Now we understand that God not only permits us to take initiative, He expects us to. It’s one of our God-like qualities.

Chapter 9 – What’s in the Future

Here are some of the key implications of modern, fear-based eschatology, followed by a diagram that depicts the persecuted, ineffective, and soon-to-be raptured Church.

- The **world** is getting darker and darker, while humanity is becoming increasingly degenerate to the point that God soon will have to pour out His wrath and destroy everything.
- **Governments** and nations are more and more becoming evil tools of the Antichrist. Christians must be particularly leery of Russia, and China (they are Gog and Magog referred to in Scripture), or any coalition of nations which try to work together, such as the United Nations or the European Economic Union.
- The **Church** is an ark on a stormy sea, strong in herself, but impotent to change the evil which is flooding this world. We dare not leave the protection of the Church lest we be left behind.
- The **message** of the Church is to preach the Gospel to all nations, but don't expect a response from a generally evil population. In fact, a great apostasy will come in the future. At best, a faithful remnant will make it through successfully.
- The **Kingdom of God** is something which is up in Heaven right now, and Jesus will bring it to the Earth for a 1,000-year period after the Tribulation. Hence, the Kingdom is not to be experienced today and any attempt to establish the reign of Jesus Christ now is vain.
- **Work** is a necessary evil, a curse, that contaminates us with worldly influences.

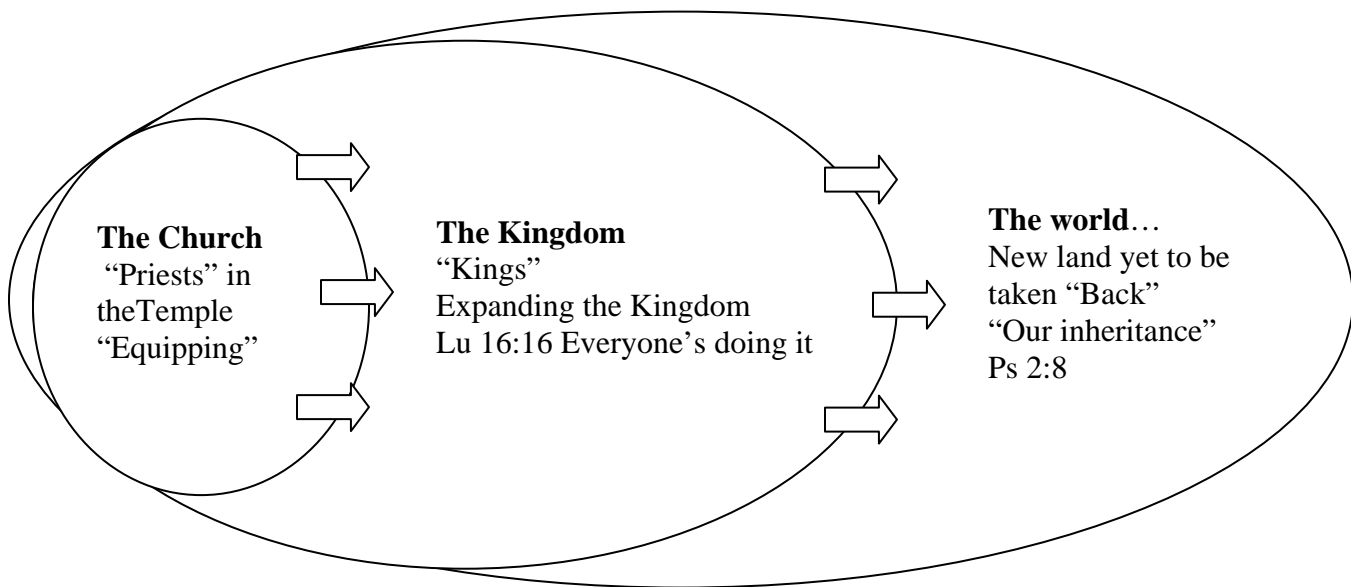
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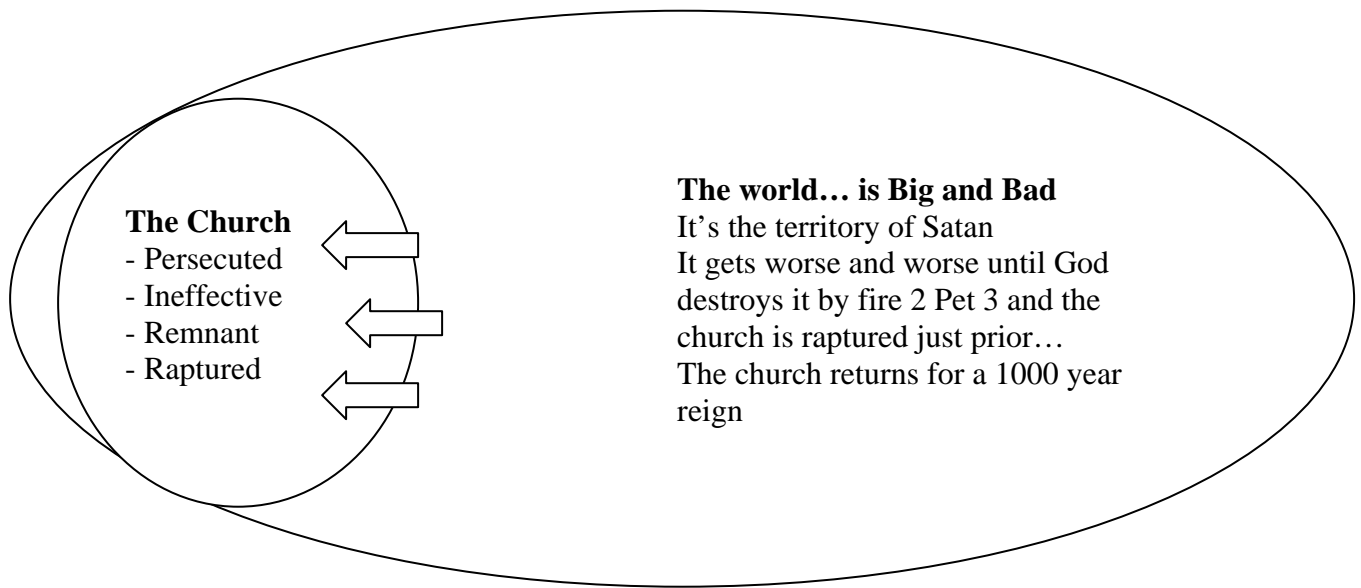
Here are some of the key implications of progressive eschatology, followed by the diagram which we have been using throughout this book, showing the Church and the Kingdom of God growing across the Earth.

- The **world** is getting brighter and brighter as the glory of the Lord is progressively being revealed.
- **Governments**, nations, and leaders are tools in God’s hand. His government is increasing (Is. 9:6) and the authority structures or nations that exist are established by God (Rom. 13:1). We have a responsibility as Kings to possess the lands of politics and governments.
- The **Church** is becoming a spotless Bride, a demonstration of God’s glory, power, and love.
- The **message** of the Gospel is being preached to the world, and we are making disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19-20).
- The **Kingdom of God** is accessible now for Christians, and it is advancing in the world to influence the marketplace and all areas of society.
- **Work** is a blessing and a calling from God. My occupation is where ministry occurs.

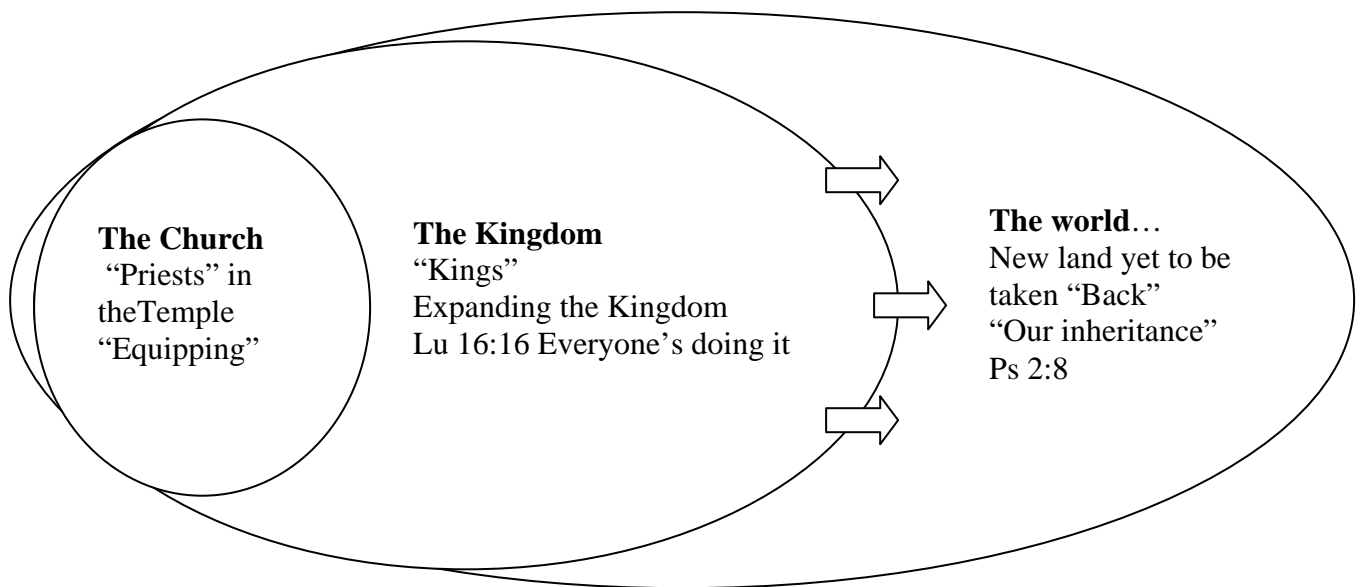
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Pre-millennial Rapture (Dispensational)



Eschatology with room for Kings



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."

Application – Thought Questions for Part 2.0

Sound doctrine provides a natural motivation for right behavior. When we have an accurate understanding of God, ourselves, and the future we are pulled toward fruitful ministry; the resistance to God and His ways is removed from our lives.

1. Have you been taught the Classic view of God?
 - a. Have you surrendered your will or is it a gift from God? What does it want to do?
 - b. Do you believe God want you to take initiative? What do you want to do?
 - c. Would God ever change His mind after talking to you
 - d. Are you free to experience your emotions? Or are they tightly controlled?
 - e. If Gen 12:2-3 is a promise for you right now, What does it mean?
2. Do you believe in “listening prayer”? (Allowing God to speak to your spirit in conversational prayer).
 - a. What are some of the questions you’ve asked and answers you’ve gotten?
 - b. Is your God personal or principled? Are you like him?
3. Jesus told His disciples, “I not longer call you servants, but friends.”
 - a. What has he revealed about His plans, desires, feelings toward you?
 - b. How would you describe “abundant life” in each of the following areas?
 - i. Family, work, ministry, finances
4. Is mankind created in God’s image or “fallen and depraved”?
 - a. How do you share the gospel with people that have fewer problems than you do? (Psychologically, financially, family dysfunctions)
5. What’s your real expectation for the future (eschatology)
 - a. Is there time for you to create in inheritance for you grandchildren?
 - b. Are you really expecting the church to prevail? How?
 - c.
6. If God asked what he could do for you, what would your answer be?

Assignments

Read at least one book on your weakest area.

The nature of God

- Who is God by Harold Eberle
- Raising the Dead by John Eldridge

The nature of man

- Precious in His Sight by Harold Eberle

The future (Eschatology)

- Bringing the Future Into Focus by Harold Eberle

Part 3 – Attributes of Kings that are Motivated in the Marketplace

Once we understand the healthy theology under which Kings operate we can peel the next layer back and look into their beliefs and motivations.

Chapter 10 – Their Mantle Authority In the Earth

1. A healthy use of authority.

God made men and women in His image to rule and subdue the Earth—to be fruitful and fill it.

What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: (Ps. 8:4-6)

God is looking for people to rule and reign with Him

2. Notice the connection with eschatology and authority

Do you see, then, how important your eschatology is? If you, as a Christian, think of the Church as God's only ark, drowning in an ocean of evil, an ocean that God soon will destroy, why would you be concerned about preserving, managing, and improving the Earth? Many Christians have fallen for the worldview that our only responsibility is within the four walls of the church. They have abandoned the secular world to non-Christians. Their theology has left them hiding, impotent, unconcerned, and irresponsible.

3. We have Talents (opportunities) and we will give an Account

fear is what causes us to hide from our opportunities

24 "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' Matt 25:24-25

4. The reason for the confidence of Kings

Kings know there are commissioned (& empowered) by God to expand the Kingdom

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. (Eph. 2:6)

Chapter 11 – Their Confidence: Sonship, Ownership, and Friendship

1. Kings go through an identity shift

- a. God is working with them (vs) they are mindless servants of the master
- b. They feel more like sons or co-heirs with Christ than obedient slaves
- c. They have a sense of ownership

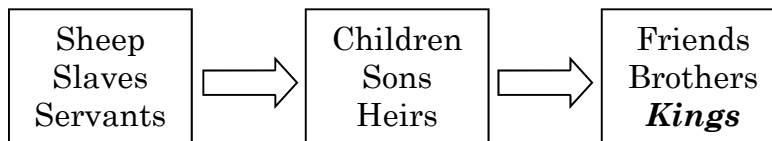
What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were children, we were in slavery....So then you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

(Gal. 4:1-7)

“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.” (John 15:15)

2. Growing in Relationship with God changes our identity

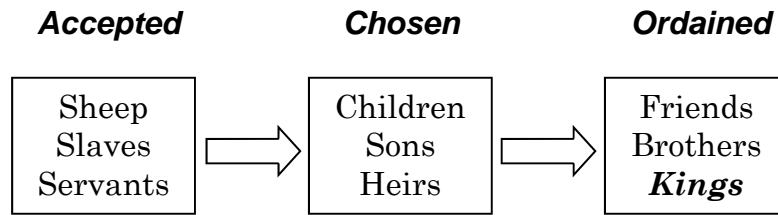
The Bible uses a number of metaphors to describe our relationship with God. While not discounting any of them, we can observe a progression toward *relationship* as shown in the diagram below. Each of the terms has a biblical application to our lives. However, God is drawing us to be involved in His family business; drawing us to relate to Him in a much closer way.



See following overhead

The Nature of Man

Making the Transition 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

Ezek 36:25-27 KJV

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. 37:31 The **law of God is in his heart**; his feet do not slip.

Chapter 12 – The Strength; Desires, Vision, & Passions

1. God is “writing” in your heart – you can trust your desires

...for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

(Phil. 2:13)

But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Cor 2:16

2. Live in Resurrection Life

Christian maturity does go through a death and resurrection where we learn to put Jesus first (Matt 6:33); We just can't camp in the tomb. I have good news for you: Once you learn “brokenness” your will is God's will. Your passion reflects His heart.

*May he give you **the desire of your heart** and make all **your plans** succeed.*

(Ps. 20:4)

3. When your Passions Reflect God's Heart

Passion begins when “you” find your hearts' desires and begin to implement them.

4. Passion Leads to Holiness

Traditionally, holiness is defined as the absence of sin,

In a sin-oriented theology, we force ourselves into a discipline of religious obedience, integrity, perseverance in trials, faithfulness, serving in another person's vision, learning authority and submission, etc.

It's all pointed toward what we can't do – Holiness is all about what we should do

***Holiness starts** when you find your heart's desire is also God's and pursue it with passion*

...follow the impulses of your heart and the desires of your eyes. Yet know that God will bring you to judgment for all these things. (Eccl. 11:9 NASV)

The impulses of your heart. The desires of your eyes. Follow them. Yield. Be passionate! Of course, God will hold you accountable, so stay in tune with Him. But while you do, go for it! Light the fire!

- You'll see a connection between the desires of you heart and the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- One of the ways the Holy Spirit talks to us is through the drawing of our heart's desire.

Chapter 13 – Kings Attitude – Heirs Have Permission

Kings are people who have healthy self-concepts. They sense permission from God to be bold, creative, competitive, decisive, and willing to take risks. Where do these qualities originate? From God.

- a. We are created in His image.
- b. Furthermore, Christians “do” have rights.

*But as many as received Him, to those He gave **the right to become children of God**, even to those who believe in His name....* (John 1:12)

1. Claiming Your Birthright – being aggressive – like Jacob

Your birthright as a child of God is your heart’s desire

In stepping out we move from slaves/servants to Sons/Kings. Slaves/servants operate against their own hearts’ desires. Sons/Kings look into their hearts for the desires God has placed there. They act. They take dominion. They reign with Christ.

2. Don’t sell your birthright (Gen 25:29-34)

Jacob was passionate about his birthright – Esau was not (check out God’s response!)

Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.” (Rom. 9:13)

3. Trusting God – by trusting the desires of our heart

What if you pursued the desire of your heart and it really was not God’s desire? Don’t worry, be happy. We still can trust God to intervene in several ways:

- Our wrong desires come to nothing without God’s blessing on them (John 15:5).
- God loves us enough to discipline us as His wayward kids (Heb. 12:4-6).
- When we make a mistake, He doesn’t cut us off in our relationships with Him. He continues to speak to us and gives opportunities to respond. He still reveals His heart to us and leads us in His will (Prov. 1:23).

4. “I’ll Never Step Out Like That Again” – the vow of poverty

All of us have made mistakes regarding our hearts’ desires. Many also have made a vow, “I’m never going to step out again and trust my heart’s desire because I’ve gotten burned.” What this vow really says is this: “I’m never again going to trust God or the intuitive vision He has placed within me.”

...is really a vow not to trust the Holy Spirit anymore

- First, it puts us back into the camp of servants, living under no vision or the vision of another person.
- Second, the vow pushes us toward believing in a distant, all-controlling God with Whom it is difficult to relate.
- Third, this vow puts us out of touch with our hearts. Then we even have difficulty getting in touch with our desires or the desires of God’s heart.

God, however, isn’t looking for robots. He wants relationships with people who are willing to take responsibility for His business. He wants Kings to rule with Him.

Chapter 14 – Kings Prayer Life – Asking Whatsoever

Kings operate as friends of God and they pray out of the desires of their hearts.

1. The One Question God Asks Every King – The Solomon Question

It's important to realize that Kings may have vast resources, influence, and wealth, but they view those things as tools to obtain the desires of their hearts and of God's heart.

Notice how God deals with Solomon's kingly mentality:

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." (I Kings 3:5)

What's your answer to God's question?

2. He's Asking, Knocking

Instead of thinking of God's invitation to Solomon as unique, I want you to see it as a general invitation to Kings that can be found throughout the Bible.

*"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, **ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.** This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." (John 15:6-8)*

*So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, **he will have whatever he says.** Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them." (Mark 11:22-24 NKJV) [Emp. Added]*

*"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. **Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.**" (John 16:24)*

3. It's important that we see this theme in God's word

*"**Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.**" (Matt. 7:7-8)*

*"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, **it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.** For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." (Matt. 18:19-20)*

*"If you can?" said Jesus. "**Everything is possible for him who believes.**" (Mark 9:23)*

*"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and **it will be yours.** And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." (Mark 11:24-25)*

*"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. **He will do even greater things than these,** because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. **You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.**" (John 14:11-14)*

*"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, **you will ask what you desire, and***

it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.” (John 15:7-8 NKJV)

*Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and **receive from him anything we ask**, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. (I John 3:21-22)*

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, **he hears us**. And if we know that he hears us— **whatever we ask**—we know that we have what we asked of him. (I John 5:14-15)*

What if it is true? What if God really will answer your prayers? What if He really is your business partner? What does this mean for your business, your home, your family?

*“I tell you the truth, **my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name**. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. **Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.**” (John 16:23-24)*

You really won't know the “fullness of joy” available to you until you experience answered prayer!

Chapter 15 – Kings Anointing: Creativity and Wisdom

1. Creativity is Godly and Kingly

Kings are people who think creatively, as God does. The inquisitive spirit is the childlike heart that Jesus encouraged.

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of Kings. (Prov. 25:2)

Creative breakthrough is a core motivation for Kings

2. The inquisitive Mind

Kings believe there is an answer and they are willing to search for it. They have given themselves permission to “create” just as God does. The humble obedience of slaves and servants never approaches the throne of such a rich experience. Great Kings know how to let God work through their minds and hearts. They are inventive, innovative...

God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore. (I Kings 4:29)

3. Dream with God – Creativity and Revelation

We are not alone in this creative process. Paul went on to explain how God reveals to us mysteries by His Spirit (I Cor. 2:9-12). The breath of God merges with the spirit of a person and creativity is the result. Spirit touches spirit. Ideas are conceived. Answers are born.

However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"- but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 1 Cor 2:9-11

4. Examples (RG LeTourneau)

- Overextended on construction contracts
- Choices were default, buy more machines, build more machine
- Answer – He invented larger machines that met the contract schedule and gave him a competitive edge on every contract after that

Kings have an ability to look at intimidating problems and find innovative answers. They know intuitively and theologically that no problem is too big for God. And they usually have a track record for defeating giants.

5. Thought Question

Do you think God already knows about every invention? Or does he allow us to participate in the creative process so its new to Him as well?

Chapter 16 – Kings Mindset: Abundance Is God’s Will

Too many Christians have a limited view of finances and resources. They tithe, their needs are met, and the bills get paid, but that’s about it. They see that they are getting by, so they leave well enough alone.

1. Living pay-to-paycheck your whole life (See illustration on pg 132-133)

They are now 55. They may or may not get the house paid off before they retire to live on a pension and social security. The bottom line is that they lived from paycheck- to- paycheck for 30 years without a moment of excess. When they die, the estate will be rounded off to zero, and the children will carry the same poverty mentality into the next generation. We call this the great American lifestyle.

2. Kings have the ability to produce wealth

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. (Deut. 8:17-18)

So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul—then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied. (Deut. 11:13-15)

Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.... (Deut. 15:10-11; see also 14:28-29)

The blessing of the LORD brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it. (Prov. 10:22)

“Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me .But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit,” says the LORD Almighty. (Mal. 3:8-12)

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matt. 6:33)

And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. (Matt. 19:29)

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Luke 6:38)

Priestly ministries often suggest wealth is a miraculous provision leaving people to believe its magic. **Kings produce wealth by buying income generating assets...** it’s not magic at all. They don’t wait for checks to show up in the mail or offerings to come in.

Chapter 17 – Kings Battle: Breaking the 6 Lies of Poverty Mentality

Lie # 1: The Resource Pie Is a Fixed Quantity

- The sky is falling – whale blubber to oil in the 1800's
- Coal to Oil and Nuclear in the 1900's

God did not have failure in mind when He created the universe. We are not going to run out of something we truly need.

Lie # 2: It Is Spiritual to Be Poor

- The cousin of “the resource pie is fixed,” is another form of the poverty mentality that holds poverty as an esteemed spiritual quality.
- Related to this, Christians often judge abundance to be excessive materialism.

Mother Theresa – her own plane, a staff of 4,000 and made multimillion dollar decisions.

Lie # 3: The Wealthy Are Arrogant

The reason they have wealth in the first place is usually because they already are tapped into a spiritual principle...at a deeper level than some of their poor but pious critics! *God promotes humility.*

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. (James 4:6)

...humility comes before honor. (Prov. 15:33)

Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor. (Prov. 18:12)

Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life. (Prov. 22:4)

He mocks proud mockers but gives grace to the humble. (Prov. 3:34)

Lie # 4: God Automatically Will Transfer Wealth in the Last Days

We're not here to announce to the world that their wealth is flowing out of their pockets and into ours. That kind of message does not make converts out of lost people that have wealth. It scares them!

Lie # 5: Businesspeople Are Not as Spiritual as People in Full-time Ministry

Abraham, David, Paul, Jesus were pretty spiritual

- not in the priesthood and not in full-time ministry

Lie # 6: Priests Have the Vision, While Kings Have the Provision

This stronghold presumes that marketplace ministries have no more use than to bring finances into the Church to expand its ministries under the direction of the pastor (a Priest).

I found a degree of wounding in Kings that have felt rejected from priestly ministry (by God or their pastor) and "used" when they are valued only for their offerings.

When Kings Break Poverty

Ministry will be accelerated in both the church and the Kingdom

Supplemental material on “Wealth transfer”

Here are a few Biblical accounts often quoted to support the concept of God transferring the wealth of the world into the hands of His people. They are true events recording in the Bible that actually happened. What is not true is the assumption that “wealth transfer” is sound doctrine that can be extrapolated into the future.

Joseph in Egypt: through seven years of great prosperity followed by seven years of great famine, Joseph was positioned to save his family and the Egyptians through his favor in the government [Gen. 47:13-26].

Israel in its exodus from Egypt: after 10 plagues from God, the Egyptians gave Israel gold jewelry [Exo. 7-12, 14; c/p. Exo. 12:36].

Four lepers and the army of Syria: God caused the army of Syria to hear a noise of horses, chariots and a great host, which caused the army to flee and leave behind enough wealth to bring Israel out of famine and an economic depression in one day [2 Kings 7].

Judah is delivered from the armies of 3 nations: after God’s people worshipped Him on the battlefield, God supernaturally caused the armies against Judah to destroy one another, and it took 3 days to carry away all the spoil [2 Chron. 20:1-25].

The real message (beyond the imbalanced eschatology of wealth transfer) is that God blesses people that know Him and people that don’t know Him often lose not only their wealth but their health, happiness, and lives.

Perspectives on Money (supplemental material for Chapter 17)

	Catholic Poverty	Faith Prosperity	Evangelical Stewards Servant -----(Jn 15:15)-----→	Kings Friend, Co laborer
View of Prosperity:	Non-materialistic, Disdain for possessions	Prosperity is the reward of the righteous	Possessions are a trust	A blessing from God Covenant inheritance
Possessions are:	a curse	a right	privilege & responsibility	a tool to build the kingdom
Scriptural reference:	Lu 18:18-22 See all, give to the poor	Mt 7:22 Ask, seek, knock	Mt 25:14-30 parable of talents	Deut 8:17-18, Heb 7:22, 8:6 a good covenant gets better
Needs met by:	“carefree attitude” Don’t worry Seek kingdom first	What do you want to receive? Seed Planting Lu 6:38	What have you received? Proportionate giving Mal 3:10, 1Cor 16:1-2	What does God Want? Jn 15:7, 16
Concept:	Reject money	Own money	Steward of Money	Use money to minister
Attitude toward Poverty:	We are = God’s will	We aren’t = God’s will	God’s will not known by Possessions	It limits God
Preoccupation:	Daily Needs	Money	Wisdom	What’s the Father doing
Attitude:	Carefree (Pro 3:5-6)	Driven (Pro 10:17)	Faithful	Visionary
Samaritan (Lu10:35)	Right heart to stop	Flew by in His Jet	He obeyed God	Heart & Money to do it

Application – Thought Questions for Part 3.0

Kings with sound doctrine have unique (and holy) motivations that cause them to stand out. They realize they are friends of God and operate out of their heart's desire without guilt.

1. Why do you think kings are naturally Bold? Able to use authority? Ps 8:4-6, Mt 28:18-19
2. Which category do you see yourself in? Which does God see you in?
 - a. Sheep, slaves, servants
 - b. Children, sons, heirs
 - c. Friend, brothers, Kings
3. Do you view the desires of your heart as primarily carnal or something God put there? Ezek 36:25-27, Ps 37:4
 - a. Do you have to make yourself do “the will of God.”
 - b. Can you see a connection between your heart's desire and your vocational/ministry calling?
 - c. How do you distinguish between a carnal fleshy desire and a desire of your heart that God wants you to pursue?
4. Do you feel God's permission or blessing to be bold, creative, decisive, will to take risks?
 - a. Have you made a mistake or had a failure and vowed not to step out again?

Assignments

1. God asks every King the Solomon question – “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” Write out your answer and share it with someone that knows you and see if they can confirm it.
2. Do you believe God want to prosper you financially?
 - a. What steps are you taking to receive abundance?
 - b. Put your personal or business finances and goals in a business plan format Use the cash flow format in “Never Run Out of Cash” by Phillip Campbell

Part 4 – the Personal Lives of Kings

Kings are not just driven, goal-oriented, Type A personalities...

Chapter 18: His Love: God

1. What the Priority? Loving God

One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple. (Ps. 27:4 NKJV)

- Kings are “serving lovers” not “loving servants.”
- You really can’t serve those you don’t love—whether it’s God or people!
- People who force themselves to do what they really don’t want to do, never can put their hearts into it and are seldom successful.

2. Why Love God?

David likely would reply that he was motivated by the pleasures of God.

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)

Here’s why Kings Love God – It’s so much fun, so rewarding, fulfilling, exciting.

*How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. **They feast on the abundance** of your house; you give them **drink from your river of delights**. For with you is **the fountain of life**; in your light we see light. (Ps. 36:7-9)*

Note: if I can’t find the delight, the abundance, and the life...I’m probably relying on my willpower to “serve” God. Your will power won’t last a lifetime – you’ll quit.

3. What About Me?

God is not looking for robots to carry out His plans mindlessly. He’s looking for those who will be bonded to Him in love.

“In that day,” declares the LORD, “you will call me ‘my husband’; you will no longer call me ‘my master.’ ” (Hos. 2:16)

- Kings are God's partners and friends that share His vision for the Kingdom.
- "Serve" doesn't adequately convey what Kings do.
- “Servant” doesn’t convey how Kings view themselves... or others for that matter.

Chapter 19 – His Freedom: Live as a Son

Servants – Tend to view the will of God as something imposed over their own will. Someone else tells them what God wants and the servant obeys. It's a form of bondage that causes people to hide or pervert their real identity in three ways.

a. St Volcano

- works hard at obeying God... doing things he doesn't enjoy, then awards himself a vacation
- "Occasionally"... drunk, loss of temper, dirty movie, or affair

b. The Preacher

- Believes he knows God's will and works in his own strength to make it happen
- These are the folks who are motivated by guilt—"shame on me."
- These are also the folks who motivate others with guilt—"shame on you."
- Tries to shame people into performing for God...
- Takes vacations from "serving" like St Volcano (hidden sin)

c The Mystic

- Some slaves hide behind a cloak of spirituality and do nothing (fear of failure)
- They still are afraid of their hearts' desires.

1. Your Unspoken Testimony

So you are no longer a slave, but a son.... It is for freedom that Christ has set you free. (Gal. 4:7-5:1a)

The "world" watches us to know if we're forcing ourselves to do something we really don't enjoy,

2. Sons are FREE!... to be themselves... and pursue their heart's desire

- Free to let our hair down in front of others
- Free to enjoy the goodness of God (unashamed of God's blessing)
- The beauty of pursuing the desires that God put in your heart is that you get to be yourself for the very first time.
- Not doing one thing and wishing you were somewhere else.

Chapter 20 - His Play: Remaining Childlike

“Servants don’t play, Kings do”... they play, dream, create, and use their intuitive side. Servants feel it’s noble to superimpose God’s will over their own and do what they really don’t want to do.

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)

Make it your aim to be imaginative, creative, and intuitive—as a child. Here are four steps that will get you started.

1. Laughter – I learned this from going to Toronto and from Hamilton Filmlater.
A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. (Prov. 17:22)
Laughter heals hearts... joy is our strength Neh 8:10

2. Ask and Receive – Remember the joy of Christmas as a child? Your spiritual life should play out just as unwrapping those gifts.

“In that day you will no longer ask [erotao – interrogate] me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask [aiteo] in my name. Until now you have not asked [aieto – place a demand] for anything in my name. Ask [aiteo - place a demand] and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”
(John 16:23-24)

Sons know the Father’s business and pray out of a sense of authority

3. Pretend - When children pretend, they just imagine life as they would like to see it.

- Pretending is the art of paying attention to the desires of your heart
- You’ll find God there

4. Play - Now, instead of just pretending, begin to confess and act upon your dream.

It will feel like play; what you’ve always wanted to do!

- We’re just doing what we see the Father doing.
- He spoke the desires of His heart into existence and the universe appeared.
- You should speak your desires into existence, too.

5. Dream – Now that you’ve found a desire you know you want to pursue, start planning

*“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)*

1. We envision or dream the thing God is putting in our hearts;
2. He pours out His Spirit;
3. We prophesy the dream into existence.

These 5 steps end with something concrete – your heart’s desires are brought down out of heaven and made reality. It’s your creative ability and responsibility to make it happen.

Chapter 21 - His On-ramp: The Marketplace

For most of us our opportunity for ministry is in the marketplace – it’s exciting.

“Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely you have received, freely give.” (Matt. 10:8 KJV)

Christians who really get a glimpse of the destiny God has for them seldom turn it down. The more common mistake is trying to activate it too soon in ways that may not be God. The common failure scenario is to idolize the pulpit ministry in their local church.

Chapter 22 – His Relationships

God wants us to cooperate with Him, but not merely through coercion. Our God is looking for relational people who share His heart and choose to co-labor with Him.

1. Relating to the Father - the way Jesus did

*Jesus gave them this answer: “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only **what he sees his Father doing**, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and **shows him all he does....** For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so **the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.**”* (John 5:19-20)

- We can do anything, but our power comes from doing what the Father does (19).
- The Father loves His children and shows them “everything” (20).
- We have authority and power to use at our discretion on the Father’s behalf (21).

2. Relating to People – that:

- ultimately do what they want to do (not what anyone else wants).
- are each responsible for our own motivations.

Note the theology that drives leadership

- If my concept of God is an impersonal, unchangeable Force, Who demands submission, then the my leadership style will tend to deal with others in an authoritarian way.
- If God has reached out to me and connected with the desires of my heart, I’ll tend to do that when I lead others – I will help identify their hearts desire and help them connect with it.

"Connecting" has to come before "commanding!"... or you don't know where to lead.

"Where" is where the other persons heart is - leaders know that.

3. The Incentive Plan for “connecting” – An Open Heaven

When leaders take the time to connect with people a unique spiritual dynamic takes place

“I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” (Matt. 18:18-20)

Chapter 23: His Leading – Fathers Who Connect

The control/authority model for leadership.

1. See a problem;
2. Figure out how to fix it;
3. Tell the people what do;
4. Expect the problem to be fixed.

Fatally flawed for several reasons

- Kills motivation – it ignores the heart’s desire and free will
- Rather than imposing His will, God likes to work within our hearts, changing our desires to match His.

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. (Ez. 36:26-27)

Leading the Way God Does

1. Read minds with hearing hearts

Knowledge of what to do isn’t really the first thing a leader must have. Most followers already know what needs to be done! Leadership starts by understanding what’s in the followers’ minds and hearts. Knowing the hearts desires tells a leader “how” to do it.

2. Be bold in pursuing hearts

Kingly fathers, mothers, leaders, and husbands must have the courage to explore the hearts of others and help them find a motivation to follow God.

3. Let emotions flow

People are emotional and they are powerfully motivated by their emotions. Connecting with people means connecting on an emotional level.

4. Respect people

When we touch the nerve of the will of God and the heart's desire of another person... you can be assured they will respond. If they are not responding - we just missed the nerve. That's all.

5. How to ask questions – Questions convey respect and acknowledge the sacred think God has already placed in other people’s hearts.

“Come let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins be as scarlet, I shall make them white as snow.” (Is. 1:18)

- a. **Kairos moment** – What is God doing in your present circumstance (help people see God where they are at.
- b. **Your destiny** - If we can connect people with their larger purposes in life, then all the preparations start to make sense.
- c. **Ministry Motivations** - Leaders really can’t motivate people just by telling them what to do. Leaders can connect them with their destinies and their own God-inspired motivations.

Great leaders connect people with great purposes – that were already in their hearts... put their by God. Leadership is a sacred process; Holy Spirit guided.

Chapter 24 – His Mentors and Mentoring

Principles of Mentoring

1. **At Work** - It most naturally happens when people are working together
 - a. Jesus disciples were with him all the time – doing the works (Jn 14:12-14)
 - b. We will make this point many times. There is something about working together that changes the dynamic of mentoring... because we really don't "learn" what we see or hear - we only learn what we "do."
 - c. 40 hours a week is about right to mentor someone "and" give them a change to utilize their skills under the supervision of a spiritual father.

2. **Mentoring is a life-long pattern** of giving and receiving
 - a. Really strong and or successful Kings maintain a life-long pattern of being mentored and mentoring others.
 - b. Peers (even competitors) help one another

3. **Healthy Envy** (<http://www.releasing-kings.com/Interviewing-Kings.html>)
 - a. One of the early signs that God is unveiling your hearts desire is that you see someone doing your heart's desire... you'll be drawn to emulate that person
 - b. We are drawn into their anointing by the Holy Spirit
 - *Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor 11:1*
 - *...for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. Therefore I urge you to imitate me. 1 Cor 4:15-16*
 - *Join with others in following my example, brothers Phil 3:17*
 - *You became imitators of us and of the Lord 1 Thess 1:6*
 - *We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow. 2 Thess 3:9*
 - *We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised. Heb 6:12*

4. **Integrity** – being an integrated part of something bigger than yourself
The integrity of the upright shall guide them....[Prov. 11:3 KJV]

5. Mentors make others successful

Mentors are not just advantageous, but essential. The biggest mistake Kings make is getting a glimpse of their ministry and trying to enter it too quickly. In this hour Kings are often coming out of an environment of rejection that left them without an appetite for being teachable. They have felt “used and discarded.” They simply have never experienced ministry or guidance from a mentor that leads to their success. They’ve felt the disqualification that goes with correction, but they’ve never known a leader that opened doors for them.

Chapter 25 - Hi Legacy: Passing the Baton

1. Our culture doesn't value passing down an inheritance (for 3 reasons)

- a. We value independence, the self-make man and view those that inherited wealth as weak and lazy
- b. False eschatology – we didn't think we had time to build over multiple generations; Jesus is coming
- c. We have a transient lifestyle; losing the nuclear family in one location

2. Family destiny and Generational ties

"...for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments." (Deut. 5:9-10)

Note – sin passes to the 3-4 generation; love passes down 1000 generations

- a. We inherit part of our destiny from the calling God has on our parents, and the thread from them goes back a thousand generations.
- b. We have a natural and spiritual inheritance to "receive" and "give"
- c. If you look at your own inheritance, there will be a theme and connections hinting at the plan of God that spans multiple generations.

3. Passing the Baton

Assume that the promises that go with your destiny are big enough to require several generations to possess them.

A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth

is stored up for the righteous. (Prov. 13:22)

Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from the LORD. (Prov. 19:14)

Who, then, is the man that fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him. He will spend his days in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land. . . 25:12-13)

...children should not have to save up for their parents, but parents for their children. Cor. 12:14)

Conclusion – Where Do We Go From Here

People take great delight in being used by God for His purposes. At some level, however, people called to be Kings have felt left behind and rejected over the frustration of not finding an expression for their ministries in their local churches. In reality, the great task of the Church is to “equip the saints for the work of the ministry.” The real work of the ministry is in the marketplace. It is the saints who will do it—we call them Kings.

Now Prophecy It!

Lord, we declare freedom—for your people to pursue the desires You’ve placed within them. We embrace the desires You’ve placed within our own hearts. We claim Your protection over our frailties, and we’re grateful for Jesus’ advocacy in intercession on our behalf. Thank You, for creating us in Your image with an ability to fulfill all of Your will. We confess our desire to see Your purposes on Earth established. We seek Your Kingdom first and long to be filled with Your Spirit. We admit to ourselves that we’re not consumed with sin but, because of You, we are free from the power of wrong desires and bad habits. We release our hearts from the fear of pursuing dreams—the fear of attempting the goodness and greatness of Your plans in our hearts. We step forth in faith! As a river flowing from Your Temple, we command a release of boldness. We release dreams and visions for great things in the hearts of all Your people. We command the release of Kings to flow out of Your Church and bless the marketplaces of our cities with passion and creativity. We command an anointing of confidence and prosperity upon Your people that only can be attributed to the movement of Your Spirit. We release a people who are seated at Your right hand, who no longer are content to live in the valleys, but have hearts to live with You on the mountaintops. We proclaim an era of abundance on Your people that flows through their marriages and families, their businesses, their finances, and their occupations. We declare rivers of living water to flow from Your people to bless our cities, our nation, and the nations of this world. We bless the marketplace with the ministry of Kings. Let Your name be glorified in the arts, in education, in governments, and in businesses throughout this land. Let us pick up the mantle for revival and bring it to our nation. Let the visions and dreams and the resources multiply among Your people in a contagious move of Your Spirit that sweeps over our land. Let Kings arise and enthrone the King of kings.

Marketplace Ministry provides a revolutionary format to fulfill the Great Commission. It facilitates a synergy between Kings and Priests. It enables God’s children to take their inheritance.

“Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.” (Ps. 2:8)

Application – Thought Questions for Part 4.0

When Kings view God as personable, communicating, and “friend” they become like Him in their relationships with other people. Even though Kings take on great projects and wage high-level warfare, they remain personable, communicative, and friendly – the same way God is with them.

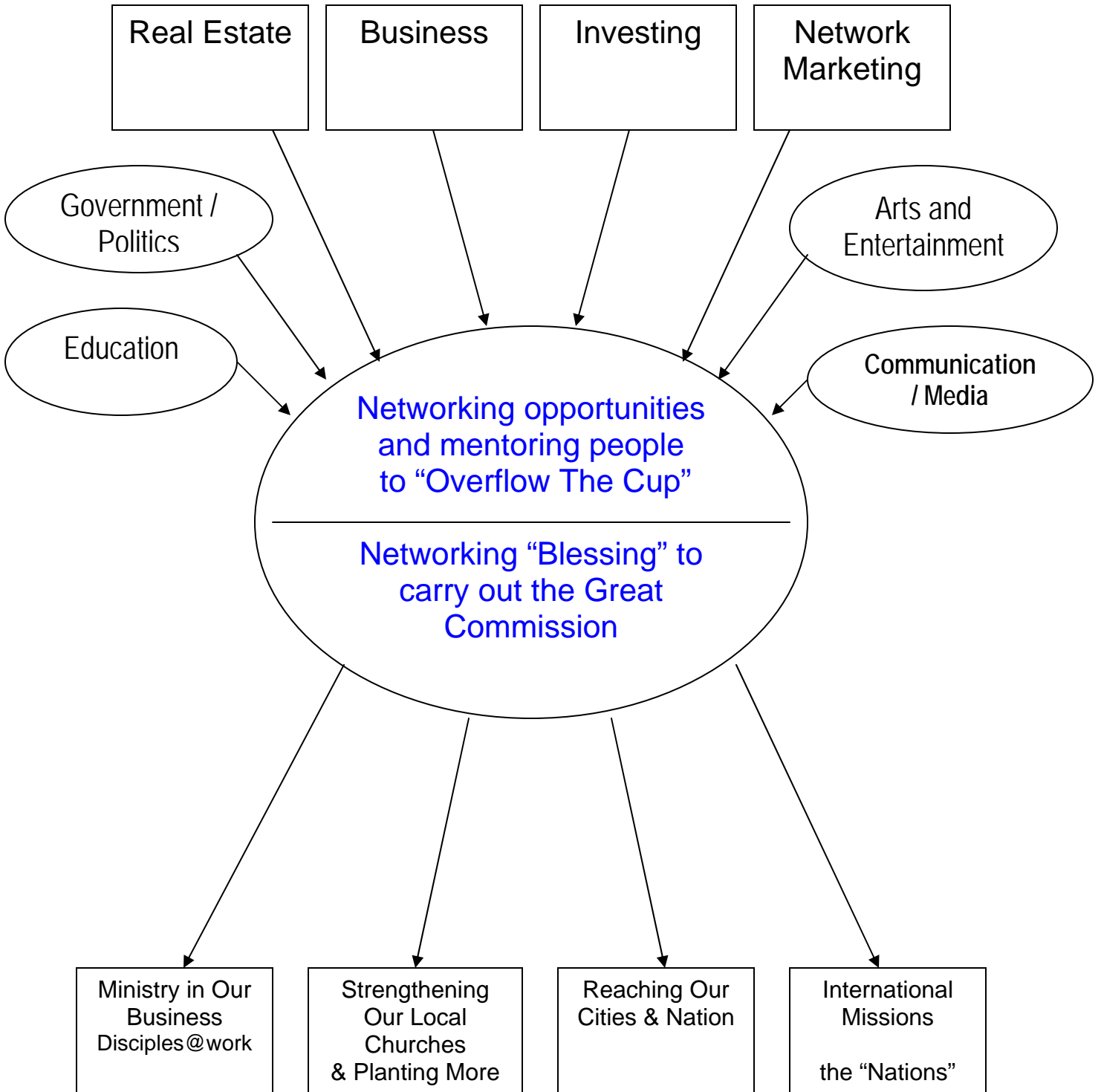
1. Have you ever been forced to put progress or projects before people?
 - a. Is your first priority in life to personally experience the person, presence and pleasure of God (Ps 16:11)?
 - b. Do you “serve” God out of your will power or labor with Him out of love?
 - c. Can you fail? Would the Father lead you through failure?
 - d. Can you see the Father doing what you’re doing?
 - e. Do you feel freedom from the Lord to be yourself and pursue your heart’s desire? Do you feel the adventure of it?
2. Dreaming – Can you play, dream, create, touch your intuitive side?
 - a. How often do you get the giggles and belly laugh?
 - b. Name 3 things you’ve asked the Father to give you?
 - c. Do you take time to imagine or pretend your dream is coming true?
 - d. Have you put into writing a plan for your dream to become a reality?
3. Can you say that the Father has shown you your dream?
 - a. Have you “connected” with your heart’s desire?
 - b. Is your vocation/ministry motivationally coming out of your heart’s desire?
4. When you lead are you asking others to participate in “your” work (or) are you connecting people with their dream through this opportunity.
5. Do you have a plan for discipleship at Work?
 - a. Do you have a mentor? List some people you would like to emulate.
 - b. Do you have a plan to make your subordinates successful?
 - c. Do they know what it is?

Assignment

Your calling is probably bigger than your life. Write a “retirement plan” that covers the following questions.

1. What anointing/ministry/dream do you carry?
2. Who would you like to give to when you go home?
3. How do you plan to make the transition?
4. Where do you think they will take it beyond where you’ve gone.

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