

AUTHORITY and PRODUCTIVITY

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The Kingdom of God is about productivity. The Kingdom of God is symbolised by a vineyard, labourers, field, seed, talents etc. All these are connected to being productive. When we are connected to Christ who is the true vine, the husbandman, the landowner, the householder we are expected to be productive as sons of the Kingdom of God.

Landowner

(Matthew 21:33-34 NKJV)

33 " Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. 34 Now when vintage- time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit

Vinedresser and Vine

(John 15:1-2 NKJV)

1 " I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit

Rich Man

(Luke 16:1-2 KJV)

1 And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. 2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

Lord of the talents

(Matthew 25:14 NKJV)

14 " For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.

Householder

(Matthew 20:1 KJV)

1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

Being fruitful and multiplying is essentially productivity in the the Kingdom of God. While there might be lots of activity it is not necessarily productive. Busyness is not equal to productiveness. The church is the agent of the Kingdom of God. While the church is busy and active much of its busyness is around selfishness rather than productiveness.

Every investor requires a return on investment. The Father invested His Son as the Seed and gave us the person of the Holy Spirit with gifts and therefore expects us to be productive as Kingdom sons. While the harvest is ready we are still saying there are four more months (John 4:35)

To be productive we must know what our core product is.

Seed produces after its kind

(Genesis 1:11-13 NKJV)

11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day

In the natural cycle of the earth there is the sowing and reaping of a harvest. The productivity of the activity of sowing is seen in the harvest. In the creation account God causes the earth to bring forth grass, herb and fruit trees after its kind. Every seed will produce after its kind. This production takes place on the third day in the creation account. Jesus Christ is the Seed and He died, was buried and rose again on the third day. To become productive there is death, burial and resurrection. The seed must die, be buried and then it rises out to produce a harvest.

(Galatians 3:16 NKJV)

16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4 NKJV)

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures

The seed produces after its "kind"

HEBREW: Kind - Miyn

h4327. מִיֵּן *mîyn*; from an unused root meaning to portion out; a sort, i. e. species:— kind. Compare 4480. AV (31)- kind 31; kind, sometimes a species (usually of animals)- Groups of living organisms belong in the same created " kind" if they have descended from the same ancestral gene pool. This does not preclude new species because this represents a partitioning of the original gene pool. Information is lost or conserved not gained. A new species could arise when a population is isolated and inbreeding occurs. By this definition a new species is not a new "kind" but a further partitioning of an existing " (STRONG)

Christ is the original seed and we must produce after His "kind" - we are of the gene pool of Christ and therefore we produce Christ. For Christ to become the core product He went through many sufferings. There are certain processes we go through before we can produce after the same kind.

(John 12:24 NKJV)

24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

(Romans 5:3-5 NKJV)

3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us

After Jesus rose from the dead He said to His disciples:

(Matthew 28:18 NKJV)

*18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, " **All authority** has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.*

As the seed that died and rose He received all "authority". Authority is given to those who have died and rose again. The increase of our authority in the Kingdom of God is determined by how we die. Society respects people of authority based on image and status. People receive authority through academic achievements, genetic relationships, social relationships, wealth, achievements, titles etc. The Kingdom of God is a total contrast to such authority.

(Luke 9:1-2 NKJV)

*1 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them **power** and **authority** over all demons, and to cure diseases. 2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick*

GREEK: Power - Dynamis

g1411. δύναμις dynamis; from 1410; force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself):— ability, abundance, meaning, might (- ily,- y,- y deed), (worker of) miracle (- s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

AV (120)- power 77, mighty work 11, strength 7, miracle 7, might 4, virtue 3, mighty 2, misc 9; strength power, ability inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth power for performing miracles moral power and excellence of soul the power and influence which belong to riches and wealth power and resources arising from numbers power consisting in or resting upon armies, forces, hosts (STRONG)

GREEK: Authority - Exousia

1849. ἐξουσία exousía; gen. exousías, fem. noun from éxesti (G1832), it is permissible, allowed. Permission, authority, right, liberty, power to do something (Acts 26:12). As éxesti denies the presence of a hindrance, it may be used either of the capability or the right to do a certain action. The words éxesti and exousía combine the two ideas of right and might. As far as right, authority, or capability is concerned, it involves ability, power, strength (dúnamis [G1411]) as in Matt. 9:8; 28:18.

The difference between the two is that spiritual authority refers to the right to use God's power. We have received authority in Christ which gives us the right to use His power. Authority has to do with the "RIGHT" the Power has to do with "MIGHT"

1.) The power of doing something, ability, faculty

Power to Heal

(Matthew 9:8 NKJV)

8 Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

Power to Forgive

(Mark 2:10 NKJV)

10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"— He said to the paralytic,

Power to execute judgement

(John 5:27 NKJV)

27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

2.) Power of doing or not doing, i. e., license, liberty, free choice

God has the power to change or not to change the times and seasons

(Acts 1:7 NKJV)

7 And He said to them, " It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

Power to make what you desire

(Romans 9:21 NKJV)

21 Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonour?

Power to be married or not

(1 Corinthians 7:37 NKJV)

37 Nevertheless he who stands steadfast in his heart, having no necessity, but has power over his own will, and has so determined in his heart that he will keep his virgin, does well.

Power for material things while sowing spiritual things

(1 Corinthians 9:11-14 NKJV)

11 If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? 12 If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ. 13 Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar? 14 Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.

3.) Power as entrusted, i. e., commission, authority, right, full power

(Mark 3:14-15 NKJV)

14 Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, 15 and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons

(2 Corinthians 10:8 NKJV)

8 For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for edification and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed—

(John 1:12 KJV)

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

4.) Power over persons and things, dominion, authority, rule.

(A) Particularly and generally (Matt. 28:18, "Unto me was given all authority in heaven and on earth" [a. t.]; Mark 13:34; Luke 7:8, i. e., subject to authority, rule; Jude 1:25; Rev. 13:2, 4; 17:12, 13; 18:1; Sept.:Ps. 136:8, 9; Dan. 3:33; 4:31). Before the gen. of person to whom the power belongs (Luke 20:20; 22:53, "of darkness"; Acts 26:18, "the power of Satan"; Col. 1:13; Rev. 12:10, "the authority of Christ" [a. t.]). Followed by the gen. of the object subjected to the power (Matt. 10:1; Mark 6:7, "power over unclean spirits"; John 17:2). Followed by epí (G1901), upon, with the gen. (Rev. 2:26, "power over"; 11:6; 14:18; 20:6); by epí, with the acc. in the same sense (Luke 9:1; Rev. 6:8; 13:7; 16:9); by the inf. with hōste (G5620), so that, implied (Rev. 11:6 [cf. Matt. 10:1]); by epánō (G1883), on, with the gen. (Luke 19:17).

(B) As a metonym used for:(1) What is subject to one's rule, dominion, domain, jurisdiction (Luke 4:6; 23:7; Sept.:2 Kgs. 20:13; Ps. 114:2). (2) In pl. or coll., those invested with power as the powers of rulers, magistrates (Luke 12:11; Rom. 13:1- 3; Titus 3:1). For the celestial and infernal powers, princes, potentates, e. g., angels, archangels (Eph. 1:21; 3:10; Col. 1:16; 2:10; 1 Pet. 3:22); demons (Eph. 6:12; Col. 2:15). See aēr (G0109), air, in Eph. 2:2. Generally of the powerful adversaries of the gospel (1 Cor. 15:24 [cf. arché {G0746 }, principality]). (3) In 1 Cor. 11:10, where exousía is used as an emblem of power, i. e., a veil or covering (cf. 1 Cor. 11:13, 16) as an emblem of subjection to the power of a husband, a token of modest adherence to duties and usages established by law or custom lest spies or evil- minded persons should take advantage of any impropriety in the meetings of the Christians (cf. timé [G5092], honor). Syn.:krátos (G2904), dominion; dúnamis (G1411), power. Exousía denotes the executive power while arché (G0746), rule, represents the authority granting the power. Deriv.:exousiázō (G1850), to exercise authority (CWSDict)

Those who were of influence in society asked Jesus by what authority He spoke and functioned.

(Matthew 21:23 NKJV)

23 Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?"

(Mark 1:22-27 NKJV)

22 And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

23 Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, " Be quiet, and come out of him!" 26 And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. 27 Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him

Jesus as the Son was productive because He received authority

(John 5:26-27 NKJV)

26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man

We become productive when we understand the authority that has been given to us.

Jesus announced what He will produce

(Luke 4:18-19 NKJV)

*18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."*

Hierarchies of Authority

God has ordained hierarchies of authority in His creation.

Christ has authority over the church, the husband has authority over the wife

(Ephesians 5:23 NKJV)

23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

Civil government has authority over the people

(Romans 13:1 NKJV)

1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

(1 Peter 2:13-14 NKJV)

13 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, 14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good

Pastors have authority over their flock

(1 Peter 5:2-3 NKJV)

2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock

Parents have authority over their children

(Ephesians 6:1-4 NKJV)

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord

The one with greater authority does not have greater value to God than one with lesser authority. Rather, those with higher authority should take the responsibility, and also protect those who are more vulnerable.

Such hierarchies are there to serve with the authority rather than to control and manipulate. In the natural the heavens are above the earth. For the earth to produce it is subject to the heavens. The heavens must produce, sunlight, rain and wind for the earth to become productive. The heavens are serving the earth so that it will produce. The earth is placed under the authority of the heavens so that it can function productively.

Such arrangement of authority is to maintain order, discipline, equality and distribution of resources. This is seen when Jesus fed the five thousand.

(Mark 6:39-44 NKJV)

*39 Then He **commanded** them to make them all **sit down in groups** on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties. 41 And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He **looked up to heaven**, blessed and broke the loaves, and **gave them to His disciples** to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all. 42 So they **all ate and were filled**. 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. 44 Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men*

Jesus used His authority and commanded the people to arrange themselves in groups. Each group was ordered in ranks. This brought order to the large crowd. He then consulted with the higher authority which is seated in the heavens - Our Father. He gave Jesus the right to use His power to multiply the bread and the fish. Jesus as God's appointed authority then gave the resource to the authority that He appointed which are the disciples to distribute to the crowd. When there is such levels of authority who function with power within their rights there will be order, equal distribution and abundance.

Such a hierarchal order serves another with the benefits of the right to use power. This is further demonstrated in the healing of the servant of the Centurion.

(Luke 7:2 NKJV)

2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die.

A Centurion is a Roman officer who is in command of one hundred men. His authority comes from the Roman army and gives him the right to control, command and instruct one hundred individuals.

It was a centurion who was watching while Jesus was on the cross

(Matthew 27:54 NKJV)

54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God

The authority of such men come from the political systems of the this world. The centurion whose servant was sick was powerless with all his authority to help the servant. The servant represents the lowest authority level and is paralyzed with sickness.

(Luke 7:3 NKJV)

3 So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant.

The centurion hears about another level of authority which can heal, He realizes that his authority is powerless in comparison to the level of authority that Jesus carries. He does not approach Jesus himself but sends those who have authority within a religious system. He has authority in a political system and uses such authority to influence religious systems.

There are levels of authority that become evident

Centurion	Political
Elders of the Jews	Religious
Jesus	Kingdom of God

(Luke 7:4-5 NKJV)

4 And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, 5 "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue

The centurion exercised influence over the religious system by building them a synagogue. Political authority can be used to manipulate and control others. Religious systems do not represent the authority of God but represent their own interest. We who are the sons of God can carry the spirit of religion and submit our authority to the systems of this world.

The devil tempted Jesus with worldly authority

(Matthew 4:8-9 NKJV)

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me

Pilate thought that he had power over Jesus
(John 19:10-11 NKJV)

10 Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?"

11 Jesus answered, " You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin

Every system of this world has no authority of its own. It is the Son of God that has been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

(Luke 7:6 NKJV)

6 Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.

The centurion sends his friends to speak to Jesus. His friends would be of equal authority. They would be of the same rank. He asked them to address Jesus as "Lord"

GREEK: Lord - Kyrios

g2962. κύριος kyrios; from κῦρος kuros (supremacy); supreme in authority, i. e. (as noun) controller; by implication, Master (as a respectful title):— God, Lord, master, Sir.

AV (748)- Lord 667, lord 54, master 11, sir 6, Sir 6, misc 4;

he to whom a person or thing belongs, about which he has power of deciding; master, lord the possessor and disposer of a thing the owner; one who has control of the person, the master in the state: the sovereign, prince, chief, the Roman emperor is a title of honour expressive of respect and reverence, with which servants greet their master this title is given to: God, the Messiah (STRONG)

The term Lord is one who is supreme in authority. The centurion concludes that the authority of Jesus is superior to the worldly authority that he possesses. As a ranking officer he understood the rank of Jesus. Spiritual authority which is from above causes every other authority to submit.

The Centurion concluded that he was not "worthy"

GREEK: Worthy - Hikanos

g2425. ἰκανός hikanos; from ἵκω hikō (ἰκάνω hikanō or ἰκνέομαι hikneomai, akin to 2240) (to arrive); competent (as if coming in season), i. e. ample (in amount) or fit (in character):— able, +content, enough, good, great, large, long (while), many, meet, much, security, sore, sufficient, worthy. AV (41)- many 11, much 6, worthy 5, long 4, sufficient 3, misc 12; sufficient many enough, enough sufficient in ability, i. e. meet, fit (STRONG)

He did not see himself as deserving, fit or entitled to receive such a high ranking individual as Jesus into his home. John the Baptist felt the same way about Jesus

(Matthew 3:11 NKJV)

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

(Luke 7:7 NKJV)

7 Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed.

GREEK: Worthy - Axis

g0514. ἄξιος axios; probably from 71; deserving, comparable or suitable (as if drawing praise): — due reward, meet, (un-) worthy. AV (41)- worthy 35, meet 4, due reward 1, unworthy +g3756 1; weighing, having weight, having the weight of another thing of like value, worth as much befitting, congruous, corresponding to a thing of one who has merited anything worthy both in a good and a bad sense (STRONG)

The Centurion also realized that he lacked the weight or capacity to go to Jesus . As a man of rank he understood the weight of another of rank. It takes weight to understand weight. Weight is reflected in the words. He knew that one word from Jesus who is “Lord” the supreme authority will heal his servant.

The authority of an individual is determined by the words he speaks. It is a reflection of who one represents. Jesus only spoke what His Father taught Him
(John 8:28 NKJV)

28 Then Jesus said to them, “ When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

(Luke 7:8 NKJV)

8 For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

To be placed is to be set, appointed or ordained. When you are placed under you receive authority from what is set above. Such authority is to represent what is above. Everything on the earth is under the heavens and is sustained by what is set in the heavens. The sun, moon and stars are set in the heavens to make the earth productive.

To be under is not to be suppressed but to receive to become productive. Under is the place of covering and protection. Boaz asked Ruth to come under his wings just as Jesus prayed for Jerusalem.

(Luke 13:34 NKJV)

34 “ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!

Hagar had to come under Sarai for her decedents to be multiplied

(Genesis 16:8-10 NKJV)

8 And He said, “Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?”

She said, “I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai.”

9 The Angel of the Lord said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand.” 10 Then the Angel of the Lord said to her, “I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude

When a house comes under authority it experiences the blessing of the Lord

(Genesis 39:4-5 NKJV)

4 So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority. 5 So it was, from the time that he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had in the house and in the field

A heir realizes what inheritance is worth when he comes under guardians and stewards
(Galatians 4:1-2 NKJV)

1 Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father

As one set under authority you now receive authority to say:

GO - Sending
COME - Appearing
DO - Producing

GO - SENDING

GREEK: Go - Poreuomai

4198. πορεύομαι poreúomai; fut. poreúsomai, aor. pass. as mid. eporeúthēn, mid. deponent from póros (n. f.), a passing or passage, which is from peírō or peráō (n. f.), to pierce or run through. To transport oneself, to go from one place to another. Intrans. Also from póros (n. f.):émporos (G1713), a merchant, trader (CWSDict)

When one uses the authority that comes from the one they are set under then it releases the ability to the one instructed to pierce through, run through or trade with the authority that one has received. This is what the disciples received when Jesus said "Go"

(Matthew 28:18-19 NKJV)

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, " All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

One becomes productive when they understand the authority they are set under. You must discover the weight of the one you are set under. It is that same weight that allows you to trade in the Kingdom of God and make you productive.

Trading is a business term

(Luke 2:49 NKJV)

49 And He said to them, " Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

The word business is related to the word Father. Jesus was only about His "Father". His entire purpose was to represent the Father. Father is the progenitor, originator, it is one who infuses his spirit with another and governs their minds. We who are born of God must be about the "Father". When we GO we are to represent the nature of Father. We trade "Father" with others. This is not possible if we have not come to know Father in an intimate way. Productivity is also determined by the abiding relationship with the One we want to trade to another.

(John 15:9-10 NKJV)

9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love

To shift from fruit to more fruit to much fruit to fruit that remains we must follow the Fathers commandments and abide in His love. Fathering is not just about caring and loving it is about representing. When we come under and we are sent then we go to trade "Father" with others.

(Luke 19:11-13 KJV)

11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come

GREEK: Occupy - Pagmateuomai

g4231. πραγματεύομαι pragmateuomai; from 4229; to busy oneself with, i. e. to trade:— occupy.

AV (1)- occupy 1; to be occupied in anything to carry on a business to carry on the business of a banker or a trader(STRONG)

Root

g4238. πράσσω prassō; a primary verb; to “practice”, i. e. perform repeatedly or habitually (thus differing from 4160, which properly refers to a single act); by implication, to execute, accomplish, etc.; specially, to collect (dues), fare (personally): — commit, deeds, do, exact, keep, require, use arts. AV (38)- do 28, commit 5, exact 1, require 1, deed 1, keep 1, use arts 1; to exercise, practise, to be busy with, carry on to undertake, to do to accomplish, perform to commit, perpetrate to manage public affairs, transact public business to exact tribute, revenue, debts to act (STRONG)

Part of occupying or trading is to practice habitually or repeatedly. This is to create a culture. Each servant was given one pound to trade with. When the Nobleman returns with the Kingdom He expects a return on His investment.

(Luke 19:15-17 NKJV)

15 “ And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned ten minas. ’ 17 And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities

How we trade with the little determines our sphere of authority. If we are faithful to trade and represent with the little that has been entrusted to us then our authority influence increases. The more we represent the Father and trade with His grace in us the more our authority level increases.

COME - APPEARING

GREEK: Come - Erchomai

g2064. ἔρχομαι erchomai; middle voice of a primary verb (used only in the present and imperfect tenses, the others being supplied by a kindred (middle voice) ἐλεύθομαι eleuthomai; or (active) ἔλθω elthō; which do not otherwise occur) to come or go (in a great variety of applications, literally and figuratively):— accompany, appear, bring, come, enter, fall out, go, grow, x light, x next, pass, resort, be set.

AV (643)- come 616, go 13, misc 13, vr come 1;

to come of persons to come from one place to another, and used both of persons arriving to appear, make one's appearance, come before the public metaph. to come into being, arise, come forth, show itself, find place or influence be established, become known, to come (fall) into or unto to go, to follow one (STRONG)

To come is to appear or to come into being. When we come we appear as He appears. Authority allows one to appear as the one you gives authority. We receive the right to appear on behalf of another. Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus. When Jesus was seen then the Father was seen.

(John 14:8-10 NKJV)

8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works

When Jesus walked on water He told Peter to "Come"

(Matthew 14:28-29 NKJV)

28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus

Jesus commanded Peter to appear as He was appearing. The command came from the One that Peter was set under. The moment Peter obeyed He appeared as the one he was under authority.

We receive the right as the sons of God to appear as He appears and to use that authority to represent the authority we are under. The authority works when we get out of the boat. The boat is a place of safety and comfort. To get out is to launch into the deep. Boat represents church, water represents the nations. Appearance takes place when we leave the boat. The Son of Man appeared amongst the three Hebrew boys in the fire in Babylon. The spirit of God was recognized in Joseph in Egypt.

The Kingdom appears when we appear

(Matthew 6:10 NKJV)

10 Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Everywhere Jesus appeared the Kingdom appeared. He understood the authority given to Him by His Father in Heaven. When we go then we come or appear. It is in the going that one appears. Christ will appear only when we come under the authority to go.

DO - PRODUCE

GREEK: Do - Poieo

g4160. ποιέω poieō; apparently a prolonged form of an obsolete primary; to make or do (in a very wide application, more or less direct): — abide, + agree, appoint, x avenge, + band together, be, bear, + bewray, bring (forth), cast out, cause, commit, + content, continue, deal, + without any delay, (would) do (- ing), execute, exercise, fulfil, gain, give, have, hold, x journeying, keep, + lay wait, + lighten the ship, make, x mean, + none of these things move me, observe, ordain, perform, provide, + have purged, purpose, put, + raising up, x secure, shew, x shoot out, spend, take, tarry, + transgress the law, work, yield. Compare 4238.

AV (579)- do 357, make 113, bring forth 14, commit 9, cause 9, work 8, show 5, bear 4, keep 4, fulfil 3, deal 2, perform 2, not tr 3, misc 43, vr do 3; to make with the names of things made, to produce, construct, form, fashion, etc. to be the authors of, the cause to make ready, to prepare to produce, bear, shoot forth to acquire, to provide a thing for one's self to make a thing out of

something to (make i. e.) render one anything to (make i. e.) constitute or appoint one anything, to appoint or ordain one that to (make i. e.) declare one anything to put one forth, to lead him out to make one do something cause one to to be the authors of a thing (to cause, bring about) to do to act rightly, do well to carry out, to execute to do a thing unto one to do to one with designation of time: to pass, spend to celebrate, keep to make ready, and so at the same time to institute, the celebration of the passover to perform: to a promise (STRONG)

To do is simply to make, construct or produce. When we receive authority we are sent to appear as He appears and to produce.

(Acts 1:1-2 NKJV)

1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen

Jesus taught and did and He commanded the apostles to do the same. It is only in the doing that we come know the authority that we represent. We focus on our weaknesses and think we cannot or feel inadequate to do it. Moses had a lot of excuses but God told him to go.

(Exodus 4:10-12 NKJV)

10 Then Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

11 So the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord? 12 Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say

God strengthens our weaknesses when we go to do what He asked us to do. We become eloquent, strong, bold etc only when we choose to appear like Him and use the authority He gave us in His Name. The Name of Jesus is what we represent so He will not fail.

Noah had to construct an ark when there was no water. Moses had to build a tabernacle in the wilderness. The disciples were asked to feed the five thousand with no food. Gideon was asked to fight the Midianite army with three hundred men. Paul was told to stay on a sinking ship. When we understand the authority of whom we represent and who we submit to nothing is impossible. We just follow the command and do. When we do, resource becomes available to accomplish the task we were called to do. If we try to represent our own name then we will struggle and misrepresent the Name we were meant to represent.

(Luke 7:9 NKJV)

9 When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

The faith that the Centurion had was called "great faith". This faith was the honor He bestowed upon Jesus when He called Him "Lord". An understanding of authority is seen in what it produces. The Centurion understood rank and therefore bestowed honor upon Jesus. His faith was in the word that Jesus released because He understood the authority Jesus carried.

To understand great faith we can examine another example.

(Matthew 15:21-22 NKJV)

21 Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon

Jesus was in a region of Tyre and Sidon. These regions were regarded as the commercial hub of the then known world. The commerce of the whole world was gathered in the warehouses of Tyre. It was the King of Tyre, Hiram who had an alliance with David (2 Sam 5:11) and helped Solomon build the Temple (1 Kings 5).

The background to the region is essential in understanding the authority the region carries. The woman is desperate because of the condition that her daughter is in. While living in the commercial hub there was no solution. Money gives people power but it has no authority to solve critical situations. While we have access to the best medical care through money we need the spiritual authority to deal with demons.

(Matthew 15:23-24 NKJV)

23 But He answered her not a word.

And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel

Jesus response was that of a Jew to a Gentile. It was cold and uncaring. At the same time Jesus was functioning within the realm of the authority that He was sent to by the Father. It is the same authority that He gave His disciples when He sent them.

(Matthew 10:5-6 NKJV)

5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel

Authority functions within its jurisdiction. But we have a unique situation where a desperate mother is calling out for her daughter. She calls Jesus "Lord" - she acknowledges Him as a supreme being with supreme authority.

(Matthew 15:25-27 NKJV)

25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table

Jesus insults her by comparing her to a dog but she still worshipped Him. She bestowed great honor to him. Naaman was also a gentile and felt insulted when Elisha did not even come and greet him at the door when he came to him (2 Kings 5). It took servants to help Naaman realise that all he needed was one word from Elisha because of the authority he carried. This gentile woman was willing to eat crumbs from the table because she understood the authority that Jesus carried.

(Matthew 15:28 NKJV)

28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Great faith is connected to honour. The authority that one carries is to serve another but the one in need of the power of that authority must learn how to honor the one carrying the authority.

Little Faith

(Hebrews 11:6 NKJV)

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

We need faith to please God and when we confess our faith in Christ Jesus we become the sons of God meaning we receive authority. It takes faith to receive authority.

(Matthew 6:25-30 NKJV)

25 " Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

28 " So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow:they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith

The worries of life are about eat, drink and clothing. We are asked to look at the birds of air and the growth of lilies these are under the sovereign rule of the Father in Heaven. When we as sons begin to understand the authority that Father has over us then our faith is increased. Worry is a sign of little faith.

(Matthew 8:25-27 NKJV)

25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

26 But He said to them, " Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. 27 So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him

Jesus demonstrated the faith that He had in His Father when He slept through the storm. He knew who had authority over the winds and the waves. He was with sons that focused on the storm and not on the one who had all authority. He was teaching them how to have faith in God. He then demonstrated the authority of the one He represented when He spoke to the winds and the sea. The disciples suddenly realised the power of the One they were with.

(Luke 17:5-6 NKJV)

5 And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

6 So the Lord said, " If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you

Speaking to the tree is about understanding authority. You can only speak in faith to the level that you understand the authority that has been given to you.

(Romans 10:17 NKJV)

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Jesus's words are spirit and life

(John 6:63 NKJV)

63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

It takes faith to receive the spirit which is the anointing of God. It is the anointing of God that makes authority functional. To be productive in the Kingdom we need that anointing.

(Luke 4:17-19 NKJV)

16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

*18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me*

To preach the gospel to the poor;

He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,

To proclaim liberty to the captives

And recovery of sight to the blind,

To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Productivity in the Kingdom is deeply connected to the anointing. Jesus was anointed to deal with:

- Poverty
- Emotional trauma
- Political systems
- Physical sickness
- Mentalities
- Liberty

The physical, mental, social, and spirituality of people can be handled when we know how to function with the anointing. Joseph was a captive, had a broken heart and was oppressed. He delivered his family from poverty, healed their broken heart, gave them liberty, gave them sight to see that it was God who sent him and brought liberty to them in Egypt. He was the one in whom the "spirit of God" lived. The gospel is good news.

GREEK: Gospel - Euaggelizō

g2097. εὐαγγελίζω euaggelizō; from 2095 and 32; to announce good news ("evangelize") especially the gospel:— declare, bring (declare, show) glad (good) tidings, preach (the gospel).

AV (55)- preach 23, preach the Gospel 22, bring good tidings 2, show glad tidings 2, bring glad tidings 1, declare 1, declare glad tidings 1, misc 3;

to bring good news, to announce glad tidings used in the OT of any kind of good news of the joyful tidings of God's kindness, in particular, of the Messianic blessings in the NT used especially of the glad tidings of the coming kingdom of God, and of the salvation to be obtained in it through Christ, and of what relates to this salvation glad tidings are brought to one, one has glad tidings proclaimed to him to proclaim glad tidings instruct (men) concerning the things that pertain to Christian salvation (STRONG)

Much of the function of the anointing comes through “preaching”

GREEK: Preach - Kēryssō

g2784. κηρύσσω kēryssō; of uncertain affinity; to herald (as a public crier), especially divine truth (the gospel):— preacher (- er), proclaim, publish.

AV (61)- preach 51, publish 5, proclaim 2, preached +g2258 2, preacher 1;

to be a herald, to officiate as a herald to proclaim after the manner of a herald always with the suggestion of formality, gravity and an authority which must be listened to and obeyed to publish, proclaim openly: something which has been done used of the public proclamation of the gospel and matters pertaining to it, made by John the Baptist, by Jesus, by the apostles and other Christian teachers (STRONG)

We can only preach, herald, proclaim and publish when we understand the authority that we have been given. It takes a person of authority to announce or proclaim something.

Great faith is when we believe the word and receive the anointing that comes with it. When the anointing is resident upon ones life there will be evidence of authority and productivity. You cannot be productive without the anointing. Your productivity in the world is determined by ability. For the sons of God, ability must be accompanied with anointing to be productive in the Kingdom of God.

To anoint simply means to “smear or to rub”. Christ is the Anointed One and He lives in us. The nation of Israel was corporately known as the “anointed ones”

(Psalms 105:14-15 NKJV)

14 He permitted no one to do them wrong;

Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes,

15 Saying, “Do not touch My anointed ones,

And do My prophets no harm

To anoint is to set apart for a specific task. Prophets, priests and kings were anointed to be set apart for their duty.

Samuel - Prophet

(1 Samuel 12:3 NKJV)

3 Here I am. Witness against me before the Lord and before His anointed:Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I cheated?

Aaron and His sons - Priests

(Exodus 28:41 NKJV)

41 So you shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him. You shall anoint them, consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister to Me as priests.

Saul - King

(1 Samuel 10:1 NKJV)

1 Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him and said:“ Is it not because the Lord has anointed you commander over His inheritance?

David functioned as Prophet, Priest and King and was anointed three times. He was anointed by Samuel before his brothers (1 Sam 16:13). He was anointed as leader over the tribe of Judah (2 Sam 2:4) and he was anointed king of Israel (2 Sam 5:3)

Jesus fulfilled these three anointing's in His life and it is also functional in our lives.

When David was anointed as king in the midst of his brothers we begin to see how the anointing works in his life.

(1 Samuel 16:13 NKJV)

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

David is anointed amongst his brothers by Samuel the prophet. After this encounter we see the effects of the anointing in David's life.

PRACTICAL EFFECT OF THE ANOINTING

1.) Holistic development

(1 Samuel 16:17-18 NKJV)

17 So Saul said to his servants, "Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me." 18 Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the Lord is with him"

David was seen as:

- Skillful
- Mighty man of valour
- Man of war
- Prudent in speech
- Handsome
- Lord is with him

Christ who is the Anointed One lives in us and develops us through His anointing in all arrears of our lives. We must know how to tap into that anointing that resides in us.

2.) Ordinary

(1 Samuel 16:19 NKJV)

19 Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep."

David went back to being a shepherd after being anointed. While the anointing sets you apart it does not make you aloof. We can be ordinary while understanding that we are extra ordinary.

3.) Serve

(1 Samuel 16:21 NKJV)

21 So David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer.

To be an armour bearer is to prepare, lift up or carry the burden of another. David used his anointing to serve king Saul. We must use the authority that comes with the anointing to serve another. Jesus as the Anointed One came to serve (Mark 10:45)

4.) Release oppression and bring refreshment

(1 Samuel 16:23 NKJV)

23 And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.

David's ability was enhanced by the anointing. This would cause the oppression to leave Saul and he would be refreshed and be well. The anointing must release oppression and bring refreshment.

5.) Responsibility and function under authority

(1 Samuel 17:20 NKJV)

20 So David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, and took the things and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight and shouting for the battle.

David showed responsibility in taking care of the sheep and followed the instructions of his father Jesse. Anointing makes you responsible. Later on when he was a fugitive he takes responsibility in ensuring the well being of his father and mother (1 Sam 22:3-4). David also functioned under the authority of his father. Anointing functions under authority.

6.) Brings resource and looks for brothers

(1 Samuel 17:22 NKJV)

22 And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers.

David brought supplies and looked for his brothers. The anointing always supplies resource and never siphons resources. When we are connected to the corporate anointing in the Body of Christ, every joint supplies. We must always look for our brothers.

7.) Identifies the enemy

(1 Samuel 17:26 NKJV)

26 Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

Anointing brings boldness and identifies the nature of the enemy.

8.) Fight

(1 Samuel 17:32 NKJV)

32 Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

Goliath is a man of war and David is a shepherd but the anointing gives you the grace to fight.

(2 Corinthians 10:3-6 NKJV)

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled

(1 Timothy 6:12 NKJV)

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

9.) Followed protocol

(1 Samuel 17:37 NKJV)

*37 Moreover David said, "The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."
And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!"*

Even though David had a strong history of victories, he did not go into battle with the Philistine without following the authority protocol. Respect for appointed authority always brings victory in battles. The anointing functions under authority. To be productive against the giants of the flesh we must understand that anointing functions under authority.

10.) Know your armour

(1 Samuel 17:39 NKJV)

39 David fastened his sword to his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested them. And David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them." So David took them off.

David could not walk in Saul's armour. The anointing helps you to know your armour and your weaponry. Many times we enter battle with another persons armour and fail.

11.) Put on Christ

(1 Samuel 17:40 NKJV)

40 Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine.

Staff - Christ is the word of God

Five smooth stones - Christ is full of grace and truth and dispenses grace through the fivefold

Shepherds Bag - Christ is the Chief Shepherd

The anointing helps you to put on Christ so that you can be victorious in every battle.

(Romans 13:14 NKJV)

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

12.) Name of the Lord

(1 Samuel 17:45 NKJV)

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

David went in the Name of the Lord. Jesus gave authority to the disciples in His Name. The anointing works in the Name of the One who is the Anointed One. When we use the Name it unfolds the authority that is behind that Name.

13.) Prevail

(1 Samuel 17:50 NKJV)

50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David.

The anointing always causes you to prevail. It is the Anointed One inside of you that has prevailed.

(Revelation 5:5 NKJV)

5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

The gates of hell cannot prevail against the Christ the Anointed One who has prevailed

(Matthew 16:18 NKJV)

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

14.) Finished the work

(1 Samuel 17:51 NKJV)

51 Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it.

And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

David finished off Goliath by cutting off his head. This caused the Philistine army to flee. When you bind the strong man you can plunder his house.

(Matthew 12:29 NKJV)

29 Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

Jesus finished the work. Paul said he finished the race. The anointing will help you to finish the work.

15.) Victory for others

(1 Samuel 17:52 NKJV)

52 Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to Shaaraim, even as far as Gath and Ekron.

David's victory over Goliath brought victory to the nation of Israel. Our victories empower others to be victorious. Anointing brings victory into the lives of others.

16.) Sonship

(1 Samuel 17:58 NKJV)

58 And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?"

So David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

Anointing connects you to a father and a house of bread. Oil always has to flow. The oil flows from the head to the body. Anointing from a representative of Christ flows to those under their oversight.

HOW TO INCREASE AND PROTECT THE ANOINTING?

1.) Come under a head

(Psalms 133:2 NKJV)

*2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,
Running down on the beard,
The beard of Aaron,
Running down on the edge of his garments.*

(Ephesians 5:23 NKJV)

23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

(Matthew 26:6-7 NKJV)

6 And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, 7 a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table

Oil flows from the Head to the Body. We must come under headship and authority to receive and increase the anointing in our lives. We can be in the presence of of the anointing but not receive the grace that is in it because we do not know how to come under that grace.

2.) Collect vessels

(2 Kings 4:2-7 NKJV)

1 A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves."

2 So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil."

3 Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors—empty vessels; do not gather just a few. 4 And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones."

5 So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out. 6 Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel."

And he said to her, "There is not another vessel." So the oil ceased. 7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest

There is oil in the house that can solve any critical situation. In order for the anointing to produce answers it must be poured out. We must collect vessels to pour the oil into. The oil stops flowing when there are no vessels. The oil can be sold to pay the debt and to live. Anointing empowers to leave an inheritance for your children. We must pour oil into the lives of others so that it keeps flowing. We don't sell the vessel you sell the oil. The five foolish virgins had to go out and buy oil at the time of midnight. Anointing must cost you something.

3.) Receive a servant

(2 Kings 9:1-6 NKJV)

1 And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, "Get yourself ready, take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth Gilead. 2 Now when you arrive at that place, look there for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, and go in and make him rise up from among his associates, and take him to an inner room. 3 Then take the flask of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, 'Thus says the Lord: "I have anointed you king over Israel."' Then open the door and flee, and do not delay 4 So the young man, the servant of the prophet, went to Ramoth Gilead. 5 And when he arrived, there were the captains of the army sitting; and he said, "I have a message for you, Commander."

Jehu said, "For which one of us?" And he said, "For you, Commander." 6 Then he arose and went into the house. And he poured the oil on his head, and said to him, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'I have anointed you king over the people of the Lord, over Israel

We must receive the anointing from a servant. We sometimes think that the anointing is packaged in a certain way. But God uses servants to dispense the anointing. Jehu was anointed King by the servant of Elisha. Namaan received healing because he listened to a servant. Paul had to receive Ananias to have his eyes anointed. When a father sends a son there is delegated authority to dispense anointing. Jesus was sent by the Father as the Anointed One. If we receive Him we receive the Father.

John 20:21-23 (NKJV)

21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

4.) Buy Oil

(Matthew 25:1-4 NKJV)

1 " Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps

(Matthew 25:8-10 NKJV)

8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out. ' 9 But the wise answered, saying, ' No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves. ' 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut

Oil has a cost. We must know how to buy oil. You can access oil through seed. Bannabas sold his land and laid the money at the feet of the Apostles and apostolic grace came into his life. As a vessel you have a lamp but you must have oil to keep the lamp burning.

(Exodus 27:20 NKJV)

20 "And you shall command the children of Israel that they bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to cause the lamp to burn continually.

Our spirit is the lamp of the Lord
(Proverbs 20:27 NKJV)
*27 The spirit of a man is the lamp of the Lord,
Searching all the inner depths of his heart.*

Anointing is the fuel that is needed to ensure that our lamp does not go out.

5.) Stop foolish behavior

(Proverbs 21:20 NKJV)
*20 There is desirable treasure,
And oil in the dwelling of the wise,
But a foolish man squanders it.*

Foolishness squanders the anointing.

FIGHTING

(Proverbs 18:6 NKJV)
*6 A fool's lips enter into contention,
And his mouth calls for blows.*

OPINIONATED

(Proverbs 12:15 NKJV)
*15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,
But he who heeds counsel is wise.*

OUTWARD PREOCCUPATION

(Luke 11:39-40 NKJV)
*39 Then the Lord said to him, " Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean,
but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness. 40 Foolish ones! Did not He who made the
outside make the inside also*

LETS OUT

(Proverbs 29:11 NKJV)
*11 A fool vents all his feelings,
But a wise man holds them back.*

INIQUITY (Immorality, Evil & Wickedness)

(Isaiah 32:6 NKJV)
*6 For the foolish person will speak foolishness,
And his heart will work iniquity:
To practice ungodliness,
To utter error against the Lord,
To keep the hungry unsatisfied,
And he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.*

SAND BUILDING

(Matthew 7:26 NKJV)
*26 " But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish
man who built his house on the sand:*

HOSTILE

(Ecclesiastes 7:9 NKJV)

*9 Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry,
For anger rests in the bosom of fools.*

6.) Brokenness

(Mark 14:3 NKJV)

3 And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head.

In order for the oil to flow from our lives it requires brokenness. Bread can only be distributed when it is broken. His Body was broken for us. For the inward man to flow the outward man must be broken.

Judges 7:19 (NKJV)

19 So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just as they had posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in their hands.

Pitcher had light but had to be broken for the light to shine forth

(2 Corinthians 4:7 NKJV)

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

In order for the treasure to be released the vessel must be broken.

7.) Find the coin

(Luke 15:8 NKJV)

8 " Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?

Every married woman wore a 10 coin bracelet around her head. Ten speaks of the anointing. The Holy Spirit fell ten days after Jesus ascended to the Father. Abraham sent ten camels with gifts for Rebekah with Eliezer his servant. Eliezer means "helper". The Holy Spirit was sent as our helper with gifts of the spirit for the Church who is the Bride of Christ.

When one coin is lost there is a diminishing of the anointing. We must:

- Light a lamp - Get into the word of God (Ps 119:105)
- Sweep the house - Clean heart (Ps 51:10)
- Search carefully - Allow the Holy Spirit to search our hearts (Ps 139:23)

God the Father has invested His Son, Jesus Christ into us the Body of Christ which is the church. He requires us to be productive.

PRODUCTIVE

Isaiah 5:1 (NKJV)

1 Now let me sing to my Well-beloved

A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard:

My Well-beloved has a vineyard

On a very fruitful hill.

There is a song to the Father about the the Beloved and His vineyard.

Jesus is the Beloved Son

Matthew 3:17 (NKJV)

17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

The church is the vineyard of the Lord. The song is about the productivity of the vineyard. It is about the fruitfulness of this vineyard.

The vineyard is on a very fruitful hill. The word "fruitful" in the Hebrew is the word "Ben" which means son and is derived from the word family. In order for the vineyard to be fruitful it must transition into a family. The word hill is the word "horn" in the Hebrew. Horn is used to pour oil to anoint and set apart, prophets, priests and kings. Christ is the horn of our salvation (2 Sam 22:3) and He is the Anointed One who has poured His oil on the Body of Christ. As the sons of God we receive the anointing to become productive.

We as the vineyard are planted on a fruitful hill.

Isaiah 5:2 (NKJV)

2 He dug it up and cleared out its stones,

And planted it with the choicest vine.

He built a tower in its midst,

And also made a winepress in it;

So He expected it to bring forth good grapes,

But it brought forth wild grapes.

God has dug up His vineyard and removed its stones. When Christ comes into our lives He takes away the heart of stone and gives us a heart of flesh

Ezekiel 11:19 (NKJV)

19 Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh,

Christ is the choicest vine that is planted in the vineyard.

John 15:5 (NKJV)

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

h8321. שֵׁרֶץ *srêq*; or שׁוֹרֶץ *sowreq*; and (feminine) שֹׂרֶקָה *soreqah*; from 8319 in the sense of redness (compare 8320); a vine stock (properly, one yielding purple grapes, the richest variety): — choice(-st, noble) wine. Compare 8291.

AV (3) - choice wine 2, noble wine 1; choice species of vine, choice grapes

(Olive Tree Enhanced Strong's Dictionary)

This vine produces the best quality grapes. It yields fruit of royal quality. Christ is the vine in us and He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. He expects that the fruit in our lives will be of royal quality.

The Name of the Lord is a stronger tower

Proverbs 18:10 (NKJV)

*10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
The righteous run to it and are safe.*

The Name of the Lord is who Christ is. When we represent His Name well then we receive protection from our enemies. A tower is a warning system against any attack. The Holy Spirit lives in us as a warning system telling us when to flee.

Wine symbolizes joy, feasting, love, royalty etc. The wine press is expected to produce such wine. Gideon was threshing wheat at the wine press. It symbolized the condition that he was in (Judges 1)

After all the investment that God the Father has made he expected good grapes to be produced.

John 15:8 (NKJV)

8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

The vineyard produced wild grapes. Wild grapes are useless and give of a bad smell. It was a stench. Sometimes what we think is production, fruitfulness or success is a stench in God's nostrils

Matthew 7:22-23 (NKJV)

22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Lawlessness is when we use the name of another and claim it as your own. The grapes which are the fruit must carry the quality of the vine

HOW TO BE PRODUCTIVE?

PRAYER

Jesus ensured productivity by spending time with His Father

Matthew 14:23 (NKJV)

23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

Mark 1:35 (NKJV)

35 Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

Luke 5:16 (NKJV)

16 So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

David prayed and he was a productive King
Solomon prayed and he was the wisest man
Hezekiah prayed and he was a productive reformer
All the disciples were in the upper room praying and they became productive

Cornelius was a man who prayed and the Lord used him for the Gentiles to receive the Holy Spirit

Acts 10:1-2 (NKJV)

1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, 2 a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always

James 5:17-18 (NKJV)

17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

A productive life is a life that is given to prayer. Prayer must become a lifestyle and not an event. A devotional life is to know Him.

RIGHTEOUSNESS

1 John 2:29 (NKJV)

29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

Jesus is righteous and we are born of Him therefore we must also be righteous as He was.

Isaiah 33:15-16 (NKJV)

*15 He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly,
He who despises the gain of oppressions,
Who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes,
Who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed,
And shuts his eyes from seeing evil:*

*16 He will dwell on high;
His place of defense will be the fortress of rocks;
Bread will be given him,
His water will be sure*

Psalms 92:12-14 (NKJV)

*12 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
13 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord
Shall flourish in the courts of our God.
14 They shall still bear fruit in old age;
They shall be fresh and flourishing,*

Proverbs 15:6 (NKJV)

*6 In the house of the righteous there is much treasure,
But in the revenue of the wicked is trouble.*

Psalms 37:25 (NKJV)

*25 I have been young, and now am old;
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his descendants begging bread.*

The righteous always flourish. We must remain righteous as He is righteous.

James 5:16 (NKJV)

*16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.
The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*

ELEMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Reverential Speech (CLEAN MOUTH)

Proverbs 16:13 (NKJV)

*13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings,
And they love him who speaks what is right.*

Internal Purity (CLEAN HEART)

Psalms 24:4-5 (NKJV)

*4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,
Nor sworn deceitfully.
5 He shall receive blessing from the Lord,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation*

Good Works (CLEAN HANDS)

Isaiah 58:7-8 (NKJV)

*7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out;
When you see the naked, that you cover him,
And not hide yourself from your own flesh?
8 Then your light shall break forth like the morning,
Your healing shall spring forth speedily,
And your righteousness shall go before you;
The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard*

Humility

(Luke 18:9-14 NKJV)

*9 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were
righteous, and despised others:10 “ Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a
Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with
himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers,
or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ 13
And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven,
but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man
went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself
will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted*

Temperance

Titus 2:12

teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,(NKJ)

Equity (FAIRNESS)(CLEAN EYES)

John 7:24

"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."(NKJ)

Obedience (CLEAN FEET)

Luke 1:6

And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. (NKJ)

Uncompromising (CLEAN KNEES)

Acts 4:19-20

19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.

20 "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."(NKJ)

Sincerity (CLEAN LOINS)

(Philippians 1:10-11 NKJV)

10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

We receive resource to represent the Kingdom of God. Adam was created to represent God because he was created in God's image and likeness.

Genesis 1:26 (NKJV)

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Jesus is the last Adam and He is the life giving spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:45 (NKJV)

45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life- giving spirit.

That same spirit is embodied in us the church. We are a new creation after the likeness of Christ. Jesus also was deputised as a Son to represent His Father. God is Our Father and therefore we are here to represent His purpose on the earth.

We are not called to work because God has ended His work.

Genesis 2:2 (NKJV)

2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

HEBREW: Melaka

h4399. מְלָאכָה m lá'kâ; from the same as 4397; properly, deputyship, i. e. ministry; generally, employment (never servile) or work (abstractly or concretely); also property (as the result of labor): — business, + cattle, + industrious, occupation, (+- pied), + officer, thing (made), use, (manner of) work ((- man),- manship).

AV (167)- work 129, business 12, workmen + h6213 7, workmanship 5, goods 2, cattle 1, stuff 1, thing 1, misc 9;

occupation, work, business occupation, business property work (something done or made) workmanship service, use public business political (STRONG)

ROOT: Malak - Representative

h4397. מַלְאָךְ mal'âk; from an unused root meaning to despatch as a deputy; a messenger; specifically, of God, i. e. an angel (also a prophet, priest or teacher): — ambassador, angel, king, messenger.

AV (214)- angel 111, messenger 98, ambassadors 4, variant 1;

messenger, representative messenger angel the theophanic angel (STRONG)

The root meaning of the word work in Hebrew is “representative or messenger”. We simply work to represent the interests of the Lord of the work.

Jesus finished the work at the cross.

John 17:4 (NKJV)

4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

John 19:30 (NKJV)

30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “ It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

We are called to represent the One who has finished the work. God the Father is in rest and His Son Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father. We are seated in Him in heavenly places but we are on the earth. While we are on the earth we are called to represent God.

Ephesians 2:6 (NKJV)

6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

In order to represent God we receive resources that must be stewarded so that the Kingdom of God can advance on the earth. We receive a place of employment or business so that we can represent the Father. In the weight of our representation we become worthy to receive wages.

Jesus sent the disciples and they were worthy to receive wages

Luke 10:7 (NKJV)

7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.

We become stewards over the house and we are the house of God. Our families are also the house of God. As stewards we manage human and physical resource.

Shebna was steward in the house of King Hezekiah and was called to account for his management of resources

Isaiah 22:15-16 (NKJV)

15 Thus says the Lord God of hosts:

“Go, proceed to this steward,

To Shebna, who is over the house, and say:

16 “What have you here, and whom have you here,

That you have hewn a sepulcher here,

As he who hews himself a sepulcher on high,

Who carves a tomb for himself in a rock

The WHAT is the physical resource

The WHOM is the human resource

Sheba made a sepulcher which is tomb with the resources under his stewardship. The resources were used to build a place for death.

HEBREW: Shebna - Vigour

h7644. שֶׁבְנָא šebnâ’; or שֶׁבְנָה Shebnah; from an unused root meaning to grow; growth; Shebna or Shebnah, an Israelite: — Shebna, Shebnah. AV (9)- Shebna 9; Shebna ="vigour" (STRONG)

His name is connected with growth and vigour yet he produces a tomb. We sometimes work so hard with great vigour yet we are producing a place of death. We work so hard to pay bills and live better lives but it is all death if it does not carry the principle of representation.

We must know WHAT we have and WHOM we have so that we can represent God accurately.

What do we have?

Houses

Cars

Money

Businesses

Careers

Education

Jobs

Whom do we have?

Spouse

Children

Relationships

Employees

We use what we have to resource whom we have so that we represent Our Father.

Abraham

Genesis 13:1-2 (NKJV)

1 Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South. 2 Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold

When Abram came out of Egypt he had resources. His wife, nephew and all his herdsman were his human resource and all his wealth was his physical resource. This included livestock and riches.

We must move resource out of Egypt. Egypt represents a system of control, slavery and captivity. When Moses realised that he was not the son of Pharaoh he immediately left Egypt.

Hebrews 11:24 (NKJV)

24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

Hebrews 11:27 (NKJV)

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

Leaving Egypt requires sacrifice. In order for the nation of Israel to leave Egypt and its control that had to sacrifice a Lamb. It is only Christ the Lamb of God in us that enables us to move our resources out from under the control of the systems of this world and under the control of His voice. Leaving Egypt means your resource will be the in wilderness but you will have a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to direct its movement.

It takes sacrifice to move resource out of Egypt. We must learn how to offer our resource sacrificially. One of the key ingredients of sacrifice is brokenness.

Psalms 51:17 (NKJV)

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit,

A broken and a contrite heart—

These, O God, You will not despise.

When we are broken then our resource becomes His resource. The lady took the resource of one years wages and broke it at the feet of Jesus to prepare His body for burial. Brokenness releases fragrance into the house and prepares the Body for Christ. Resource management requires a broken manager (steward).

The divine principle to managing the resource was to move it to a certain location

Genesis 13:3 (NKJV)

3 And he went on his journey from the South as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai,

Abram moved his resource between Bethel and Ai. Bethel means “House of God”

HEBREW: Ai - Heap of ruins

h5856. אֵי ‘îy; from 5753; a ruin (as if overturned):— heap. AV (4)- heap 4; ruin, heap of ruins (STRONG)

h5753. אָוַן ‘âwâ; a primitive root; to crook, literally or figuratively (as follows):— do amiss, bow down, make crooked, commit iniquity, pervert, (do) perverse (- ly), trouble, x turn, do wickedly, do wrong. AV (17)- iniquity 4, perverse 2, perversely 2, perverted 2, amiss 1, turn 1, crooked 1, bowed down 1, troubled 1, wickedly 1, wrong 1; to bend, twist, distort (STRONG)

The root meaning of Ai is heap of ruins, place of crookedness, wicked, wrong, amiss etc

Abram places his resource in a place called in between. In between is a place of double mindedness, being unsure, it also a place of safety because there is no commitment. When resource is located between then it produces strife and contention, brings separation and disputes.

Genesis 13:7-9 (NKJV)

*7 And there was **strife between** the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land.*

*8 So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no **strife between** you and me, and **between** my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren. 9 Is not the whole land before you? Please **separate** from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left*

When we are "between" with our resource then there will be strife "between". There was strife between human resource over physical resource. When resource is been places then it will result in strife. Resource must come into a place of commitment before it is managed for Kingdom purpose. We must understand that to manage our resources we need divine enablement or grace so that our resource does not produce strife, contention and eventually separation.

Genesis 13:18 (NKJV)

18 Then Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built an altar there to the Lord.

Resource must migrate, move and settle in a place called Hebron which is a place of association and covenant. Altars were built to worship God. We see resource as worship when we come into a place of covenant. Mamre means "fatness or strength". Resource begins to grow and becomes strengthened when it is covenantal and used to worship God.

Lot moved his resource to Sodom a place of wickedness and sinfulness. We can take resource that we acquired under the grace of a Father like Abram and move to a sinful place instead of a place of worship. When our resource is moved to such a location there a certain kings, ruling principalities that will come after that resource.

Genesis 14:1 (NKJV)

1 And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations,

Amraphel - "sayer of darkness"

Arioch - "lion like"

Chedorlaomer - "handful of sheaves"

Tidal - "fearfulness"

These four Kings put Lot into captivity. Resource moves into a place of negativity, masking, only a handful and a place of doubt. Resource which is supposed to be used for worship is now in captivity because it has no grace to manage it. Our resource gets surrounded by negativity because we always say we never have enough. We use wealth to project an image that is not real. We always function with only a handful when we are created to have more than enough. Doubt and fear comes into our resource therefore we cannot give because we have little or no faith.

When we are in such a place with our resource we will need to consistently be rescued by one who has moved his resource into a place of covenant.

Abram moved his resource to Hebron. This is a covenantal place. We cannot make a covenant it is God who establishes a covenant.

Noah

Genesis 6:18 (NKJV)

18 But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

Abram

Genesis 15:18 (NKJV)

18 On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying:

“To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—

Exodus 2:24-25 (NKJV)

24 So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them

When God establishes covenant He remembers and looks upon the suffering of His people. When we shift resource into a place of covenant God remembers in the time of our need and He comes through.

When resource is in a place of covenant it finds its purpose. God gives us the power to create wealth for the purpose of establishing His covenant.

Deuteronomy 8:14-18 (NKJV)

14 when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; 15 who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; 16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end— 17 then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’

18 “And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day

Deuteronomy is the repetition of the law. It is to prepare the people to crossover the Jordan under a new leadership. God through His servant Moses reminds them of how He brought them out of Egypt and made them resourceful. But they must remember that it was the Lord who gives the “power” to get wealth.

The word power simply means the strength, ability, might, substance. One of the meanings of this word in the Hebrew is “chameleon” which is a lizard that has the ability to camouflage itself in its surroundings. The strength of this lizard is to hide itself. We must receive strength to hide our resources or to keep it secret. This is the nature of the Kingdom of God.

The purpose of receiving this wealth which is resource is to establish God’s covenant which He promised. We receive the power to create, make of produce resources so that we can fulfil what God has promised.

We live under a better covenant with better promises.

Hebrews 8:6 (NKJV)

6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

God uses our resources which He empowered us with to fulfill His promises.

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NKJV)

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching

God is a promise KEEPER and He uses us with our resources to be promise FULFILLERS.

When Abram heard of Lot's predicament and how he was taken captive he could respond with his resources because he managed it wisely.

Genesis 14:13 (NKJV)

13 Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, for he dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner; and they were allies with Abram.

Abram had resource that was influential and covenantal. Abram became "sought out". We are the seed of Abraham through the seed of Christ we must become sought out in time of need. When resources are managed it becomes influential. Our resources must become influential.

Isaiah 62:12 (NKJV)

*12 And they shall call them The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord;
And you shall be called Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.*

We shall be called "sought out". When we move resource to a place of covenant then our resource becomes influential. It finds its purpose in influencing, changing, transforming and blessing the lives of others.

Nehemiah fed 150 people at his table

Nehemiah 5:16-19 (NKJV)

16 Indeed, I also continued the work on this wall, and we did not buy any land. All my servants were gathered there for the work.

17 And at my table were one hundred and fifty Jews and rulers, besides those who came to us from the nations around us. 18 Now that which was prepared daily was one ox and six choice sheep. Also fowl were prepared for me, and once every ten days an abundance of all kinds of wine. Yet in spite of this I did not demand the governor's provisions, because the bondage was heavy on this people.

19 Remember me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people

Cornelius' resource made him a man of influence

Acts 10:1-2 (NKJV)

1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, 2 a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always

Boy with 5 loaves and two fish influenced the lives of 5000 people

John 6:9-11 (NKJV)

9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

10 Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted

Alabaster jar prepared the body of Jesus for burial

Mark 14:3-9 (NKJV)

3 And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. 4 But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted? 5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply.

6 But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. 7 For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. 8 She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. 9 Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her

Joseph of Arimathea used his resources to prepare the Body for resurrection

Matthew 27:57-60 (NKJV)

57 Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. 58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. 59 When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed

Our resources must be managed so that it has influence.

1. Offering your first fruits, tithes and freewill offerings ensures that your resource becomes influential
2. Sowing into nations brings change to the lives of many people through the word and the spirit
3. Giving to the poor, widows the orphans makes your resource influential and blessed
4. Being a blessing to the Body of Christ ensures your resource is influential
5. Honouring spiritual fathers and elders in the faith makes your resource influential
6. Leaving an inheritance makes your resource influential for generations to come.

When Jesus was born resource was brought to Him

Matthew 2:11-12 (NKJV)

11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way

The wise men presented resource to Jesus and then they were warned not to return to Herod. Jesus had resource to be influential.

Abram managed his resource so that he became sought out. He used the physical resource to train human resource. Physical resource has influence on human resource.

Genesis 14:14 (NKJV)

14 Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

Abram “armed” his servants that were born in his house. The word armed means to “pour forth” - Abram as a father poured himself into his servants. Physical resource makes it possible for a Father to pour himself into his sons. It enables the human resource to receive the grace that is in a Father. In order for God to fulfil His promises He needs human resource to be armed.

Philippians 2:16-17 (NKJV)

16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

17 Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all

Paul poured himself into the churches and prayed that his labour would not be in vain.

318 in hebrew gematria is the name “Eliezer” - this was Abrams oldest and most trusted servant. His name means “God is help”.

Psalms 46:1 (NKJV)

*1 God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.*

Jesus promised His disciples that He would not leave them but that He would send the Holy Spirit as a helper

John 14:16-18 (NKJV)

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you

We cannot manage resource without the person of the Holy Spirit who is our Helper. He gives us the power to create, produce and manage physical resource so that it can have influence on human resource.

Resource must be managed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As sons of God we are led by the Spirit of God. It is the anointing that fuels our Spirit Man. Christ is the Anointed One who lives in us therefore our resource must become Christ centred.

Jesus relates the parable of a steward who wasting the goods of his master.

Luke 16:1 (NKJV)

1 He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods

The rich man is God the Father and we are the stewards of the resources of God the Father.

GREEK: Steward - Oikonomos

g3623. οἰκονόμος oikonomos; from 3624 and the base of 3551; a house- distributor (i.e. manager), or overseer, i. e. an employee in that capacity; by extension, a fiscal agent (treasurer); figuratively, a preacher (of the Gospel): — chamberlain, governor, steward.

AV (10)- steward 8, chamberlain 1, governor 1; the manager of household or of household affairs esp. a steward, manager, superintendent (whether free- born or as was usually the case, a freed- man or a slave) to whom the head of the house or proprietor has entrusted the management of his affairs, the care of receipts and expenditures, and the duty of dealing out the proper portion to every servant and even to the children not yet of age the manager of a farm or landed estate, an overseer the superintendent of the city's finances, the treasurer of a city (or of treasurers or quaestors of kings) metaph. the apostles and other Christian teachers and bishops and overseers (STRONG)

The earth is the Lords and the fullness thereof we are as the sons of God who are part of the Household of God are here to manage the affairs of our Master. We are overseers and distributors of His resource. As stewards we must not be accused of wasting the Masters goods.

Luke 16:2 (NKJV)

2 So he called him and said to him, "What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward."

The steward was called to account. He was called to reason, explain or answer for the wastage of the Masters goods. We must come to account for our resources. We must know what we are using the resources for.

While we are called to manage physical and human resource we must understand that it is the Spiritual resource within us that helps us to manage. Therefore without spiritual resource we will become bankrupt in the management of human and physical resource.

Luke 16:3 (NKJV)

3 "Then the steward said within himself, "What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg.

As stewards in the Kingdom of God we are are called to represent the Master as His stewards. We are not designed to dig or beg. When we waste the goods entrusted under our care then we misrepresent the Master and His value system.

Luke 16:5-7 (NKJV)

5 " So he called every one of his master's debtors to him, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil. ' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty. ' 7 Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat. ' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty

There are two types of goods that the steward was trading with:

Oil which is a symbol of the anointing. There are different types of oil:

Pressed oil

Exodus 27:20 (NKJV)

20 "And you shall command the children of Israel that they bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to cause the lamp to burn continually.

This oil was used to keep the lampstand burning to give light in the Holy Place. The olives were beaten or pressed to produce this oil. In order for us to remain the light of the world there is a beating and pressing process. For our resources to be well managed it requires a pressing process by the Anointed One within us.

Holy Anointing Oil

Exodus 30:22-25 (NKJV)

22 Moreover the Lord spoke to Moses, saying:23 "Also take for yourself quality spices—five hundred shekels of liquid myrrh, half as much sweet-smelling cinnamon (two hundred and fifty shekels), two hundred and fifty shekels of sweet-smelling cane, 24 five hundred shekels of cassia, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil. 25 And you shall make from these a holy anointing oil, an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer. It shall be a holy anointing oil

This oil was used for the purpose of anointing and was made up of 5 ingredients. These ingredients symbolize grace that is transmitted to function in the office. When we manage resources it must reflect the grace of God. Christ is the fulfillment of the ingredients and is the Anointed One. He is full of grace and truth and live in us as His Body. He is the grace within us that helps us to steward our resources.

Fragrant Oil

Matthew 26:6-7 (NKJV)

6 And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, 7 a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table

The lady took this very costly fragrant oil and poured it on the head of Jesus. It was not the pressed or the holy oil but it was a fragrant oil. When resources are offered sacrificially to the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ then it releases a fragrance within the house. Christ has representatives in His Body that would receive such sacrifices through the principle of honour. Such offerings release the fragrance of His presence within the house.

Medicinal Oil

Mark 6:13 (NKJV)

13 And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them

Within Jewish culture oil was used as balm for medicinal purposes. It brought healing to many. When our resources are stewarded by the Oil within us it can bring healing to many.

Wheat was harvested after the barley harvest during a time known as the Feast of Weeks or the Feast of Pentecost. It symbolised Jesus as the first fruit from the dead who waved Himself as sheaf before the Father.

Joseph was the sheaf that stood upright

Genesis 37:7 (NKJV)

7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."

Israel had to offer the sheaf of the first-fruits of the Wheat

Leviticus 23:9-11 (NKJV)

9 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 10 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest. 11 He shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it

Christ is the first fruit from the dead

(1 Corinthians 15:20 NKJV)

20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

When you look at the wheat it is what we do first with our resource. It must be managed on the principle of first things. In order for resource not to be wasted it must be offered first unto the Lord. The purpose of offering a first fruit was to represent Christ. Christ is the first fruit and it He ensures that the whole lump is Holy. What you offer first makes sure that the entire lump is Holy.

Wheat was also threshed into grain to produce bread. Christ is the manna from heaven and He is the Bread of Life. He is the word that brings life to us.

John 6:32-35 (NKJV)

32 Then Jesus said to them, " Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

35 And Jesus said to them, " I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst

1 John 1:1 (NKJV)

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—

Resources must be managed through the word of life. The word brings light to the path that our resources must follow

Christ who is the Word was in the beginning

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God

(John 1:1 NKJV)

The word creates a beginning. The word was at the origin it was the first, it is the first in time, place and rank. Resources must first be governed by the word of God. The word of God is Spirit and life.

John 6:63 (NKJV)

63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

Resource managed by the word of God produces life.

In order for wheat to become bread it must go through an agricultural process

The field is ploughed

1 Corinthians 3:9 (NKJV)

9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

Seed is sown

Matthew 13:3 (NKJV)

3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: " Behold, a sower went out to sow.

Rains water the seed

Deuteronomy 11:14 (NKJV)

14 then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.

Harvesting or Reaping

Ruth 2:3 (NKJV)

3 Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

Gleaning

Ruth 2:3 (NKJV)

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Bundles or Sheaves

Genesis 37:7 (NKJV)

7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."

Threshing

Ruth 2:17 (NKJV)

17 So she gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley

Winnowed

Matthew 3:12 (NKJV)

12 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Sifted

Luke 22:31 (NKJV)

31 And the Lord said, " Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat.

Sealed

Ephesians 1:13 (NKJV)

13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Stored

Genesis 41:56 (NKJV)

56 The famine was over all the face of the earth, and Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine became severe in the land of Egypt.

Ground with a millstone

Matthew 24:41 (NKJV)

41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.

Baked

Leviticus 24:5 (NKJV)

5 "And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it. Two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake

In order for resource to find its purpose in the Kingdom it must go through this process. As stewards the spiritual resource of wheat must be ground and baked into bread which is the Word of God. Our resource must come under the guidance of the word of God.

When the word and the spirit agree there will be accuracy in the management of the resource

Luke 16:8 (NKJV)

8 So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.

The steward was commended for his shrewdness or wisdom. The sons of this world manage resource through the wisdom of the is world which is the wisdom from below. We as the sons of God manage the resources God has entrusted us with from the wisdom that is from above.

James 3:13-17 (NKJV)

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy

It is the oil and the wheat in us that helps us to manage the resource God blesses us with

The steward received commendation or reward because he acted wisely. He did not receive rewards for signs and wonders or for feeding the poor it was because he acted wisely or prudently. Rewards are not based on what we do for God it is based on how we represent God.

Proverbs 11:18 (NKJV)

18 The wicked man does deceptive work, But he who sows righteousness will have a sure reward.

Matthew 6:3-4 (NKJV)

3 But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

The steward dealt shrewdly which means prudently or wisely. The sons of this world refers to a generation within an “age of time” - this is a period of time. We have the Industrial Revolution, Modern Age, Post-Modern Age, Information Age, Social Media Age etc. Within these ages of time there are sons of these ages that define these periods. Inventors, creators, geniuses who are sons of this period of time that control the lives and the destinies of millions of people. The Bill Gates, Steve Jobs are sons of this age that defined the world by their creations and influence. There are regarded as more wise and prudent than the sons of light or the sons of God.

We are sons of light

John 12:35-36 (NKJV)

35 Then Jesus said to them, “ A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6 (NKJV)

5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober

What is the prudence or wisdom we must use in this age of time as sons of light?

Luke 16:9 (NKJV)

9 “ And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.

1.) Develop associations and friendships with people of influence

Make friends with people of influence. Unrighteous mammon is the wealth of this world. Such wealth can be transmitted into the Kingdom of God. King Hiram built David a house

2 Samuel 5:11-12 (NKJV)

11 Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters and masons. And they built David a house. 12 So David knew that the Lord had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel

King Hiram also became a friend to King Solomon and helped him to build the House of God

1 Kings 5:10-12 (NKJV)

10 Then Hiram gave Solomon cedar and cypress logs according to all his desire. 11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand kors of wheat as food for his household, and twenty kors of pressed oil. Thus Solomon gave to Hiram year by year.

12 So the Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as He had promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a treaty together

Proverbs 12:26 (NKJV)

*26 The righteous should choose his friends carefully,
For the way of the wicked leads them astray.*

Proverbs 14:20 (NKJV)

*20 The poor man is hated even by his own neighbor,
But the rich has many friends.*

Proverbs 19:4 (NKJV)

*4 Wealth makes many friends,
But the poor is separated from his friend.*

The wealth of this world will fail and when it fails such friends will receive the treasure that is within you which is Christ.

Luke 16:10 (NKJV)

10 He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.

2.) Be faithful with what is least

This is the principle of the mustard seed. When is sown it will become a tree and bear fruit.

Matthew 13:31-32 (NKJV)

31 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, 32 which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches

Least of the peoples

Deuteronomy 7:6-8 (NKJV)

6 "For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. 7 The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; 8 but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt

Israel was the least of all the nations and God chose them to be His remnant people.

David was faithful with the few sheep and God made the Shepherd over His flock. How we manage what is small will determine how we will manage what is great.

1 Corinthians 15:9-10 (NKJV)

9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me

Paul regarded himself as the least but he labored abundantly. God adds grace to the least and makes it great. When we are faithful with the least God's grace makes it great.

God uses weak and despised things

1 Corinthians 1:27-28 (NKJV)

27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,

We must practice the least things in order to become faithful over much

- 1.) Be on time
- 2.) Maintain your little assets well
- 3.) Be faithful with the prayer points, offerings and communion preparation
- 4.) Serve with excellence when you asked to do so
- 5.) Don't despise small beginnings

Isaiah 60:22 (NKJV)

*22 A little one shall become a thousand,
And a small one a strong nation.
I, the Lord, will hasten it in its time."*

Luke 16:11 (NKJV)

11 Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

3.) Be faithful with unrighteous mammon

We must be faithful to manage unrighteous wealth. The sources of wealth come from unrighteous businesses most of whom do not know God. We must be faithful to manage this wealth so that we can receive true riches. True riches are the wheat and the oil. Bread and the anointing, word and spirit. When we want to access the riches of the word and the spirit it is determined by how we manage wealth. This means good administration, order and organisation with regards to personal finances. Sons of God must be prudent and wise in the management of unrighteous mammon. Having a budget, saving, planning for the future, leaving an inheritance are all part of managing the wealth that comes from an unrighteous source. God uses these systems to bring wealth to the righteous but we must know how to manage it well if we want to receive riches from the One who is True. While we are faithful to the Kingdom of God we must be faithful to manage unrighteous mammon.

We are Holy because He is Holy and we are righteous because He became our righteousness. When we receive unrighteous mammon it becomes righteous in our hands because it is managed by the the true riches that are within us. We seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. His righteousness is the standard. In order to manage wealth we must seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteous standard. Jesus said to His disciples that their righteousness must exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees and Scribes who lived by the law. The dimension of grace requires a greater righteousness.

Jesus advises on taxes

Matthew 22:17-21 (NKJV)

17 Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, " Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? 19 Show Me the tax money."

So they brought Him a denarius.

20 And He said to them, " Whose image and inscription is this?"

21 They said to Him, "Caesar's."

And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's"

Paul the Apostle advises to pay what is due

Romans 13:7 (NKJV)

7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Dues are debts or that which is owed. In the systems of this world we must maintain a strong credit rating. Our debts must be paid on time so that we reflect the righteousness of the kingdom of God that is within us. We live in a society that is highly indebted because lifestyles are driven by the spirit of mammon. We represent a higher order of life called sonship. As sons we are free.

Luke 16:12 (NKJV)

12 And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?

4.) Be faithful with what is another mans

We must know what is another mans. Jacob was faithful in Laban's house for twenty years before God gave him his own house. As sons of the household you must understand that you in another man's field. There is only one father appointed by God. You must never flirt, fornicate or commit adultery with what is another mans. Reuben violated this principle and became unstable as water.

As servant of the Lord or Father over a household the Bride belongs to the Bridegroom. Fathers must not violate what belongs to another man. Absalom touched what belonged to another man and he hung from a tree. Ownership is determined by stewardship of another man's field.

- 1.) If you lease something it is another mans (bond, car, cell phone, clothing etc)
- 2.) If you are renting it is another mans property
- 3.) If you borrow something it is another mans
- 5.) When you are speaking in other churches it is another mans vineyard
- 6.) When you are visiting a home it is another mans domain
- 7.) A wife and children is another mans
- 8.) The church is another mans who paid with His life
- 9.) The tithe is another mans if there is meat in the house
- 10.) When a guest is hosted they are under another mans authority

Luke 16:13 (NKJV)

13 "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

5.) Be faithful to one Master

We cannot serve God and mammon. When we serve God He will cause mammon to serve us so that His purpose can be accomplished through our lives.

The steward had two masters. His master and the creditors and he was trying to serve both. When he was loyal to His Master then He was commended. As stewards we must choose who

we want to serve. We must take sides and remain faithful, trustworthy and loyal. Many times our creditors become our master because of our debt. When we are faithful with unrighteous mammon we manage our debt so that it does become our master. We can work only to pay debt and not to live. When God remains our master then we receive the life that is in God to live life on this earth.

When we understand our authority and the right we have received to use the power that is connected to that authority then we become productive. If we do not manage the resources available to us to become productive then we end up with two masters. God must remain the Master of our resource so that it will be productive when it comes under His authority and power.