

## KINGDOM LABORERS

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To labor is to carry a deep travail. This is a burden within the laborer. Paul had this labor within him  
*Gal 4:19-20*

*19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,*

*20 I would like to be present with you now and to change my tone; for I have doubts about you.*

NKJV

The word used to describe this labor is one of travail which is associated with sorrow. In the context of the Galation writing it is a labor for a church that has turned away from the truth.

There is the laborer that is called into the vineyard, which is God's Kingdom.

### **Laborer - ergates**

NT:2040 ergates (er-gat'-ace); from NT:2041; a toiler; figuratively, a teacher:

KJV - labourer, worker (-men).

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This is one who toils and works hard. This is a workman.

*Luke 10:7*

*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.*

NKJV

*1 Tim 5:18*

*18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his wages."*

NKJV

Jesus was moved with compassion for the multitudes that had no shepherd. He was looking for laborers of stature

*Matt 9:35-38*

*Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.*

*36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.*

*37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few."*

*38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

NKJV

### **Few - oligos**

NT:3641 oligos (ol-ee'-gos); of uncertain affinity; puny (in extent, degree, number, duration or value); especially neuter (adverbial) somewhat:

KJV - almost, brief [-ly], few, (a) little, long, a season, short, small, a while.

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### **Scattered - rhipto**

NT:4496 rhipto (hrip'-to); a primary verb (perhaps rather akin to the base of NT:4474, through the idea of sudden motion); to fling (properly, with a quick toss,

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Jesus had compassion on the flock not because they were sick or diseased but because they had no shepherd that was of stature. The laborer that is “few” refers to the stature of the laborer. This is a laborer that toils rather than function out of rest. These are boy leaders in the house of God.

1 Cor 4:15

*15 For though you might have ten thousand **instructors** in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.*

NKJV

### **Instructor - paidagogos**

NT:3807 paidagogos (pahee-dag-o-gos'); from NT:3816 and a reduplicated form of NT:71; a boy-leader, i.e. a servant whose office it was to take the children to school; (by implication [figuratively] a tutor ["paedagogue"]):

KJV - instructor, schoolmaster.

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The word **few** also means to be “neutered”, meaning the inability to produce seed. This is a laborer that does not build through the impartation of a proceeding truth. There is no transgenerational building through this laborer. The principle of seed is to produce after it's kind. The laborer will not be able to reproduce themselves. The harvest is ready but the stature of the laborer is lacking.

## **WHAT INFLUENCES HOW WE LABOR?**

### **1. LABORER MUST BE SENT**

*Matt 9:38*

*38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to **send** out laborers into His harvest."*

NKJV

Every laborer must firstly be sent into the field. Laborer must set apart and sent out. Jesus set apart His disciples and sent out the twelve and gave them clear instructions for their mandate.

#### a) Empowered

*Matt 10:1*

*And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.*

NKJV

The disciples before being sent were empowered for their function. This comes by the laying of hands and through impartation. The apostles were always sent out in power.

*Acts 1:8*

*8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

NKJV

*Acts 13:2-3*

*2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."*

*3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.*

NKJV

b) Definition of territory or field

*Matt 10:5-6*

*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.*

*NKJV*

Every sent laborer must have a definition of the territory God has called them to or a group of people God has graced them for.

God graced Paul for the Gentiles and Peter for the Jews. There was a definition of being sent to a specific people and territory.

*Gal 2:7-8*

*7 But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as the gospel for the circumcised was to Peter*

*8(for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles ),*

*NKJV*

When the disciples had received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Christ defined the territory for them.

*Acts 1:8*

*8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

*NKJV*

Ruth understood the need to be sent into the field

*Ruth 2:2-3*

*2 So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."*

*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.*

*NKJV*

The field was Boaz's. This is a symbol of Jesus Christ the Redeemer. When we are sent into the field we must ensure that it is the field that Christ has designated for us.

c) Kingdom message

*Matt 10:7*

*7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'*

*NKJV*

Jesus defined the message for the disciples who were being sent. Paul had a kingdom message everywhere he was sent.

*Acts 20:25*

*25 "And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more.*

*NKJV*

Acts 28:30-31

30 Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him,

31 preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

NKJV

Those who are sent only carry the message of the One who sent them. As sent ones we are messengers.

Timothy was sent to Corinth carrying the message of the one who sent him.

1 Cor 4:17

17 For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

NKJV

- d) Know who your source is for resources

Matt 10:9-10

9 Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts,

10 nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.

NKJV

The laborer is worthy of his wages. If he toils in kingdom activity under the grace of being sent then all resources needed to fulfill his sending will be met. This is the principle of deputyship. Christ who sends makes every resource available to the one being sent.

Christ who was sent by the Father had all the backing of heaven and creation to fulfill His task on the earth.

- e) Go the House which is worthy

Matt 10:11-15

11 "Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out.

12 And when you go into a household, greet it.

13 If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.

15 Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

NKJV

To enter a territory the sent laborer must find a house willing to receive the grace of a Sent One. They must receive the beautiful feet of him who brings good news. Peace will come upon that house or judgment depending on the sent laborer is received.

Peter found the House that is worthy when he was received by Cornelius

Acts 10:24-26

And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.

25 As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him.

26 But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also a man. NKJV

f) Spiritual Strategy

*Matt 10:16*

*"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.*

*NKJV*

Every laborer must be able to understand that dynamics of heaven and earth operations. This is the Son of Man, Son of God principle. There has to be wisdom to handle certain religious and traditional orders as well as humility and pureness like the dove. This is to be street smart yet spiritually pure when handling the field.

Jesus displayed great wisdom through simple questions:

*John 8:7*

*7 So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."*

*NKJV*

*Matt 22:20*

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

*NKJV*

## 2. THE YOKE

*Matt 11:28-30*

*28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

*29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

*30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

*NKJV*

### Yoke - zugos

NT:2218 zugos (dzoo-gos'); from the root of zeugnumi (to join, especially by a "yoke"); a coupling, i.e. (figuratively) servitude (a law or obligation); also (literally) the beam of the balance (as connecting the scales):

KJV - pair of balances, yoke.

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Yoke is an instrument used to join or to couple. The way we labor is determined by our yoking to the Lord. Christ wants us to labor from rest. This is the seventh day when God finished His work and rested. All the structure has been created to reproduce itself while we are in rest. Our joining to the Lord is evidence that we are one with Him.

*1 Cor 6:17*

*17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.*

*NKJV*

This yoking indicates that we are joint-heirs with Him

*Rom 8:16-17*

*16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

*17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

*NKJV*

Laborers must be joined to the Lord. We also have to have yokes or joinings in the earth that bring balance to our lives. Our joint connection with the Body brings a supply of strength to the laborer. It also helps to bring a balance to our walk in God.

*Prov 27:17*

*17 As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.*

NKJV

*Deut 25:13-15*

*13 "You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a heavy and a light.*

*14 You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small.*

*15 You shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure, that your days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.*

NKJV

*Prov 11:1*

*Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight is His delight.*

NKJV

The yoke will bring balance and a just weight into our lives

Elisha's sacrifice of a yoke of oxen symbolized his yoke with Elijah as he ran after him. This was a joint that would bring him into his destiny in God.

*1 Kings 19:21*

*21 So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.*

NKJV

The relationship of fathers and sons is a yoking in the Spirit. When we yoke ourselves to one that carries grace there is divine enablement through a chosen vessel. Elijah divinely enabled Elisha to function when he was taken up by a whirlwind. Timothy was divinely enabled by Paul to function in different territories.

Who we join determines how we labor.

### **3. FOOD DETERMINES HOW WE LABOR**

*John 6:27*

*27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."*

NKJV

Food is God's word, it is doctrine that will determine the way we labor. What we believe determines how we carry or bear the yoke of the Lord.

*John 4:32-34*

*32 But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."*

*33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"*

*34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.*

NKJV

We must eat food that will cause us to be in His will and finish His work. As one's called and sent by God we must finish the work like Paul.

Paul reminded Timothy of the food he had received.

2 Tim 1:13

*Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.*

NKJV

These words helped Timothy as a laborer in the Kingdom.

There is a yoke that we need that would bring nourishment to our lives. That yoke is a “father” who is one who nourishes. Timothy had such a father therefore he would labor with the pattern of Paul’s words.

#### 4. SIGHT DETERMINES HOW WE LABOR

John 4:35-38

35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, **lift up your eyes** and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

37 For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.'

38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

NKJV

Sight influence how we labor. To lift up our eyes is actually to remove or take away what is blocking our sight

#### Lift up - airo

NT:142 airo (ah'-ee-ro); a primary root; to lift up; by implication, to take up or away; figuratively, to raise (the voice), keep in suspense (the mind), specially, to sail away (i.e. weigh anchor); by Hebraism [compare OT:5375] to expiate sin:

KJV - away with, bear (up), carry, lift up, loose, make to doubt, put away, remove, take (away, up).

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Our sight will only be from the heavens if we remove the veil. For Abram the separation of Lot lifted the veil from his eyes to look at the land that God had given him.

Gen 13:14-15

14 And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are — northward, southward, eastward, and westward;

15 for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.

NKJV

There are certain joints that veil your eyes. There are relationships that would limit our sight. There are those that are interested in the substance and not the essence. The substance rather than the essence veils many. Our joinings must keep us focused on the essence of what God has called us for. Naomi helped Ruth stay focused on the essence so that she connected to Boaz. Our covenantal relationships must lead us to the essence, who is Christ.

For our sight to be maintained we must remove the plank in our eye

*Matt 7:1-5*

*"Judge not, that you be not judged.*

*2 For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.*

*3 And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?*

*4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye?*

*5 Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*

*NKJV*

Our sight can be renewed through:

### **BREAKING BREAD**

*Ps 107:20*

*He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.(NKJ)*

**HE SENT HIS WORD AND HEALED THEM.**

*Luke 24:30-31*

*30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.*

*31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.(NKJ)*

**ENTRANCE OF THE WORD BRINGS LIGHT.**

It is in the breaking of bread that the disciple's eyes were opened

### **Open - Dianoigo**

NT:1272 dianoigo (dee-an-oy'-go); from NT:1223 and NT:455; to open thoroughly, literally (as a first-born) or figuratively (to expound):

KJV - open.

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This word means to open the womb when a male sleeps with a virgin and also when the womb is opened through the birthing of the firstborn child. Christ is the firstborn from the dead. In the breaking of bread Christ the firstborn from the dead has opened the womb for us to breakthrough. He is the Seed that has broken forth like Zerah the son of Judah. Zerah means "seed". He opened the womb for His brother Perez whose name means "break through". Our breakthrough is in Christ the Seed.

*Gen 38:27-30*

*27 Now it came to pass, at the time for giving birth, that behold, twins were in her womb.*

*28 And so it was, when she was giving birth, that the one put out his hand; and the midwife took a scarlet thread and bound it on his hand, saying, "This one came out first."*

*29 Then it happened, as he drew back his hand, that his brother came out unexpectedly; and she said, "How did you break through? This breach be upon you!" Therefore his name was called Perez.*

*30 Afterward his brother came out who had the scarlet thread on his hand. And his name was called Zerah.*

*NKJV*

We are the firstborn in Christ that have broken forth in Him. The veil has been torn and we are functioning from beyond the veil. We are functioning OUT from Christ and not going into Christ because we are in Him. When bread is broken it symbolizes how Christ has broken through for us already.

### **LEAVE INACCURATE LOCATIONS**

*Prov 13:20*

*He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.(NKJ)*

### **LEAVE BETHSAIDA**

*Mark 8:23-26*

*23So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything.*

*24And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking."*

*25Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.*

*26Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town."(NKJ)*

### **POOL OF SILOAM - SENT**

**APOSTOLIC CONNECTION FOR SIGHT**

*John 9:6-7*

*6When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.*

*7And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.(NKJ)*

### **OINTMENT**

*Rev 3:18*

*"I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.(NKJ)*

It is the anointing that opens our eyes. Yokes that have kept us in darkness must be broken off so that our eyes will see what God has planned for us.

## **5. THE RHEMA INFLUENCES OUR LABOR**

*Luke 5:3-4*

*3 Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.*

*4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."*

*NKJV*

*Luke 5:5*

*5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."*

*NKJV*

Simon had labored from his experience as a fisherman. It is "rhema" from the Lord that would determine the profitability of our labor. This was a call into the deep. It was the deep calling to the deep. When Simon had overcome his toiling and handed himself over to the life giving word of the one who is "The Word" his labor became easy.

Such was the effect of the word that it caused others to be partners and become beneficiaries of his obedience to the word of the Lord.

*Luke 5:6-8*

*6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.*

*7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.*

*8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"*

*NKJV*

## **CHARACTER OF THE LABORER**

### **1. FAITH**

***Matt 20:1***

***"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.***

***NKJV***

This laborer is hired early in the morning. Abram obeyed the voice of God and went out early in the morning by faith to offer his son Isaac

*Gen 22:2-3*

*2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."*

*3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.*

*NKJV*

This is a laborer who is obedient to the voice of God to offer his Isaac. In order for Abraham to reap the nations as his descendants he had to offer his only descendant.

This is not just faith to trust God for something; this is a faith that is in total obedience to the instruction of God's word. Every laborer must possess this characteristic of obedience. To hear God in Hebrew culture is to obey God.

*Luke 5:5*

*5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."*

*NKJV*

Despite experience and hard work obedience to a "rhema" word by faith will yield results.

This level of faith it is to build an ark in the midst of opposition, it is to face Goliath with a sling and a stone, it is to see fruit when others see giants, it is to stand in the fire so the fourth man will appear as the Son of God, it is to go into the unknown land like Abram with only a word from the Lord.

A kingdom laborer has finishing faith.

*Acts 20:22-24*

*22 And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. 24 But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. NKJV*

## 2. SPIRIT LED LIFE

**Matt 20:3-4**

**3 And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went.**

**NKJV**

The third hour is indicative of the new wine.

*Acts 2:14-15*

*But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.*

*15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.*

**NKJV**

This is a laborer that is led by the spirit of God. This is a laborer who has experienced Pentecost in their lives. This laborer understands the principle of waiting in one accord in one place. A laborer of this stature has understood their sonship in Christ because they are led by the Spirit of God.

*Rom 8:14-15*

*14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

*15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."*

**NKJV**

To be led by the Spirit of the Lord is to understand the seven functions of the Spirit of God.

*Isa 11:2*

*2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.*

**NKJV**

*Rev 1:4*

*John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne*

**NKJV**

*Rev 5:6*

*6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.*

**NKJV**

The Lamb, Jesus Christ is the midst and has the Seven spirits of God. Christ is the centrality of the functions of the seven Spirits of God.

These functions are:

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|----------------------------------|---|
| - Spirit of the Lord             | - sovereignty of the Lord                       |
| - Spirit of wisdom               | - skillful and to be wise in mind and acts      |
| - Spirit of understanding        | - discernment, separate mentally to distinguish |
| - Spirit of counsel              | - to be prudent and think about the future      |
| - Spirit of might                | - be a person of valor, warrior                 |
| - Spirit of knowledge            | - be diligent, cunning, be aware                |
| - Spirit of the fear of the Lord | - morally reverent to God                       |

We see the seven functions of the Spirits of God in the life of David

1 Sam 16:13

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.

NKJV

Spirit of the Lord

1 Sam 16:18

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."

NKJV

Skillful - Spirit of wisdom

Mighty man of valor - Spirit of might

Prudent in speech - Spirit of counsel

1 Sam 17:26

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?"

NKJV

Spirit of understanding to discern Goliath as an uncircumcised Philistine

1 Sam 17:39

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.

NKJV

Spirit of knowledge to know what armor is not made for him

1 Sam 24:5-6

5 Now it happened afterward that David's heart troubled him because he had cut Saul's robe.

6 And he said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD."

NKJV

1 Sam 26:11

11 The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed. But please, take now the spear and the jug of water that are by his head, and let us go."

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Spirit of the fear of the Lord functioned in David because he refused to lift his hand against the Lord's anointed who was Saul.

These seven functions of the Spirit reside in a kingdom laborer so that would be effective kingdom activity.

### 3. MARKET PLACE TO VINEYARD

**Matt 20:3-4**

**3 And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went.**

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#### MARKET

An open space within cities that was used for business and other public transactions and assemblies. Archaeological investigations have shown that Israelite markets were primarily used as centers of business. Like the "bazaars" of present-day Oriental towns, they were places for buying and selling goods.

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The laborer is called from the marketplace into the vineyard. There must be a shift from the marketplace to the vineyard. Vineyard is the kingdom. Marketplace is business or trading. One is buying and selling the other is self-producing. People in the marketplace acquire skill through trading. This skill must be used for kingdom activity. A kingdom laborer possesses skill with the Spirit of God. This makes them effective for kingdom activity. This is not demand for people to leave the marketplace but to synergize their marketplace skill with kingdom principles.

David led the nation of Israel with three important principles.

*Ps 78:70-72*

*70 He also **chose David** His servant, And took him from the sheepfolds;*

*71 From following the ewes that had young He brought him, To shepherd Jacob His people, And Israel His inheritance.*

*72 So he shepherded them according to the **integrity of his heart**, And guided them by the **skillfulness of his hands**.*

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#### **Chosen - Anointed**

David was chosen by the Lord and anointed. As laborers we are chosen in Christ who is the Anointed One. Christ is in us and we are in Him therefore we are anointed. The nation of Israel was called God's anointed.

*Ps 105:14-15*

*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."*

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The nation of Israel was God's anointed and prophetic voice to other nations. We are now the Holy Nation that is anointed. As His anointed nation we can lead by example. David had the anointing to lead the nation of Israel.

#### **Integrity of heart - Character**

David had a heart after God's heart. He led the people with integrity of heart meaning to be clean and morally innocent. Every laborer must possess this quality.

*Ps 24:3-4*

*3 Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?*

*4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.*

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David's ascent to the hill of the Lord was because of a clean hands and heart.

### **Skillfulness of hands - Skill**

David governed through skill that required wisdom, intelligence, discretion and understanding. These skills he acquired while taking care of his father's sheep. He had the skill to handle the lion and the bear. He had the skill to handle a sling. His single shot dropped Goliath but it took years to master the skill of swinging a sling. He was a man of war.

*1 Chron 28:3*

*3 But God said to me, 'You shall not build a house for My name, because you have been a man of war and have shed blood.'*

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David was a strategist that led the Israel to become a ruling nation.

*Matt 10:16*

*"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.*

*NKJV*

The disciples who were sent out by Jesus were warned to be strategist.

As laborers we must skill to guide the people of God from glory to glory, strength to strength, victory to victory and from generation to generation.

Ahab wanted to make the vineyard a vegetable garden. Laboring is about reproducing the Christ in oneself in another. This is a grace transfer. Christ reproduced Himself in the disciples and made them Apostles. They were sent into the vineyard, which is the kingdom.

## **4. PROPHETIC INSIGHT AND FORESIGHT**

*Matt 20:5*

*5 Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise.*

*NKJV*

The sixth hour is indicative of the prophetic.

*John 4:6*

*6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.*

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*John 4:17-19*

*17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,'*

*18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."*

*19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.*

*NKJV*

The laborer must have prophetic insight and foresight into their labors. This comes from the internalization of God's word and through a prophetic voice that gathers and directs like the two silver trumpets of Moses.

Noah's foresight

*Heb 11:7*

*7 By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.*

*NKJV*

Peter received insight into what the Lord was about to do through him for the gentiles

*Acts 10:9-16*

*The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the **sixth** hour.*

*10 Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance*

*11 and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth.*

*12 In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air.*

*13 And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."*

*14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean."*

*15 And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common."*

*16 This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.*

*NKJV*

Paul received insight to go to Macedonia

*Acts 16:9-10*

*9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."*

*10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.*

*NKJV*

Paul received foresight about a journey that would end in disaster

*Acts 27:9-10*

*Now when much time had been spent, and sailing was now dangerous because the Fast was already over, Paul advised them,*

*10 saying, "Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives."*

*NKJV*

A kingdom laborer must have prophetic insight and foresight to be effective in kingdom establishment. This will guard the laborer from being involved in assignments that are beyond their sphere. Every laborer must be connected to a prophetic voice that would call and direct like Moses' two silver trumpets. Two is the number of witness. It creates a witness in the spirit of the laborer that would bring clarity to kingdom movements.

## **5. CORPORATE PRAYER**

Ninth Hour is about prayer

*Acts 3:1*

*Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.*

*NKJV*

This is a laborer who understands corporate prayer. There is a need to gather together and pray from the position of the finished work.

*Matt 27:45-50*

*Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.*

*46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*

47 Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!"  
48 Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.  
49 The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him."  
50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.  
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Solomon led prayer from the corporate temple  
2 Chron 7:12-15

Then the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice.  
13 When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people,  
14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.  
15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.

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God hears and is attentive to prayer that is made from a corporate environment where everyone is in one accord.

When the disciples prayed together there was a shaking  
Acts 4:31

31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.  
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Peter was freed from prison because of corporate prayer  
Acts 12:5

Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.  
NKJV

This prayer is not only corporate but also constant prayer. There must be consistent gatherings of corporate prayer not event gatherings.

Jehoshaphat saw the effects of corporate prayer when God answered with a solution  
2 Chron 20:3-4

3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.  
4 So Judah gathered together to ask help from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.  
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17 You will not need to fight in this battle. **Position** yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem! Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you."  
NKJV

Corporate prayer with fellow kingdom laborers positions the laborer for kingdom advancement.

## 6. UNDERSTANDS THE URGENCY OF THE HOUR

*Matt 20:6-7*

**6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?'**

**7 They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.'**

**NKJV**

### **Idle - argos**

*NT:692 argos (ar-gos'); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:2041; inactive, i.e. unemployed; (by implication) lazy, useless:*

*KJV - barren, idle, slow.*

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Many within the kingdom are standing idle. They have the skill of the marketplace yet are lazy and useless within the kingdom. They employed in the marketplace but unemployed within the kingdom. This is inactivity leading to barrenness meaning the inability to reproduce oneself in another. They are looking to be hired rather than volunteered.

The eleventh hour laborer carries the Spirit of Joseph of Arimathea who wants to take down the body from the cross. There are those standing idle waiting to be hired. All are called into the vineyard from the market place.

*Matt 27:57-60*

*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.*

**NKJV**

This is a laborer that has a burden for the Body to be raised in glory.