

KINGDOM MANAGEMENT

Management is to administer and regulate resources. This is the handling of human resources and physical resources. When Adam was set in the Garden of Eden, he was resourced but had to manage the resources at his disposal. Adam as the Son of God was managing for the owner of the garden.

Luke 3:38

*38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of **Adam, the son of God.***

NKJV

Management is handed to those who are the sons of God. Those who have an understanding of the asset and resource value will manage resources. Joseph managed the wealth of Egypt because of the Spirit of God that was in him. This reflected him as the Son of God.

Gen 41:38

38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?"

NKJV

Rom 8:14

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

NKJV

As the Son of God, Joseph could manage the wealth of a nation. He managed in another man's house. His management gave him rulership within the land.

Gen 41:40-44

40 You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you."

41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."

42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

43 And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, "Bow the knee!" So he set him over all the land of Egypt.

44 Pharaoh also said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."

NKJV

Management of resources is linked to rulership and dominion. The way we handle, administer and regulate resources determines rulership. No one in Egypt could lift his hand or foot without Joseph's consent. He controlled the movement of the entire nation because through wisdom he could manage resources. God places in us skills and talents that must be well managed for kingdom advancement.

Hannah managed the human resource called Samuel. She weaned him through education and training in the ways of God so that Samuel became a valuable asset to the Nation of Israel. Joseph of Arimathea managed his wealth so that he was rich. When Jesus' physical body had to be taken down and buried his wealth allowed him to prepare the Body to rise on the third day. Management is linked to kingdom purpose. If we manage with this mindset God will entrust us with true riches.

Luke 16:11-12

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

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

NKJV

We will examine the difference between a wise and evil servant who manages the household of their Master.

Matt 24:45-47

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?"

46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

NKJV

There are several principles of and for management that can be unveiled from the above story that Jesus relates.

M – MASTER OF THE HOUSE

A – APPOINTS A SERVANT

N – NOURISHES THE HOUSEHOLD

A – APPOINTED TIME

G – GREATLY BLESSED

E – ESTABLISHED AS RULER

M – MANPOWER

E – ECONOMIC STABILITY

N – NATION MANAGEMENT

T – TIME MANAGEMENT

A. MASTER OF THE HOUSE

We must have an understanding of who is the Master of the household. The household is God's family.
Eph 2:19

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God

NKJV

God the Father is the Master of the Household. For us to manage God's household we must come under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Master - kurios

NT:2962 kurios (koo'-ree-os); from kuros (supremacy); supreme in authority, i.e. (as noun) controller; by implication, Mr. (as a respectful title):

KJV - God, Lord, master, Sir.

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God is the supreme authority over the household. Every Hebrew understood the principle of "echad" which is the Lord our God is One Lord.

Deut 6:4

4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

NKJV

This was known in Hebrew culture as the Sh'ma. It would be quoted three times a day by every Jew to remind themselves of Jehovah's authority over their lives. That He is one God and that he rules and controls their lives and everything they possess. The intent of hearing this command was to obey.

Deut 6:3

3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it

KJV

To hear is to listen, understand and obey.

Within the nation of Israel this established the supremacy of the Lord over their entire lives. Everything revolved around the Lordship of Jehovah.

In Hebrew culture it is the question of “who”

Ex 3:13

13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"

NKJV

Once it is established that the servant represents the supreme authority it is now only a matter of obedience. When it was established that “I AM” sent Moses everyone began to obey and listen to Moses.

Ex 3:14

*14 And God said to Moses, "I AM **WHO I AM.**" And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"*

NKJV

Adam was deceived by another voice that violated the Lordship of God in his life.

Gen 3:11

*11 And He said, "**Who** told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"*

NKJV

In Greek culture it is the question of “why and what”

Acts 17:18-21

18 Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak?"

20 For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean."

21 For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

NKJV

When we begin to establish the Lordship of Christ in our lives we hear with the intent to obey. This is to become a bondservant of the Lord. Jesus must be established as Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 1:1-2

*Paul, an apostle of **Jesus Christ** by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in **Christ Jesus:***

*2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the **Lord Jesus Christ.***

NKJV

Jesus Christ - Jesus the man is the "Messiah or Anointed One" who is the Son of God

Matt 16:20

20 Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ . NKJV

Rom 1:3

3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, NKJV

Christ Jesus – Position of Jesus Christ the Son. We are in Christ Jesus

1 Cor 1:30

30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus , who became for us wisdom from God — and righteousness and sanctification and redemption —

NKJV

Eph 2:6-7

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

7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus .

NKJV

Lord Jesus Christ – Supremacy of Jesus Christ the Son of God

Acts 16:31

31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ , and you will be saved, you and your household."

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

1 Cor 15:57

57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ .

NKJV

The supremacy of the Lord is over our lives and we obey as His servants. In Christ we are made kings, priests and lords.

Rev 1:5-6

5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

NKJV

1 Tim 6:14-15

14 that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing,

15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords ,

NKJV

1 Cor 8:4-6

4 Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one.

5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords),

6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

NKJV

There were several benefits linked to the supreme authority of God.

Deut 6:1-3

"Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to **possess**

2 that you may **fear** the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be **prolonged**.

3 Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be **well** with you, and that you may **multiply greatly** as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you — 'a land flowing with milk and honey.'

NKJV

- Fear of the Lord which is reverence for His Lordship in our lives
- Prolonged life
- It will be well – happy, sound mind, successful, be better, content
- Multiply – increase, abundance, expand
- Fulfillment of promises

In Christ we have a better covenant with better promises

Heb 8:6

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.

NKJV

When we establish God as Master through the Lord Jesus Christ our entire existence flows from Him.

Deut 6:5

5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

NKJV

This Lordship must be honoured with Spirit, Soul and Body. This is a threefold cord that cannot be broken. To come under the Master is to serve Him with your Spirit, Soul and Body. The Spirit RECEIVES the command the mind PERCEIVES and the Body ACHEIVES the command.

We hear with our spirit

Matt 13:9

9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

NKJV

Rev 2:7

7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

NKJV

When our spirit hears that our God the Lord is One, our entire existence will be to manifest the Lordship of Christ through our lives.

B. APPOINTS A SERVANT

It is a faithful and wise servant is appointed to be ruler over the household of the Master.

Matt 24:45

*"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household
NKJV*

The word "who" is reference to a particular kind of servant that is called to rule the master's household. This kind must produced after the nature of God. Adam was made in the image of God and His likeness.

Gen 1:26

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."

NKJV

Because we are created in God's image we are not to have any graven images that represent God.

Ex 20:4

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

KJV

Mankind was made in the image and the likeness of God. God is in the image of Man but man must learn to be like God.

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

NKJV

Phil 2:5-7

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

NKJV

Christ took on our likeness but He came to restore us so that we can take on His likeness. This is a process. We are processed to have the likeness of God.

Everything we go through in life is processing us to have God's likeness. This is a process to become the Son of God. As His sons we begin to manifest His likeness. Such a servant would be faithful and wise.

Joseph the son of Israel displayed this nature of being a faithful and wise servant. While in captivity and in a foreign land he managed the affairs of others and always succeeded. His success is attributed to being faithful and wise in the affairs of another man's field.

He managed:

- Potiphar's house
- The prison
- Pharaoh

POTIPHAR

It was Joseph's management skills in the household of Potiphar that brought him into favour.

Gen 39:2-5

2 The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand.

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.

NKJV

Joseph showed himself to be faithful and wise and this brought him rulership. His success was due to management skills. He administered the goods and services that made the environment productive. Joseph did not manage only the household but all that was owned by his master. He gave oversight through decision making, administering and controlling the affairs of Potiphar's house.

We are appointed as servants to manage the goods and services of our Master. We as the sons of God manage the earth and all that is under our care. If all that we own is owned by God because He is the Master then we are servants appointed to be faithful and wise and manage the resources under our control.

PRISON

Joseph went into prison under false accusation. Even in prison his kingdom management skill brought him into favour.

Gen 39:20-23

20 Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison.

21 But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing.

23 The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

NKJV

As a kingdom citizen Joseph saw prison as opportunity to manage the lives of other prisoners. All the prisoners were committed to Joseph's care. Paul was a prisoner for Christ and it brought him before Caesar.

Acts 27:23-24

23 For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve,

24 saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar ; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'

NKJV

Faithful and wise servants are appointed to manage for the master in all circumstances. God uses these circumstances to bring promotion.

PHARAOH

Pharaoh appointed Joseph but it was God who had sent Joseph to be a kingdom manager.

Gen 45:8

*8 So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a **father** to Pharaoh, and **lord** of all his house, and a **ruler** throughout all the land of Egypt.*

NKJV

Joseph managed in three areas:

- **Father** Pharaoh personally with Godly wisdom (spirit of wisdom)
- **Lord** over his personal household meaning sovereign control
- **Ruler** throughout Egypt meaning to have dominion and power

Kingdom Management will cause you to manage the lives of others personally by fathering them through Godly wisdom, manage their personal wealth and household and govern the land.

As servants of the Lord we are appointed by God and sent by Him to manage the lives of others. This management will provide sustenance in the times of famine. Kingdom management protects one from the famine through Godly wisdom.

Egypt represents the worldly system and sons of the kingdom are sent into the world to manage these systems with Godly insight

Matt 13:37-38

37 He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom

NKJV

Kingdom sons are sons of God that carry His word into all systems.

The appointed servant has certain foundational characteristics. Abraham had a faithful and wise servant in house that was sent to bring a bride for Isaac. It is in the principle of being a faithful and wise servant that the Bride of Christ is prepared for Husband, Jesus Christ.

S – Stable

Gen 24:2

*2 So Abraham said to the **oldest** servant of his house*

NKJV

E – Entrusted with rulership (power, dominion, govern, reign)

Gen 24:2

*2 So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who **ruled over all that he had***

NKJV

R – Responsible

Gen 24:2-4

"Please, put your hand under my thigh,

*3 and I will make you **swear** by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell;*

4 but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

NKJV

V – Venue is the well

Gen 24:11

11 And he made his camels kneel down **outside the city by a well of water** at evening time, the time when women go out to draw water.

NKJV

A – Articulates his request on behalf his Master

Gen 24:12

12 Then he said, "O LORD God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and **show kindness to my master Abraham.**

NKJV

N – Never forgets who he is

Gen 24:33-34

33 Food was set before him to eat, but he said, "I will not eat until I have told about my errand." And he said, "Speak on."

34 So he said, "**I am Abraham's servant.**

NKJV

T – Testifies of his Master

Gen 24:35-36

35 **The LORD has blessed my master greatly**, and he has become great; and He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys.

36 And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and to him he has given all that he has.

NKJV

C. NOURISHMENT (SPIRITUAL and PHYSICAL FOOD)

Matt 24:45

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them **food** in due season?"

NKJV

Duty of the servant is to feed and nourish. Proof of the wisdom and faithfulness of the servant is in the food that he gives.

Food - Trophe

NT:5160 trophe (trof-ay'); from NT:5142; nourishment (literally or figuratively); by implication, rations (wages):

KJV - food, meat.

NT:5142 **trepho** (tref-o); a primary verb (properly, threpho; but perhaps strength. from the base of NT:5157 through the idea of convolution); properly, to stiffen, i.e. fatten (by implication, to cherish [with food, etc.], pamper, rear):

KJV - bring up, feed, nourish.

NT:5157 **trope** (trop-ay'); from an apparently primary trepo (to turn); a turn ("trope"), i.e. revolution (figuratively, variation):

KJV - turning.

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There is food that would nourish and fatten to make one grow so that a turning would take place and thinking revolutionized. Food must bring change to one's life. Diet is directly related to how the body functions. We as the Body of Christ must be on a diet of God's nourishing food to bring effective change.

Jer 23:1-2

"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!" says the LORD.

2 Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: "You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings," says the LORD.

NKJV

There are shepherds who have scattered the flock. Jesus has compassion on the multitudes because they are scattered.

Matt 9:36

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.

NKJV

Jer 23:3

3 "But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

NKJV

The remnant is gathered to their folds. This is a household where a father is a wise and faithful servant that will give food in due season.

Jer 23:4

4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them

NKJV

The duty of the shepherd is to feed the fold. All the folds make up the flock of God.

The result of being in the fold and being fed by a shepherd is:

Jer 23:3

*3 "But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be **fruitful** and **increase**.*

NKJV

Jer 23:4

*4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall **fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking**," says the LORD.*

NKJV

This is a five-fold blessing. Grace is dispensed from a fold where there is a shepherd that feeds.

- Fruitful - productive
- Increase - to be in authority and to enlarge
- No Fear - boldness
- Not Dismayed - not be discouraged or broken down
- No Lack - God will oversee and visit

These simple truths must be seen in the lives of those eating the food that changes and revolutionizes. Food must produce this kind. People must not eat to get full but they eat this food to be energized to function.

John's food

Matt 3:4

4 Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.

NKJV

This led to John's gospel

Acts 18:25

25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.

NKJV

Jesus' food

John 4:34

34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

KJV

Food - Broma

NT:1033 **broma** (bro'-mah); from the base of NT:977; food (literally or figuratively), especially (ceremonially) articles allowed or forbidden by the Jewish law:

KJV - meat, victuals.

NT:1006 **bosko** (bos'-ko); a prol. form of a primary verb [compare NT:977, NT:1016]; to pasture; by extension to, fodder; reflexively, to graze:

KJV - feed, keep.

NT:1016 **bous** (booce); probably from the base of NT:1006; an ox (as grazing), i.e. an animal of that species ("beef"):

KJV - ox.

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This is food is to finish. This is an ox that grazes in a field to receive strength to complete the task of pulling the plough or treading out the grain.

The food that we need is to finish the task that is set before us as Kingdom sons. We are to receive food that would bring us to the finish. This is the meat of the word that has the protein to sustain us to the finish.

We must move from the milk to the bread to meat of God's word as we grow as sons and daughters in His kingdom.

Luke 12:42

*42 And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their **portion** of food in due season?"*

NKJV

Portion - sitometron

NT:4620 sitometron (sit-om'-et-ron); from NT:4621 and NT:3358; a grain-measure, i.e. (by implication) ration (allowance of food):

KJV - portion of meat.

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Eph 4:7

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

NKJV

Rom 12:3

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

KJV

There is a portion of food that is designated for us. Grace is in the food that is God's word. We increase our measure as we hear the word of God. In a season God measures out a portion of food.

Our physical bodies also need nourishment but it has to have the right diet. Nutrition plays an important role in our daily lives.

Nutrition - *the process of providing the food necessary for health and growth*

We can study all of God's word and still die because of unhealthy living. We need to eat nutritious meals that will bring balance into our lives.

Gen 1:29-30

29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food .

30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food "; and it was so.

NKJV

Gen 2:9

9 And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food

NKJV

In the garden God prescribed nutrition for Adam.

As kingdom citizens there must be a balance of our diet so that we function effectively for the kingdom. It is not God's will just for us to be healed but to walk in divine health. Our health is managed by discipline and decisions that we make in terms of quality and quantity of food that we eat.

Jesus understood quality of food

Luke 24:41-43

41 But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?"

42 So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.

43 And He took it and ate in their presence.

NKJV

Fish is brain food and healthy for the body.

What we put into our bodies is what we will become. We must be discerning to protect the temple of God by being conscious of our diet and eat healthily.

Health is also determined by our thoughts and speech

Prov 3:7-8

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.

NKJV

Wisdom and the fear of the Lord brings us health

Prov 4:20-22

20 My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings.

21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;

22 For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

NKJV

When God's word is central to our thoughts it gives us life and health

Prov 13:17

17 A wicked messenger falls into trouble, But a faithful ambassador brings health .

NKJV

We are bearers of good news. The gospel is good news and we as ambassadors of Christ bring good news that brings health.

Prov 16:24

24 Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

NKJV

Our words bring health to the body.

To control our diet we must exercise self-control

2 Peter 1:5-6

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

6 to knowledge self-control , to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,

NKJV

This requires great discipline. Daniel and his friends exercised self-control and showed discipline when they were in Babylon by resisting their food.

Dan 1:8

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

NKJV

The food of Babylon would defile the Hebrew nature of Daniel and his friends. We who are in Christ the Seed are called to live long so that we can produce after the same kind.

Dan 1:12-15

12 "Please test your servants for ten days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink.

13 Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king's delicacies; and as you see fit, so deal with your servants."

14 So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king's delicacies.

NKJV

Vegetable – Pulse - Zara

OT:2232 zara` (zaw-rah'); a primitive root; to sow; figuratively, to disseminate, plant, fructify:

KJV - bear, conceive seed, set with sow (-er), yield.

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The food that Daniel ate was vegetables, which has seed. The food we eat must make us bear seed. Daniel as the seed in Babylon lived through the rulership of three Kings in Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar and Darius. It is proven that Daniel's diet allowed him to live longer and stronger than the Kings who ate delicacies.

We as sons of God must exercise self-control so that our lives would be extended to deposit the Seed of Christ from one generation to the next.

Prov 3:1-2

My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands;

2 For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you.

NKJV

We are here to be examples of the Kingdom of God in all spheres of our lives. Our diet must become nutritious so that we can live long and allow the seed to be passed from one generation to the next.

D. APPOINTED TIME

Matt 24:45

*"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in **due season**?"*

NKJV

The servant who is appointed gives food that nourishes must also give the food in "due season". This is to understand the time and seasons of God. God operates in seasons and releases food that nourishes in the appointed time to prepare a people for His work on the earth.

Ps 145:15-16

15 The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season.

16 You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

NKJV

Prov 15:23

23 A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!

NKJV

Isa 50:4

4 "The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.

NKJV

Season/Time - Kairos

NT:2540 kairos (kahee-ros'); of uncertain affinity; an occasion, i.e. set or proper time:

KJV - always, opportunity, (convenient, due) season, (due, short, while) time, a while. Compare NT:5550.

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God brings His kairos or time into our time that is "chronos" – a space of time meaning one hour or one day etc. God sets His time within our time. During God's season or time we have a window of opportunity to act during His time. We must reap the harvest in God's time.

God releases a word in a season that would produce a people that would effect change.

Chronos is the quantity of time but **kairos** is the quality of time. What you do with your quantity of time is determined by understanding a kairos in God. When food is released it helps you understand the season of God.

Within God's season there is an opportunity created. If we act on the food that He releases through a faithful and wise servant we take hold of that opportunity and there are benefits. We must not suffer the case of missed opportunities because we do not eat the food that is released in that given due season. We must know that supper time has a window of opportunity or we might be eating what is left over.

Obedience to the word, which is the food in a season, will cause rain to fall in its season. Rain is a symbol of blessings. We do not have to work hard to be blessed in Christ we are blessed and Christ is the Word of God. Obedience to the word released in a season will result in blessings. We can change the dry season and night season into rain by being obedient to the word.

Lev 26:1-4

'You shall not make idols for yourselves; neither a carved image nor a sacred pillar shall you rear up for yourselves; nor shall you set up an engraved stone in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the LORD your God.

2 You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary: I am the LORD.

3 If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and perform them,

4 then I will give you rain in its season, *the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.*

Deut 11:13-14

13 And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,

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.*

NKJV

Deut 28:1

"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

NKJV

Deut 28:12

12 The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, **to give the rain to your land in its season** and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.
NKJV

Ps 1:2-3

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, **That brings forth its fruit in its season**, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

NKJV

We must not miss the opportunity to be blessed because we are disobedient to God when He releases His word in a due season. Every season brings a change. During the set time we must be obedient to the word that would bring the change.

Jesus would say:

John 9:4-5

4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

NKJV

While Christ was alive it was a season that He had to live out the word that the Father would release to Him. We must not miss the opportunity to adhere to the word when it released and act on it within its season.

- Abraham did not miss the opportunity to sacrifice when God asked him to, he brought forth nations
- Noah did not miss the opportunity to build the Ark when God asked him to, he filled the earth again
- Moses did not miss the opportunity to build the tabernacle when God asked him to, it was the shadow of heavenly things to come
- Naomi and Ruth did not miss the opportunity to go to Bethlehem when they heard there was bread
- Elisha did not miss the opportunity to receive the mantle; his eyes were fixed on Elijah
- The Shullamite woman did not miss the opportunity to break bareness, she built an upper room for Elisha
- The disciples did not miss the opportunity to be with Jesus, they left their nest and followed Him
- Zacheus did not miss the opportunity to see Jesus; he climbed the tree and salvation came to his house
- Blind Bartemaeus did not miss the opportunity to receive sight, he shouted for Jesus
- Peter did not miss the opportunity of a great catch, he obeyed the Word and cast his net
- Timothy did not miss the opportunity to connect with Paul, he traveled with him

Missed opportunities

- Gehazi missed the opportunity to receive the mantle of Elisha because of greed
- Ten spies missed the opportunity of entering the land of Canaan because they saw giants
- Nine lepers missed the opportunity of being made well because of ungratefulness
- Judas missed the opportunity of being an Apostle because of betrayal
- Orpah missed the opportunity of bread in Bethlehem because she could not covenant like Ruth
- Ananias and Sapphira missed the opportunity to live because of lies
- Demas missed the opportunity to serve Paul because he ran after the things of the world
- Moses missed the opportunity to live in the Promised Land because of disobedience and anger
- Generation of Israelites missed the opportunity to rule as God because of unbelief.

We should not miss the opportunity to:

- Be in with others in fellowship
- Be with the one that is giving food in due season
- Serve those that dispense food in due season
- Give into the Kingdom of God and into the lives of Kingdom builders
- Receive grace because of familiarity
- Receive a miracle because we held onto to our five loaves and two fish
- Receive sight because we refuse to wash in the pool called Siloam (Sent Pool)
- Receive sight because we did not through our cloak of begging like Bartemeaus
- Be thankful unto God for His mercies are new every morning
- Give honor when it is due

Why do we miss a season?

Luke 14:16-21

16 Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,

17 and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'

18 But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'

19 And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.'

20 Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'

NKJV

The master has a servant that has set a feast with specific food in a season. We can miss the food and the season because:

- Busy with your house
- Busy with work
- Busy with domestic issues

When food is being served at a feast we can miss the answer to our season because we are caught up with other issues. We become side tracked and are not committed to receiving the food in due season.

God will take the opportunity and pass it to someone who is available rather than think it is impossible

Luke 14:21-24

21 So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.'

22 And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.'

23 Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'

24 For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

NKJV

Bring in those who are experiencing a difficult season in their lives. Most of those invited were in a winter season.

Change seasons

We can change seasons. Seasons can be classified into different classes:

A. Natural world

Ant

Prov 6:6-11

Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise,

7 Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler,

8 Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest.

9 How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep?

10 A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep —

11 So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.

NKJV

Lesson is that through hard work you can survive the difficult seasons of our lives. Hard work can change your life.

Fig Tree

Matt 24:32-35

"Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near — at the doors!

34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.

35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

NKJV

You need discernment to know when the season has changed

B. Skilled Farmers/Shepherds - Patterns

These know when to plant and when to reap. They are equipped in knowing how to prepare the ground and when to let the ground rest. Skill and patterns can change your season

C. Cycle of Holy Festivals

Jews lived their lives around this cycles, which was an indication of the nature of the coming of the Messiah. Although Christ has fulfilled all feasts through his life there are holy seasons of God released by the spirit that bring times of refreshing.

Acts 3:19-21

19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,

21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

NKJV

D. Sons of God

Sons of God can change seasons. Even though there are seasons of dryness, barrenness, drought, night seasons, winter, autumn etc, we who are the sons of God can change seasons by our meditation, practice and declaring of the word of God. We can alter time in the lives of others and in our own lives.

Elijah the prophet of God, spoke as a Son of God and change the season.

1 Kings 17:1

And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word."

NKJV

Elijah declared a drought over the land. He brought forth a season over the order of King Ahab who ruled wickedly in the nation of Israel.

Jesus as the Son of God changed seasons

Trees

Matt 21:18-19

Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry.

19 And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away.

NKJV

As the Son of God he was expecting figs on the tree because there was leaves. He wanted fruit out of season. Leaves are a sign of fruit but it does not mean there is fruit. There are many Christian trees with leaves but no fruit. They look good but are not productive.

Matt 21:21

21 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done.

NKJV

The lesson is that is Sons of God we must not doubt. We must not be double-minded in our thinking. If we speak we can change seasons.

Storms

Mark 4:39-41

39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

40 But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

NKJV

The faith of the Son of God causes the storm to become peaceful

Peter had an experience to walk contrary to nature's patterns

Matt 14:28-29

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.

NKJV

Peter had an experience to function like the Son of God but doubted because he looked at the natural elements.

We can change seasons by appearing as the Son of God. Christ is the Son of God and He wants to appear through us the sons of men.

E. GREATLY BLESSED

Matt 24:46

46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

NKJV

When a servant knows the Master and provides food in due season the result is being blessed because you do what the Master instructed.

Blessed - Makarios

NT:3107 makarios (mak-ar'-ee-os); a prolonged form of the poetical makar (meaning the same); supremely blest; by extension, fortunate, well off:

KJV - blessed, happy (X -ier).

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The root word is "mak" which means large or great. To be supremely blessed fortunate or well off is determined by two things.

1.) Attitude of a servant

The way we do the micro or the small things determine the makro of our lives. It is the servant heart that determines the makro of God. Blessing is a result of focusing on the micro in life.

Matt 5:2-11

2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

NKJV

Jesus was dealing with the micro of the disciple's lives so that they would experience the makro in God. It is the intent of God to bless but it is our attitude as servants that determine the greatness of that blessing. The attitude is reference to the way we posture ourselves. Ruth was greatly blessed because of the posture of her heart to serve and be in covenant.

Ps 40:4

Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

NKJV

Ps 32:2

2 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

NKJV

2.) Do His word

The servant will be blessed because he does the word.

Doing - poieo

NT:4160 poieo (poy-eh'-o); apparently a prolonged form of an obsolete primary; to make or do (in a very wide application, more or less direct):

KJV - abide, agree, appoint, 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, journeying, keep, lay wait, **lighten the ship**, make, mean, none of these things move me, observe, ordain, perform, provide, have purged, purpose, put, raising up, secure, shew, shoot out, spend, take, tarry, transgress the law, work, yield. Compare NT:4238.

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To do the word you must abide, dwell and agree with it.

John 15:7

7 If you abide in Me , and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

NKJV

This is to remain or stay and endure in the word of God.

To do His word is to lighten the ship. When we do God's word we remove excess cargo from our lives so that the ship will not sink. Doing will result in a smoother journey.

We must never delay to do the word of God. Abraham was blessed because he did the word. Isaac was blessed because he did the word. Doing the word has only one result and that is to experience the makro of God. Isaac was greatly blessed because of obedience.

Gen 26:12-14

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him.

13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous;

14 for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him.

NKJV

In the midst of hostility and famine one who does the word prospers.

Israel was blessed because of doing the commandments.

Deut 7:12-14

"Then it shall come to pass, because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers.

13 And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you.

14 You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be a male or female barren among you or among your livestock.

NKJV

When we do the word with the right attitude we will be blessed. We also do the word because we have an expectancy that the Master will return. The Master wants to find us doing His word when He returns. The Master has come to us by the Holy Spirit but will also physically return.

F. ESTABLISHED AS RULER

Matt 24:46-47

46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

*47 **Assuredly**, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.*

NKJV

The servant who does the word is assured of rulership over the goods of the Master. Management of resources is assured to the servant. This is to be certain of rulership.

Assuredly – Amen (Greek)

NT:281 amen (am-ane'); of Hebrew origin [OT:543]; properly, firm, i.e. (figuratively) trustworthy; adverbially, surely (often as interj. so be it):

KJV - amen, verily.

Verily – Aman (Hebrew)

OT:539 'aman (aw-man'); a primitive root; properly, to build up or support; to foster as a parent or nurse; figuratively to render (or be) firm or faithful, to trust or believe, to be permanent or quiet; morally to be true or certain; once (Isa 30:21; interchangeable with OT:541) to go to the right hand:

KJV - hence, assurance, believe, bring up, establish, fail, be faithful (of long continuance, steadfast, sure, surely, trusty, verified), nurse, (-ing father), (put), trust, turn to the right.

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It is assured by the Master through fostering and parenting that a servant would become trustworthy, firm and faithful to be ruler over the goods. The assurance of rulership is through a process bringing someone to understand his or her position of the right hand. We must become God's right hand on the earth through the principle of rulership.

One must understand that Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of God and we are in Him. The right hand is one of rulership and authority. We are assured of rulership if we know where we are seated and we understand our responsibility.

The assurance of such authority is through the process of being made a ruler

*47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will **make** him ruler over all his goods.*

NKJV

One is given authority but made a ruler. We are made in His likeness. Christ was made to rule over all enemies. We are appointed, set and ordained for that purpose. Structure is created so that we are processed to rule over His goods. As a child although we are heirs we come under tutors and guardians

Gal 4:1-5

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.

3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.

4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

NKJV

We have received our adoption as sons through Christ to rule but come under tutorship and guardians until the time appointed by the Father.

Samuel was made into a Judge as he was tutored in the law under Eli who was a tutor and a guardian. The law tutors us and guides us but it is to bring us into our sonship in Christ so that we will rule.

Gal 3:24-25

24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor .

NKJV

Through our faith we are made into a ruler. Our faith in Christ makes us. This is a formation process. Children are formed by the one who parents or nurses them. We are formed also through trials and tribulations. Jacob is formed into Israel. As the son of man we are a child as the sons of God we are rulers but we are formed into His image. Abram was formed into Abraham through a sacrificial life. Simon was formed into Peter through declaration that Jesus was the Christ. He was also formed when he denied Christ. Saul was formed into Paul through persecution. John the fisherman was formed into John the beloved through intimacy with Jesus.

Rulers are made. If rulership is given it will be abused. When rulers are made it used for the benefit of that which is under their rulership. Authority is given to the Son of God.

Matt 28:18

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

NKJV

Luke 10:19

19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

NKJV

The disciples were given authority after they were made under the rulership of the Master. We have authority in Christ but we must be made rulers through a process.

Abram was given the vision of possession of the land but through a process he was made into a ruler.

Gen 13:14-17

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.

16 And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered.

17 Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."

NKJV

Joseph was given the vision of authority but he was made into a ruler of Egypt.

Gen 37:5-10

5 Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more.

6 So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed:

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."

8 And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

NKJV

David was anointed by Samuel to be king but was made a king.

1 Sam 16:1

Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons."

NKJV

Saul was given kingship but not made a king

The process of being made ruler over the goods of the Master is dependant on one **behavior**

Matt 24:47

*47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler **over all his goods**.*

NKJV

Goods - Huparchonta

NT:5224 huparchonta (hoop-ar'-khon-tah); neuter plural of present participle active of NT:5225 as noun; things extant or in hand, i.e. property or possessions:

KJV - goods, that which one has, things which (one) possesseth, substance, that hast.

The goods are property or possessions, which is material wealth. Rulership over material things is determined by how we behave.

NT:5225 huparcho (hoop-ar'-kho); from NT:5259 and NT:756; to begin under (quietly), i.e. come into existence (be present or at hand); expletively, to exist (as copula or subordinate to an adjective, participle, adverb or preposition, or as auxil. to principal (verb):

KJV - after, **behave**, live.

Many are Christians but do not behave as such. To be Christ like is to behave like Christ. Behavior is a direct result of culture. One is educated and trained into a culture. Education must produce behavioral change. Equipping saints for the work of the ministry must produce a behavior change. This behavior will bring one into rulership.

Ps 101:1-2

I will sing of mercy and justice; To You, O LORD, I will sing praises.

2 I will behave wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when will You come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

NKJV

David's wise behavior brought him into rulership.

The process of being made ruler over the goods of the Master is dependant on one coming "**under**"

Matt 24:47

*47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler **over all his goods**.*

NKJV

NT:5259 hupo (hoop-o'); a primary preposition; under, i.e. (with the genitive case) of place (beneath), or with verbs (the agency or means, through); (with the accusative case) of place (whither [underneath] or where [below] or time (when [at]):

KJV - among, by, from, in, of, under, with. In comp. it retains the same general applications, especially of inferior position or condition, and specifically, covertly or moderately.

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"Huppah" is a Jewish canopy or covering under which a Jewish couple would stand during the wedding ceremony. It consists of a cloth or sheet sometimes called a "tallit" that is stretched or supported by four poles. It is symbolic of the home that a couple will build together.

Wikipedia

Rulership is determined by coming under a covering that will help you build into being a ruler. The ruling of substance and possession will be given to one that comes under. This is voluntary submission. This eternal kingdom principle governs the life of one who will rule. Abram understood this principle therefore he came under Melchizedek through the principle of tithe.

Gen 14:20

20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

NKJV

Heb 7:6-10

6 but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.

7 Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better.

NKJV

Joshua became ruler in Israel because he came under Moses. Elisha had the double portion because he came under Elijah. Ruth came into possession because she was under Naomi and later under Boaz. It was Boaz who offered the covering of the Huppah

Ruth 2:12

12 The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."

NKJV

The place of refuge is under the wings of the Master. Ruth covered herself with the covering of Boaz.

Ruth 3:7

7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

KJV

She uncovered his feet to be covered by the feet of the Sent One. She lay down in submission to be covered by the "tallit" of Boaz. This covering brought her into rulership.

Jesus wanted Israel to come under His huppah or tallit

Matt 23:37

"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 chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"

NKJV

There must be a willingness to come under.

The successful management of goods(property and possessions) is determined by our ability to come under.

How do we come under?

We must come under the word of the one that has beautiful feet. To come under the word is to do the word. The centurion understood this authority principle.

Matt 8:8-9

8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.

9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

NKJV

The word carries grace. When we come under the word we begin to rule. This is to come under the shadow of His wings

Ps 91:1

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

NKJV

The secret place is Christ and Christ is the word and the word is our covering that is declared by a Sent One. When we come under the word we come under the shadow of His wings. The disciples came under the word of the Master and therefore began to rule. Solomon came under the word of his father David and began to rule.

Rulership is determined by behavior and our ability to come under the covering of one who carries the Word of the Lord. This releases grace for one to rule over the masters goods.

G. MANPOWER (WORKER)

"A number of people working or available for work or service - workforce"

The greatest resource in the kingdom is human resource. We must know how to manage manpower within our influence in order to maintain rulership. Relationships relate to manpower and their skills and talents that can be enhanced and used in the kingdom.

Jesus understood this principle by choosing His disciples wisely. Peter, James and John were fishermen. For the kind of kingdom gospel message Jesus preached He had to have some tough people around him. Transportation across the lakes required the use of boats or ships and these man had such resources.

Matt 4:18-22

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

21 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them,

22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

NKJV

Jesus also recruited a tax collector called Matthew. Matthew understood the operating system of the Roman's and would indeed have a skill that would be beneficial to Jesus and the message that He preached.

Matt 9:9

As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.

NKJV

In order for us to function effectively in the kingdom and to have great influence it is manpower that must be well managed for kingdom advancement. David understood this principle when he built his army.

In managing manpower one must recognize a few definitive qualities.

David gives us a pattern of what manpower should entail

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

1.) Skillful

Being spiritual does not make you skillful but non-functional. Being skillful or talented does not make you anointed. Being skillful and anointed makes you powerful. In the nation of Israel the skill and spiritual was separated. The tribe of Levi had spiritual oversight over the nation. In Christ we are both skilled and spiritual. This is a powerful combination that produces an individual that can be very effective for kingdom purposes. David had knowledge in his field of expertise. He practiced to become skillful. He had to personally develop himself. This is to become a royal priesthood. David was both priest and king. As priests we are spiritual and as kings we are skillful.

Gen 25:27

27 So the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents.

NKJV

Esau was skilled at hunting. Every father must identify the skill of his son and enhance and promote it.

1 Chron 15:22

22 Chenaniah, leader of the Levites, was instructor in charge of the music, because he was skillful ;

NKJV

Chennaniah was chosen as the instructor because he was skillful.

1 Chron 25:4-7

4 Of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth. 5 All these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to exalt his horn. For God gave Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. 6 All these were under the direction of their father for the music in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and harps, for the service of the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the authority of the king. 7 So the number of them, with their brethren who were instructed in the songs of the LORD, all who were skillful , was two hundred and eighty-eight. NKJV

Solomon acquired skill from King Hiram to build the temple of the Lord

2 Chron 2:13-14

13 And now I have sent a skillful man, endowed with understanding, Hiram my master craftsman

14 (the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre), skilled to work in gold and silver, bronze and iron, stone and wood, purple and blue, fine linen and crimson, and to make any engraving and to accomplish any plan which may be given to him, with your skillful men and with the skillful men of my lord David your father.

NKJV

Skilled men worked in the tabernacle of Moses.

Ex 35:35

35 He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, and of the weaver — those who do every work and those who design artistic works.

NKJV

In order for manpower to be effective it must be skillful and have knowledge in certain fields. Skillful—to acquire knowledge. One must study and acquire knowledge to become skillful. Paul used his skill as a tent maker to subsidize his travels.

Acts 18:2-3

2 And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them.

3 So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers.

NKJV

Acts 20:33-34

33 I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

34 Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.

NKJV

Paul used his skill as a tent maker to provide for himself in the early stages of ministry. There must be a generation that would rise up with great skill that can be used to advance kingdom purposes on the earth.

2.) Man of valor

To be courageous and resourceful. To function even in the midst of pain and loss. To take bold steps for the kingdom. To defend when the lion and the bear pose a threat to the sheep like David did.

Gideon came from the least tribe but was declared to be a man of valor. His courage was shown when he destroyed his father's idols.

Judg 6:25-27

25 Now it came to pass the same night that the LORD said to him, "Take your father's young bull, the second bull of seven years old, and tear down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the wooden image that is beside it;

26 and build an altar to the LORD your God on top of this rock in the proper arrangement, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the image which you shall cut down."

27 So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the LORD had said to him. But because he feared his father's household and the men of the city too much to do it by day, he did it by night.
NKJV

Peter and John had courage and boldness

Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

NKJV

Boldness comes because of hope and because the veil has been removed

2 Cor 3:12-16

12 Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech —

13 unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away.

14 But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ.

15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.

16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

NKJV

Bold people are risk takers. Their risk is an encouragement to others

3.) Man of War (Strategist)

This is the ability to strategize so that you would overcome and prevail

War - Lacham

OT:3898 lacham (law-kham'); a primitive root; to feed on; figuratively, to consume; by implication, to battle (as destruction):

KJV - devour, eat, ever, fight (-ing), overcome, prevail, (make) war (-ring).

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Ex 15:3

3 The LORD is a man of war ; The LORD is His name.

NKJV

Moses in his song describes the Lord as a “man of war”. In order for us to be overcomers and prevail we must always strategize.

We must know what we are warring against. You must have knowledge of the plans and objective of the enemy.

Eph 6:11-12

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

NKJV

You have to put on the whole armor as you engage in war.

Eph 6:14-18

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

NKJV

Waist girded with truth	-	This is to walk in truth with all men
Breastplate of righteousness	-	To be in right standing with God and man
Feet with the gospel of peace	-	To be in peace and to make peace
Shield of faith	-	To be in obedience to God's word by faith
Helmet of salvation	-	To have the mind of Christ
Sword of the Spirit	-	To live by God's word
Praying always	-	To have a lifestyle of prayer

David understood what it meant to be a man of war because he knew who sent him. Part of being a man of war is knowing the power of the one in whose name you have been sent.

1 Sam 17:45

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.

NKJV

Warring is about strategy. David stayed with the enemy and made them believe what they wanted to hear.

1 Sam 27:11-12

11 David would save neither man nor woman alive, to bring news to Gath, saying, "Lest they should inform on us, saying, 'Thus David did.'" And thus was his behavior all the time he dwelt in the country of the Philistines.

12 So Achish believed David, saying, "He has made his people Israel utterly abhor him; therefore he will be my servant forever."

NKJV

Jesus gives His disciples 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

Sent as sheep in the midst of wolves. The enemy of sheep is wolves. While you are with the enemy you have to be wise as serpents to crawl into the enemy and be harmless as doves. This is strategy to overcome the enemy. Jesus would with humility sit with Pharisees and Scribes and eat with them but would speak with wisdom.

The strategies we devise is to advance kingdom purposes and a kingdom message. We must setup banquets so that the plans of the enemy are exposed like Esther did with Haman. There are tactics or a plan of action that must be developed so that the enemy will not rule us.

Jesus had a plan to train and equip twelve disciples. He multiplied Himself in them so that they would multiply themselves. Jesus was at war with a religious order called the Pharisees and Scribes and therefore required great planning and strategy.

4.) Prudent in Speech

Prudent - Biyn

OT:995 biyn (bene); a primitive root; to separate mentally (or distinguish), i.e.(generally) understand:

KJV - attend, consider, be cunning, diligently, direct, discern, eloquent, feel, inform, instruct, have intelligence, know, look well to, mark, perceive, be prudent, regard, (can) skill (-full), teach, think, (cause, make to, get, give, have) understand (-ing), view, (deal) wise (-ly, man).

Speech - Dabar

OT:1696 dabar (daw-bar'); a primitive root; perhaps properly, to arrange; but used figuratively (of words), to speak; rarely (in a destructive sense) to subdue:

KJV - answer, appoint, bid, command, commune, declare, destroy, give, name, promise, pronounce, rehearse, say, speak, be spokesman, subdue, talk, teach, tell, think, use [entreaties], utter, well, work.

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This is a person who thinks before he speaks. One who can discern intelligently what is being spoken. It is one who speaks with clear understanding of the situation. In order for one to manage one must be able to manage their speech so that one would know how and when to speak. This also requires reasoning. Many are unable to reason the situation and therefore have no prudence. Jesus showed prudence when he spoke to the multitudes in parables but would explain them to his disciples.

Matt 13:10-13

And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

11 He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

NKJV

Paul used prudence when he spoke with different people. He spoke to the common man, to commanders of armies to kings and queens. His prudent speech allowed him to address different crowds in different ways.

Solomon showed prudence in handling a situation

1 Kings 3:23-25

23 And the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son, who lives, and your son is the dead one'; and the other says, 'No! But your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one.'"

24 Then the king said, "Bring me a sword." So they brought a sword before the king.

25 And the king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to one, and half to the other."

NKJV

Our speech must not betray us like Peter did.

Matt 26:73-74

73 And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you."

74 Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!"

NKJV

If we do not speak with prudence it would betray who we really are in Christ.

Our speech must be with wisdom, grace and salt so that we answer wisely.

Col 4:5-6

5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

NKJV

Jesus answered questions with prudence. He used great discretion and discerning when answering any questions and dealing with situations. We must bear the intelligence likeness of Christ when we speak so that none of our words must fall to the ground.

5.) Handsome (Countenance)

As people of God we must always carry the countenance of the Lord. In all circumstances we must reflect his countenance. This requires taking care of our image. This is a reflection of our inner being. This countenance reflects the nature of Christ in us. Countenance is a facial expression. One must reflect the face of the Lord. God does not have a face because He is Spirit. We who are in the flesh but have His Spirit reflect His face.

We lose our countenance because of envy, jealousy, pride and anger

Gen 4:5-6

5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

6 So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?"

NKJV

Gen 31:1-2

Now Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what was our father's he has acquired all this wealth."

2 And Jacob saw the countenance of Laban, and indeed it was not favorable toward him as before.

NKJV

We must know how to maintain our countenance:

Have a joyful, happy and merry heart

Prov 15:13

13 A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

NKJV

Put our hope in God by praising Him

Ps 42:5

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him For the help of His countenance.

NKJV

Stop gossiping and it will change your countenance

Prov 25:23

*23 The north wind brings forth rain, And a backbiting tongue an angry countenance
NKJV*

Get a friend that sharpens your countenance

Prov 27:17

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

Put God in our thoughts and we will change our proud countenance

Ps 10:4

*4 The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts.
NKJV*

Eat from the word of God

1 Sam 14:27

*27 But Jonathan had not heard his father charge the people with the oath; therefore he stretched out the end of the rod that was in his hand and dipped it in a honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his countenance brightened.
NKJV*

6.) The Lord is with him

This is what separates us from the rest of the world. God is with us. He lives and resides in us through the Holy Spirit. He has given us a measure of grace, which is His trading commodity in the kingdom. God is with us because we are overshadowed by Him. We are under His wings accessing His protection and provision. David knew that the Lord is with him. This is why he could handle Goliath in the name of the Lord.

The Name of the Lord represents all that is available to us. Jesus has given us His Name. This is the full backing of the heavenlies and all it's resources.

We must identify how do we know that God is with us?

The Lord is with us because we can change famine ground through the principle of seed

Gen 26:28

*28 But they said, "We have certainly seen that the LORD is with you. So we said, 'Let there now be an oath between us, between you and us; and let us make a covenant with you,
NKJV*

Everything that comes under your management prospers

Gen 39:2-3

2 The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. 3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand. NKJV

Behave wisely

1 Sam 18:14-16

14 And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the LORD was with him.

15 Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him.

16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them. NKJV

Ark is in your house. This is the presence of God

2 Sam 6:10-11

10 So David would not move the ark of the LORD with him into the City of David; but David took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

11 The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. And the LORD blessed Obed-Edom and all his household.

NKJV

Have the secret of the Lord

Ps 25:14

14 The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

NKJV

H. ECONOMIC STABILITY

Wealth is the test of a man's character – *Anonymous*

Economics is an integral part of everyday living. It is the controlling factor that determines the way our lives are run. It determines how happy or how depressed we can be.

Economy

Greek – Oikonomia

Oikos – House

Nomia - Nemein – Management

Economy is Household Management.

Economics

Production, consumption of goods and services

Management of available resources within a household

Economy is the management of the household. There is the Chief Servant is the house who manages the affairs of the house.

Matt 24:45-47

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household , to give them food in due season?

46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

NKJV

Eliezer was the oldest servant and managed everything Abraham owned.

Gen 24:2

2 So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh,

NKJV

Joseph managed the household of Potiphar

Gen 39:2-4

2 The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand.

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.

NKJV

Pharaoh's economics prospered under Joseph's care because Joseph was the son of God.

Gen 41:38

38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?"

NKJV

Rom 8:14

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

NKJV

The way we manage our household determines whether we will manage the wealth of nations. Joseph managed the household of Portiphar and upgraded the economics of that house because of God's favour. He eventually managed the wealth Pharaoh's house and the wealth of the nation of Egypt.

The sons of God must manage economies. While we are children in God's eyes guardians and stewards will manage the economies

Gal 4:1-2

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.

NKJV

As the Father of a household that has a family there is a responsibility to manage the affairs of those under your care. The greatest resource or product we have is the people of God who are the sons and daughters of God. This is our economy that must be managed.

Adam was put in the garden with trees.

Gen 2:8-9

The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

9 And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

NKJV

The garden represents Adam's household, the trees are representative of people within his household. Adam was asked to tend these trees.

Dress - abad

OT:5647 `abad (aw-bad"); a primitive root; to work (in any sense); by implication, to serve, till, (causatively) enslave, etc.:

KJV - be, keep in bondage, be bondmen, bond-service, compel, do, dress, ear, execute, husbandman, keep, labour (-ing man, bring to pass, (cause to, make to) serve (-ingself.), (be, become) servant (-s), do (use) service, till (-er), transgress [from margin], (set a) work, be wrought, worshipper,

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Keep - shamar

OT:8104 shamar (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.:

KJV - beware, be circumspect, take heed (to self), keep (-erself), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

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It is the duty of the gardener to ensure that his economy is fruitful through dressing and keeping it. Dressing is to work or till to make the product fruitful so that goods and services can be rendered. He must work the economics of his household. The tree must bear fruit.

John 15:2-5

*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**.*

3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

*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.*

NKJV

Three-fold fruit bearing is the more excellent way. To develop excellence from trees in terms of fruit the gardener, husbandman – father of the household must ensure that his trees are tended and pruned.

The tree must be educated, financially, socially, medically, physically and spiritually. This ensures that the Intelligent Quotient, Physical Quotient, Emotional Quotient, Adversity Quotient, Spiritual Quotient of the individual is balanced so that they are productive. Engaging to improve their skills and development is so that we become knowledgeable to make the trees more productive.

Trees absorb carbon dioxide, sunlight and water and give of oxygen (Atomic number 8), which is life for all. Atomic number 8 spiritually represents a new beginning. Oxygen gives us a new lease on life everyday. We must improve our economy so that it is life giving. This brings balance to the environment.

Gen 2:16-17

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

NKJV

The tree was providing sustenance for the gardener. He was allowed to eat from every tree. If we do not develop the economy of our households there will be no fruit to eat. This means that the gardener's economy suffers. We must be well aware of how to develop our gardens by exploring all means so that the economy of the household is managed to make it productive.

3 John 2

2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

NKJV

Our prosperity and health is determined the way our soul prospers meaning the way we think and manage our economy. There are mindsets about wealth that must be transformed so that we can develop the ability to accumulate, transfer and distribute wealth effectively.

Our understanding and purpose of wealth must be clearly defined.

Isa 60:4-7

4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side.

5 Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

6 The multitude of camels shall cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.

*7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, The rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; They shall ascend with acceptance on My altar, **And I will glorify the house of My glory.** NKJV*

Wealth is to ensuring a productive household. How do you get and why do we need wealth?

W – WISDOM

Solomon who was the wisest man that lived managed wealth through wisdom. To get wealth you need wisdom. When you get wealth it is put on display the wisdom of God.

2 Chron 9:22-24

22 So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

23 And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

24 Each man brought his present: articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year.

NKJV

Wisdom brings you wealth.

Prov 3:13-16

13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding;

14 For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies, And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.

16 Length of days is in her right hand, In her left hand riches and honor .

NKJV

People are paid to transfer their wisdom. Christ is wisdom and through His wisdom you receive wealth. This wealth is to build the temple. Solomon built the temple of God. We are not building buildings we are building people. To build people you need to be well resourced. They are now the temple of God and must be built. Wealth is therefore needed through wisdom to build people.

1 Kings 10:1-3

Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions.

2 She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart.

3 So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for the king that he could not explain it to her.

NKJV

The queen of Sheba came with wealth and transferred it to Solomon because of the wisdom of God that flowed through him. The transfer of wealth will take place because of God's divine wisdom.

E – ESTABLISHES COVENANT

Deut 8:18

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.

NKJV

Wealth is to establish God's covenant.

Establish - quwm

OT:6965 quwm (koom); a primitive root; to rise (in various applications, literal, figurative, intensive and causative):

KJV - abide, accomplish, be clearer, confirm, continue, decree, be dim, endure, enemy, enjoin, get up, make good, help, hold, (help to) lift up (again), make, but newly, ordain, perform, pitch, raise (up), rear (up), remain, (a-) rise (up) (again, against), rouse up, set (up), (e-) stablish, (make to) stand (up), stir up, strengthen, succeed, (as-, make) sure (-ly), (be) up (-hold, -rising)

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Wealth is for God's covenant to rise and be clear. It is also to confirm that His word is true. It is a demonstration of the better promises that we live under with a better covenant. It demonstrates the abiding relationship God has with us. It reflects that God is with us.

Heb 8:6

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.

NKJV

We use our wealth to demonstrate our covenant with God. When we give tithes, offerings and firstfruits it demonstrates our covenant with God by honouring His representative on the earth.

Melchizedek brought out bread and wine, a symbol of covenant and Abram gave him a tithe. This is wealth that establishes covenant. God never transacts outside the principle of covenant.

Gen 14:18-20

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.

19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

NKJV

To give to God is to give to a representative of God. The Lord is in all of us.

Isaac and Rebekah entered covenant when wealth was exchanged

Gen 24:22-23

22 So it was, when the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a golden nose ring weighing half a shekel, and two bracelets for her wrists weighing ten shekels of gold,

23 and said, "Whose daughter are you? Tell me, please, is there room in your father's house for us to lodge?"

NKJV

God gives a servant wealth so that the bride would covenant with Isaac.

A – ACCUMALATION OF WEALTH

Abram accumulated his wealth in Egypt.

Gen 13:1-2

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.

NKJV

Egypt represents the systems of this world. We all work within the systems of the world to accumulate wealth. We must come up out of Egypt like Abram; wealthy. When we shift from Abram to Abraham our wealth takes on a different purpose. We accumulate from Egypt to distribute in the kingdom.

Isaac accumulated wealth in Gerar

Gen 26:1

There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar.

NKJV

Gen 26:12-14

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him.

13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous;

14 for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him.

NKJV

Isaac accumulated wealth by practicing kingdom principles of sowing and reaping. Abimelech means “Father of Kings” – this is a royal title. In the midst of the father of kings Isaac prospers through kingdom principles sowing in a foreign land. Following kingdom principles will cause us to accumulate wealth even during famine.

Israel accumulated corporate wealth in Egypt

Ex 12:35-36

35 Now the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, and they had asked from the Egyptians articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing.

36 And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

NKJV

The wealth that was accumulated in Egypt after 400 years of suffering and abuse was to establish God's covenant. God revealed Himself through the Tabernacle of Moses. The wealth accumulated was used to build this tabernacle. Craftsman acquired their skills in Egypt. The tabernacle was a shadow of things to come.

Heb 8:4-5

4 For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law;

5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

NKJV

Christ is the true image of the shadow. Wealth will reveal Christ.

Ex 31:1-5

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

4 to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze,

5 in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship.

NKJV

Skill was required to use wealth effectively to build the pattern that God required which would benefit the nation in worshipping God and for God to establish them as a nation that ruled. These craftsmen were filled with the Spirit but they learnt their trade in Egypt as slaves. There is a skill transfer in Egypt combined with the Spirit of God that produces a craftsman that can use wealth accumulated for kingdom building. This is also the accumulation of knowledge and skill, which is a facet of wealth.

Jacob accumulated wealth through strategy

Gen 30:40-43

40 Then Jacob separated the lambs, and made the flocks face toward the streaked and all the brown in the flock of Laban; but he put his own flocks by themselves and did not put them with Laban's flock.

41 And it came to pass, whenever the stronger livestock conceived, that Jacob placed the rods before the eyes of the livestock in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.

42 But when the flocks were feeble, he did not put them in; so the feebler were Laban's and the stronger Jacob's.

43 Thus the man became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks, female and male servants, and camels and donkeys.

NKJV

Accumulating wealth needs strategizing and planning. This also comes with the wisdom of God. There are witty inventions that can cause one to accumulate wealth.

Isa 60:4-5

4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side.

5 Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

NKJV

Wealth is accumulated through the principle of sonship. Sons and daughters will come with wealth to enhance kingdom activity.

L – LAID UP FOR THE JUST

Prov 13:22

22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

NKJV

A good man is a wise man, a man of character, integrity, has a conscience. This is a man that will leave an inheritance to his grand children. His thoughts are not only of PROSPERITY but also of POSTERITY. His legacy will be lived for generations to come. Abraham left his wealth to his son Isaac. David left his wealth to his son Solomon. Jesus left Himself as an inheritance to His disciples.

Eph 1:11-12

11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance , being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

NKJV

As much as we leave a material inheritance we must leave a spiritual inheritance. This constitutes governance and order within a home. One of culture established within the home. One of good traditions of gathering family and building of relationships. One of strong covenant between husband and wife. One of good parenting of correction in love, providing and protecting. This is also wealth that cannot be stolen or were moth and rust cannot destroy. This is the eternal wealth of wisdom to build Godly homes that can change communities and empower the lives of others. This is to have personal success in the home that would produce after the Seed called Christ. We must have wealth in patriarchal grace like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Joseph also known, as Barnabas understood this principle when he left his prosperity at the feet of the Apostles to build his posterity.

Acts 4:36-37

36 And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus,

37 having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

NKJV

Ps 37:23-26

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand.

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

26 He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed. NKJV

What benefits does a good man have?

- Steps are ordered by God
- Gets up when he falls
- Not forsaken
- Descendants protected
- Merciful
- Descendants are blessed

There is wealth that is stored up for the righteous. This is for people that after the order of Melchizedek. Christ is Melchizedek revealed. This is a people that manifest Christ-likeness and His image on the earth. The Melchizedek order is the order that blesses and releases one into their full potential. Christ is after the order of Melchizedek meaning King of Righteousness and King of Peace.

King Hiram of Tyre supplied materials to build David a house and to help build Solomon's Temple. The wealth of the sinner is for the building of God's temple.

2 Sam 5:11-12

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.

NKJV

David knew through this act that God had established him as king. When there is wealth distribution from the unjust to the order of Melchizedek then we know that the King of Righteousness is establishing

us. We know that we are manifesting the image of Christ when the wealth of sinners, unbelievers begin to be transferred to righteous hands. This wealth transfer is to build Christ in the earth.

Solomon experienced the same grace in building his house and the temple.

1 Kings 5:10-12

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.

NKJV

The exchange was based on wheat and oil, meaning bread and anointing which is the word that is spirit and life. Solomon's wisdom became spirit and life. Wealth transfer will take place on this divine exchange.

Wealth and riches will be in the house of the righteous.

Ps 112:1-3

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments.

2 His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever NKJV

Righteousness attracts wealth. This is to seek the kingdom first and His righteousness. Part of righteousness is prioritizing the kingdom. It is to put the kingdom first, in rank, place and time.

This wealth will come through wisdom and understanding

Luke 16:8-9

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.

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

There was a wealth laid for the just through Zacchaeus.

Luke 19:8-10

8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."

9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;

10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

NKJV

There was a release and restoration of wealth that was laid up through Zacchaeus.

Luke 16:8-9

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.

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.

NKJV

Shrewdly - Phronimos

NT:5429 phronimos (fron'-ee-mos); from NT:5424; thoughtful, i.e. sagacious or discreet (implying a cautious character; while NT:4680 denotes practical skill or acumen; and NT:4908 indicates rather intelligence or mental acquirement); in a bad sense conceited (also in the comparative):

KJV - wise (-r).

World - Aion

NT:165 aion (ahē-ohn'); from the same as NT:104; properly, an age; by extension, perpetuity (also past); by implication, the world; specially (Jewish) a Messianic period (present or future):

KJV - age, course, eternal, (for) ever (-more), [n-] ever, (beginning of the while the) world (began, without end). Compare

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Within a specific age in time there has to be great wisdom so that unrighteous mammon when it fails will call in the sons of light to manage. This is when there be wealth laid up for the righteous.

T – TRANSFERRED THROUGH GENERATIONS

Wealth must be transferred from one generation to the next. This is inherited wealth.

Gen 25:5-6

5 And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.

6 But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to the country of the east.

NKJV

Son inherits his fathers wealth a slave receives gifts. We have generations that are inheriting debt and we also have a generation that cannot manage inherited wealth. We as husbandman, gardeners, wise master builders must impart knowledge to ensure a continuation of wealth from one generation to the next. This is the Father and Son principle.

1 Chron 29:26-28

26 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem. 28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead KJV

David died full of days, riches and honour. This was transferred to the next generation that took wealth and riches to another level. David died satisfied being wealthy in that he transferred his wealth to the next generation.

There are investments we make as parents to leave an inheritance for our children and their children. Inheritance is not just money because money will fail. Inheritance is locked in property and asset value. We must build inheritances into asset value and property. There was always the transfer of minerals from the earth in scriptures.

Pishon means increase

Gen 2:11-12

11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold .

12 And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there.

NKJV

This is the first river in the garden of Eden. We are now the garden of the Lord and the river of gold must cause us to increase in wealth. Wealth is in the minerals of the land. This river must begin to flow into the kingdom again.

This is the increase of wealth that must come to us. Not just money but gold. Gold is an investment. Gold is the divine nature of God but we must also own minerals. Most of our investment takes place in insurance policies, which is cash payouts, based on how the money is invested. If the markets fall the value of our money falls. With minerals it is not the same. It remains at a steady growth. We must

know how to leave an inheritance that grows not just pays out. We must leave investments that can be transferred from one generation to the next.

The transference of wealth is determined by sight. We build through our posterity. We have to have a good eye to have elevated sight so that we build from one generation to the next.

Matt 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

NKJV

We are seated in Christ in heavenly places so we must have sight from above. This sight will cause us to have a heart that turns.

Mal 4:5-6

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

6 And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

NKJV

It is the hearts of fathers and sons through which wealth will be laid up in the heavens and transferred to the next generation.

Matt 6:22-23

"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.

23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

NKJV

The lamp determines sight. How far we see will be determined by how full of light our eye is. This lamp and the light is God's word. The word of God is a lamp unto our feet, which is for the present, and a light unto our path, which is for the future. The one thing that connects a spiritual father and a son is the word of God. The word must nourish for the present and for the future.

Based on the level of the light one will choose a master

Matt 6:24

"No one 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.

NKJV

God is spirit therefore mammon or wealth is a spirit. Master is the one we serve. If the lamp our body is full of light then we serve the right master. The master is the one who controls the very nature of our life. We serve God with our wealth we never serve wealth.

Matt 6:25

"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?

NKJV

When the eye is full of light then we choose the right master to serve. When we choose the right master we do not need to worry about life. We will now seek first the kingdom in all things including the transfer of wealth from one generation to the next.

Matt 6:33-34

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

NKJV

Tomorrow will be managed by what we do today in the kingdom.

H – HONOUR THE LORD (WEALTH RESPONSIBILITY)

Prov 3:9-10

9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;

10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

NKJV

The Lord is a representative of the LORD who is Christ. Barns store grain and vats store wine. This is one who nourishes you with bread and wine like Melchizedek and Jesus Christ. This is the table of the Lord a place of covenant and grace.

The accumulation, distribution and transfer of wealth are determined by honor. Abram honored Melchizedek with the spoils of war.

Gen 14:18-20

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.

19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all. NKJV

Abram accumulated wealth through warfare and distributed it through the principle of honour. There was a transfer of grace so that he could build his posterity when Isaac was born.

David honored the elders of Judah with the spoils of war

1 Sam 30:26

26 Now when David came to Ziklag, he sent some of the spoil to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, "Here is a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of the LORD"

NKJV

David accumulated wealth through warfare and then distributed through the principle of honour. The transfer of grace took place when his enemy self-destructed. He would later transfer wealth to his son Solomon

The tribe of Judah honoured King Jehoshaphat

2 Chron 17:5

5 Therefore the LORD established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah gave presents to Jehoshaphat, and he had riches and honor in abundance.

NKJV

Those who labour in the word and doctrine must be honored.

1 Tim 5:17-18

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

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

Those who preach the gospel must be honored

1 Cor 9:14

14 Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.

NKJV

Those who teach must be honoured

Gal 6:6

Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.

NKJV

How to honour?

- Honor with your substance – tithe and firstfruit
- Honor with submission and a servant heart
- Honor with obedience to the word of God
- Honor with sacrificial seed
- Honor is voluntary and not compulsory – it must proceed from the heart.

I. NATION MANAGEMENT

God has given us the nations. Before we manage nations there must be an understanding that we are the holy nation of God.

Ex 19:6

6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation .' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

NKJV

1 Peter 2:9

9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation , His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

NKJV

As the holy nation we are called to speak word of God and to proclaim the praises of God. This proclamation of words and praises is by maturing into divine sonship.

Eph 1:11-14

11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

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,

14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

NKJV

Heb 2:10

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

NKJV

It is only in this divine sonship, which is a mature state in God that nations could be managed for God. Joseph was thirty years old when he came into management of Egypt. David was thirty years old when he became king of Israel. Thirty signifies maturity as established through the Levitical priesthood where

every priest would enter service at the age of thirty. Jesus was baptized at the Jordan at the age of thirty fulfilling the law and indicating both natural and spiritual maturity.

Only sons must ask for nations so that we can manage them

Ps 2:7-8

7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

NKJV

Nation management builds a nation economically, socially, spiritually and politically.

Joseph managed the economy of a nation

In order for Joseph to govern the affairs of Egypt he had to have prophetic perspective or insight. This was given to him at an early age through two dreams. Management of nations requires a deep spiritual insight. As sons of God we are led by the spirit of God and therefore must have this insight to manage nations.

Joseph said to Pharaoh that is only God that can interpret the dreams

Gen 41:15-16

15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream, to interpret it."

16 So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace."

NKJV

Joseph declared to Pharaoh that the interpretation will come from the Spirit of God.

This spiritual insight gave Joseph power to manage the nation economically

Gen 41:38-41

38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?"

39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you.

40 You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you."

41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."

NKJV

Joseph managed Egypt through economic crisis by receiving spiritual insight. In the management of the nation of Egypt God fulfilled a prophecy given to Abraham.

Gen 15:13-14

13 Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.

14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

NKJV

Joseph was given the power to manage the nation so that God's holy nation, natural Israel would be preserved.

Gen 45:7-8

7 And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

NKJV

Joseph managed that nations economy so that other nations would come and buy grain from Egypt. This led to nations being subject to Egypt because of Joseph's economic management.

Gen 41:57

57 So all countries came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all lands.

NKJV

The countries came to God's son in the form of Joseph in Egypt to buy grain. Management of nations is to expose and make God visible through divine sonship. This exposure leads to all countries coming to where the son of God is.

Daniel managed politically

Daniel with his friends was in political exile in the nation of Babylon. As the sons of Judah they represented the divine order of God. Daniel lived through the reign of three different kings and was regarded as a wise man and an advisor. He gave interpretations of dreams and writings through spiritual insight that managed the political influence of the nation of Babylon.

Dan 2:37-38

37 You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;

38 and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all — you are this head of gold.

NKJV

Daniel gave spiritual insight into the political influence King Nebuchadnezzar would have. But through this insight God showed him the end from the beginning of the ever-lasting Kingdom of Heaven that will be over all kingdoms.

Dan 2:44

44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

NKJV

This insight by the Spirit of God allowed Daniel and his friends to have great influence over the nation. Though this wisdom they managed the nation politically.

Dan 2:48-49

48 Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon.

49 Also Daniel petitioned the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel sat in the gate of the king.

NKJV

David as king showed great management skills over a nation.

Politically

He took the stronghold of Zion to establish his rulership. He knew that this was a place of political influence in the nation of Israel. This place became the City of David which was a political and spiritual statement.

2 Sam 5:7

7 Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David).

NKJV

Spiritually

To the nation of Israel the Ark of the Covenant was a symbol of God's presence, provision and protection. Their spirituality revolved around the Ark. David understood the importance of building a nation spiritually therefore the first thing he did was to bring back the Ark into Zion.

2 Sam 6:12-15

12 Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness.

13 And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep.

14 Then David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod.

15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

NKJV

Socially

David also built the nation socially through fellowship and benevolence.

2 Sam 6:18-19

18 And when David had finished offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

19 Then he distributed among all the people, among the whole multitude of Israel, both the women and the men, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed, everyone to his house.

NKJV

1 Chron 12:39-40

39 And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking, for their brethren had prepared for them.

40 Moreover those who were near to them, from as far away as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, were bringing food on donkeys and camels, on mules and oxen — provisions of flour and cakes of figs and cakes of raisins, wine and oil and oxen and sheep abundantly, for there was joy in Israel.

NKJV

Economically

David built the nations wealth through conquests of other nations

2 Sam 8:3-4

3 David also defeated Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his territory at the River Euphrates.

4 David took from him one thousand chariots, seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand foot soldiers. Also David hamstringed all the chariot horses, except that he spared enough of them for one hundred chariots. NKJV

2 Sam 8:7-11

7 And David took the shields of gold that had belonged to the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. 8 Also from Betah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took a large amount of bronze. 9 When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer, 10 then Toi sent Joram his son to King David, to greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him (for Hadadezer had been at war with Toi); and Joram brought with him articles of silver, articles of gold, and articles of bronze. 11 King David also dedicated these to the LORD, along with the silver and gold that he had dedicated from all the nations which he had subdued
NKJV

J. TIME MANAGEMENT

The way we manage time is determined by our understanding of the times and seasons of God. If we understand the time on God's clock we prioritize and synchronize our natural clock with His eternal clock.

Hag 1:2-5

2 "Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: 'This people says, "The time has not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built.'"

3 Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

4 "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?"

5 Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider your ways!

NKJV

It is a time to build God's house not only our paneled houses. This must bring consideration to our ways.

There is a time for everything as Solomon states

Eccl 3:1

To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:

NKJV

Under heaven is the earth. But our earthly existence must be prioritized by the times of heaven. There is God's appointed time that must be discerned and responded to.

What do we spend our time on?

- Working
- Socializing
- Shopping
- Studying
- Entertainment
- Sleeping
- Holidays
- Church

Time is a seed. What you give your time to first produces the last. When we give the first of the day unto the Lord it is to indicate priority unto the Lord as Master of our lives. Our spiritual lives should be firstly dedicated in the day to the Lord.

Daniel would pray three times a day. It was a custom for Daniel to prioritize his day unto God.

Dan 6:10

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. NKJV

David spent his time at Jerusalem when it was time to go to war

2 Sam 11:1-2

It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

2 *Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.*

NKJV

It was during this time that he was tempted.

Our priority of time must be dedicated to seek first the Kingdom of God

Matt 6:33

33 *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

NKJV

When we prioritize the kingdom all the things that we spend time seeking and looking for will be added to us. The kingdom must be the proton; the first in time. Anything that requires kingdom activity must be given priority. Addition of the things we need is on the basis of the prioritization of time.

Added - prostithemi

NT:4369 prostithemi (pros-tith'-ay-mee); from NT:4314 and NT:5087; to place additionally, i.e. lay beside, annex, repeat:

KJV - add, again, give more, increase, lay unto, proceed further, speak to any more.

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The things we need will lie next to us. It will bow before us to serve kingdom activity. When we pursue these things at the cost of the kingdom we will sweat and not be fruitful.

Perilous times produces a people who waste time on themselves.

2 Tim 3:1-9

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

2 *For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,*

3 *unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,*

4 *traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,*

5 *having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!*

6 *For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,*

7 *always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

8 *Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;*

9 *but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.*

NKJV

When a person does not value the season and the times of God they are caught up spending time on themselves. The governance of our lives is determined by time. If we value the time on God's clock we will govern our lives according to His patterns.

Israel as a nation had their lives governed by the three feasts in the year. The time of evening sacrifice was a governing time of their lives. Their lives revolved and cycled around the times of God. We must discern when the hour of God is upon us. Like Jesus we must know:

John 17:1

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,
NKJV

Time management determines our reflection of God's glory.

Time governs our lives. Our bodies are governed by time. We eat, drink and sleep at certain times. Our provision is governed by time. We work to provide for ourselves. Time dictates to the way our lives function daily. If we do not manage our time according to God's seasons and times we will be busy but unproductive.

Ps 104:19-23

19 He appointed the moon for seasons; The sun knows its going down.

20 You make darkness, and it is night, In which all the beasts of the forest creep about.

21 The young lions roar after their prey, And seek their food from God.

22 When the sun rises, they gather together And lie down in their dens.

23 Man goes out to his work And to his labor until the evening.

NKJV

The earth is governed by the Sun and the Moon to know when it is Day and when it is Night. These elements bring light to the earth and control the cycles of the seasons and the tides that we depend on to manage our time.

Gen 1:14-16

14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;

15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.

NKJV

God used these elements to explain how He would create a Holy Nation that would be light to the gentiles. This nation was natural Israel. Jacob interprets the dream of his son Joseph and knows that he was dreaming about his family.

Gen 37:9-10

9 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."

10 So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?"

NKJV

Later through the prophet Isaiah God would call the nation to arise and shine to the gentiles.

Isa 60:1-4

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side.

NKJV

We who the spiritual Israel in Christ have received the light through Jesus Christ who is the light. Therefore we are asked to walk as children of the light.

Eph 5:8

*For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light
NKJV*

The Sun and the Moon give natural light but we are light in Christ bring spiritual light. We can control times and seasons but it dependant on how we prioritize our time in God's appointed time.

We must know when it is:

Time to sow

Eccl 11:6

6 In the morning sow your seed, And in the evening do not withhold your hand; For you do not know which will prosper, Either this or that, Or whether both alike will be good.

NKJV

Not time to receive gifts

2 Kings 5:25-26

25 Now he went in and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, "Where did you go, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant did not go anywhere."

26 Then he said to him, "Did not my heart go with you when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you? Is it time to receive money and to receive clothing, olive groves and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male and female servants?"

NKJV

Time to fast and pray

Joel 2:15-17

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly;

16 Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room.

17 Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

NKJV

Not time to fast and pray

Isa 58:3-6

3 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and You have not seen? Why have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?' "In fact, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, And exploit all your laborers.

4 Indeed you fast for strife and debate, And to strike with the fist of wickedness. You will not fast as you do this day, To make your voice heard on high.

5 Is it a fast that I have chosen, A day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, And to spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast, And an acceptable day to the LORD?

6 "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke?"

NKJV

Time to be silent

Prov 23:9

9 Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, For he will despise the wisdom of your words. NKJV

WHO you spend your time with indicates how valuable your time is and in time determines who you will become. This is the principle of the Father/Son relationship. This is to walk in the dust of the Rabbi like the disciples did and it produced a like-minded people.

Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus .

NKJV

Timothy showed the ways of Paul

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

Elisha demonstrated the same miracles as the one he spent time with

2 Kings 2:14-15

14 Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, "Where is the LORD God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over.

15 Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him.

NKJV

Rehoboam took advice from young men whom he spent his time with

1 Kings 12:6-8

6 Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who stood before his father Solomon while he still lived, and he said, "How do you advise me to answer these people?"

7 And they spoke to him, saying, "If you will be a servant to these people today, and serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever."

8 But he rejected the advice which the elders had given him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him.

NKJV

Jesus knew the Father's will because He spent time with Him

John 5:30

30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

NKJV

Time moves us from child to son in God. This maturity is dependant on who we spend time with. Kingdom management revolves around a people who understand God's time. Their priority is around kingdom labouring and kingdom culture. They shift from village life because their eyes have been opened to understand the times of God. This is a company whose activities are not determined by natural time but by what is done in heaven.

Matt 6:9-10

9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

NKJV