

Course 121

MarketPlace Ministry

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In these last days, it has become necessary to defreeze the Church and release her latent energies. For this to take place, we must stop the practice of ignoring or down grading Market place Ministry. We must also stop the self destructive system of harassing those God has called to market place ministry out of their glorious assignment in order to be “full time” ministers.

These questions are relevant:

- What is market place ministry?**
- What is the biblical basis of market place ministry?**
- What models do we have in the bible?**
- What are the snares and pitfalls of market place ministry?**
- What are the divine provisions for success in market place ministry?**
- What is the one outstanding fact of market place ministry in the bible?**

Section A: Preamble

In John 10:10, Jesus gave us a clue to a three prong strategy of Satan in dealing with things of God: to Steal, Kill and destroy. Jesus Himself, on the other hand is the giver of abundant life. The word abundant connotes the following “full measure”, “prosper”, and “bloom”. Most times, children of God read the bible in a religious context and therefore miss the wider implications of the divine counsel. Here, Jesus was not just telling the disciples how Satan attacks Christians; He was speaking of the universal principles that undergird the intent and work of Satan in all situations.

If you translate this principle to the Church which Jesus activated in the Upper Room on the day of Pentecost, it is clear that Satan would seek to:

- Steal the strength of the Church
- Kill the very spiritual body of Jesus Christ like he tried to do with its head at Calvary
- Destroy the mission of the Church the Body of Christ on earth so that it is unable to manifest His exalted Person and nature to those who are under the grip of Satan. Ultimately, the enemy delights to hinder the capacity of the Church to be the harbinger of the eternal state of the Kingdom of God.

Thank God that John 10:10 has two parts. While much emphasis has always been laid on part a, the real deal is on part b! What this means, when translated to the issue of the Church of Jesus Christ are these:

- Jesus came to give life to His Church.
- The life of Jesus in His Church is to be abundant – so real and tangible in every respect that people will know that it is a divine institution anywhere and everywhere they encounter the saints. This is of extreme import in the end times when heaven is decorating the Church anew for the ultimate marriage supper of all time. As

Ephesians 5: 27 says, Jesus will decorate His Church to be radiant and dazzling before He returns.

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Today, as we begin this epic exploration into the Word to mine out, by the Spirit, what it has to say about Ministry in the Market Place and download what Jesus is saying to His Church in this last generation, let us bear the afore-mentioned principles in mind.

The true Church

The true Church was not ordained for and cannot be confined to a building of brick and mortar with a religious architecture. The Church is, simply put, the people of God who have been called out of the world system, redeemed by the Blood of Jesus and have confessed Him as their Lord and Saviour! The Church was ordained to go forth into the entire world and preach the gospel to every creature. It was not to stop there. The Church – (not the building or denominations of churchianity) - was charged to disciple the nations or bring them under subjection to the ordinance of the King and His Kingdom so that they will live and prosper by those principles. Individuals who believed would be saved from their sins and the devil and translated from the Kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of God. In this new setting, they become His Church or called out ones where their new identities in God will be marked by the spiritual gifts and callings they receive in their spirit-man. The ethnic, racial, gender, age and other demographics of old which were instruments of separation were to give way to a new common identity. That identity is that we are the royal priesthood – all of us and not a few designated as “clergy”.

This dynamic paradigm of Jesus for His Church to be the present phase of the Kingdom of God and catalyst to disciple the nations of earth to “kiss the Son, lest He be angry”(Psalm 2) has been lost because Satan systematically injected a religious spirit which was expressly designed to steal the strength of the Church, Kill the divine vision and Destroy its capacity to disciple the nations.

Churchianity, which Satan introduced, was to make the backslidden church look inwards rather than outwards. For this to happen, Satan systematically let these things happen to God’s people as prophesied variously in scripture:

- Caused the backslidden church to see itself as a replacement of the plan and purpose of God for the Jews.
- With replacement theology, the backslidden church needed to construct magnificent buildings for worship which would replace the old Temple at Jerusalem.
- The people of God could live their normal lives for six days any where they were and on the seventh day which replaced the Sabbath, stream to the cathedrals and special buildings to “encounter” God for one, two or more hours.
- To service the spiritual needs of the people when they “came to church” was a professional clergy. This professional clergy was patterned after the old Levitical priesthood as an exclusive priestly caste who was nearer and therefore had special access to God. With this access, they became, so to say, mediators between the Holy God and unholy people. Ablutions such as confession were therefore necessary for the priests to cleanse the people of their guilt and make them worthy to partake of the sacraments offered during church services.

- It is necessary to take a fresh look at the Great Commission and its implications and the true identity of the Church as expressed in these scriptures: Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18; Acts 1:5-8; Ephesians 1: 314, 18 – 23; Ephesians 2: 1-22; Colossians 1:12-18; Colossians 2: 11-15;

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The Last Theatre of true evangelism: not in buildings or crusade grounds but the market place!

The whole purpose of the last reformation movement is to cause the true saints, who collectively are the Church of Jesus Christ, living out His Kingdom life to come to a full understanding of the purpose of God. A critical pillar on which the reformation movement will stand is the restoration of the truth which religion has tried to hide: the central theatre of the end time battle will not be fought inside the religious buildings called “churches” to which the so called clergy invite a dormant laity to come with their unbelieving friends and relatives. The place at which the greatest and true revival and evangelism will take place is the very arena which Satan caused the religious world to brand as unholy “secular space” or “the Market Place”.

In the economy of God, the earth and all its fullness belong to Him Psalm 24:1. It is true that Satan invaded and tries to use deceit to confuse and tempt many people to yield to his principles in the Market Place. Our job as disciples of Jesus Christ is to allow Him to use us anywhere and everywhere to be His Salt and Light Matthew 5: 13 – 16. It is worthwhile to break down what Salt and Light do:

Salt is a catalyst. It adds value and brings forth the sweetness of the larger substance to which it is inserted. You may use up to ten dollars to buy condiments for preparing food. After preparing the food, it may be flat to taste. Take a tincture of salt worth about five cents and add to that great pot of costly food and the real taste comes forth, sizzling to the taste! In the same way, the true Church of Jesus is Christ, though in the world, is not of the world. However, Jesus has not asked the Father to take us away yet. He rather asked the Father to preserve us from the corroding influence of the world and rather use us to bring forth His redemptive purpose for our families, cities, nations and the generation in which we live John 17: 9-11,15-18,20. Wanting to cut and run away to heaven when we have not allowed the Lord to use us to transform our environments is akin to going AWOL(situations when soldiers go away without getting an official leave). Jesus is clear that our duty is to OCCUPY, till He comes Luke 19:13. He does not want us to be so preoccupied with the fancies and dainties on earth to the degree that we forget that He will return, soon, to settle the issues of His sovereignty once and for all. Luke 19:10-27.

Salt is a preservative. Before refrigerators came into existence, the popular way of preserving food is by salting and drying in the sun. When the true Church manifests Christ to its environment, the principles of the Kingdom of God are taken on board in the legal, political, social and economic systems of the host people. By adopting the moral code of God, nations are preserved from chaos, criminality and disorder. When the Church is insular, as Satan desires, the society in which it lives slides in corruption, satanic socio-economic and political systems.

Light illuminates and dispels darkness. Even a tiny ray of light is powerful, such that as Jesus said in John 1:5 darkness cannot comprehend it! When the Church is alive and awake, the brilliance of the Light of Christ in it shines through to illuminate the darkness of the world around. The plan of God in leaving the Church in the world while its head, Jesus is in heaven is to use it to show forth the way God wants men to live. Those who receive the light will repent and become part of the Church, living the Kingdom life. Those who refuse the light and continue to live in darkness of satanic pleasure would have signed on a life of eternal separation from God when they die in their sins.

From all that has been said above, it is clear that God never intended His Church on earth to be shut in, shuttered off and operate in the insular way that Pentecostalism, evangelicalism and the charismatic movement have made it out to be. The grand failure of all of them was partly the inability to grasp the full picture of the Church as a Kingdom agency that would engage the unsavoury and dark world around with the Salt and Light of Jesus Christ. In the process, the focus shifted from the true essence of the Great Commission which is to disciple the nations for Him towards growing the numbers of people on the church membership roll. With this shift of emphasis getting as many people into a specific building with religious architecture and symbols dwarfed the original mandate to “go ye into the entire world”. Whenever we make the coming in of people into a building to take the place of going forth to proclaim Jesus to all people everywhere, the end result is an obfuscation of the original Kingdom message and mandate.

The professional clergy and its territorial mindset cannot do this going forth work. Professional missionaries cannot do it either. The work of proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom to all the world for a witness will be done by the royal priesthood comprising all those who have a living, loving and fresh relationship with God in Christ Jesus. The arrow head of this army of the Lord who will be on the cutting edge are the brothers and sisters who have no name recognition in the church systems of today. These are the saints in business, the professions, workers in the civil and public service and the military. These are the end time Ministers in the Market Place! Going forth with the Holy Spirit in their spirit man and the right understanding in their soul, these saints will literally invade the Market place and so called secular space in a new, fresh and vigorous way. They will manifest Jesus and be His ambassadors where He plants them!

One of the critical errors of the Christian religious movement which veered into what is now called “churchianity” was the tendency to brand the market place as “secular” and thus abandon it for unbelievers and active Satanists. The outcome is the massive spirit of poverty which haunts many individual saints as well as hamper the capacity of many local congregations and networks to fulfil their mandates as Light and Salt of their host communities. Many ministries today are unable to effectively play major roles in the Great Commission because they are struggling to maintain magnificent but costly cathedrals where they invested undue funds.

Section B: Definition & Biblical Basis

What is Market Place Ministry?

Let us begin by attempting to define these two terms and then bring them together to see the big picture for this neglected powerhouse of the end time Kingdom Church:

Marketplace – The place where supposedly “carnal” or temporal issues of this life are transacted. These include the place of business; professional activity, employment; creative pursuit.

Ministry – The business of serving God and man; the process of dispensing the life of Christ and the presence and power of God. Ministry is also the process of *expressing* (bringing forth) what we are *impressed* with (spiritual gifts and other divinely endowed capacities) by the Holy Spirit.

Marketplace ministry therefore refers to all forms of ministry that are conducted in the normal course of life outside the pulpit and the four walls of religious buildings, congregational worship or public ministry rallies. Marketplace Christians are therefore brethren in business, the professions, academia, public and civil service or engage in such creative pursuits as writers, artistes. Saints who are called to politics and governance are in the Market place.

These people dedicate their lives and work to the Lord to bring forth His glory and fulfil His purpose. They do this consciously in the understanding that they are fulfilling their ambassadorial assignments in the Kingdom through their day to day lives and business activities - **Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 12:1-2.**

Market Place Ministry therefore ministry conducted in so called “secular” space. It is the exercise of ministry at ground zero level – where the saints are in and through the normal exercise of their business, professions or work as civil and public servants.

What is the Biblical basis of Market Place Ministry?

The bible teaches that saints receive the life of God in Christ and become new creatures. John 3:16; John 1:12; 2 Corinthians 5:17. With this new life, they are to manifest Christ in all they do and wherever they are. Saints have no business accepting or walking in the strange dichotomy which separates some activities as religious while branding others as secular. The saint is a saint anywhere and everywhere. The saint of God cannot afford to have two separate and opposite standards of life – one in business/work and another “at church”. That dichotomy of life as “spiritual” and “secular” is unacceptable to the God we serve.

The bible teaches that life should be one continuum of living in righteousness and manifesting Christ to all who come into contact with us. When we understand and flow with this context of the word, what we believe and how we live is the same as how we do business or work as employees of governments, private and public corporations and academics.

Those who want to see Christ only need to see us to know who He is! We become, in essence, Ambassadors of Christ 24/7 anywhere and everywhere! This paradigm makes the place we conduct business or work as holy as the place we congregate to worship God, whether in our homes or in the church buildings. This principle centred approach insulates us

from the enemy of our souls who cannot lie in wait for our destinies outside the so called church buildings as he used to do with many.

We are on course to receive an awesome revelation from God which will cause a paradigm shift in the way we think and act towards ministry in the Market Place and in so called “secular space”.

Market place ministry therefore is one that places a heavy premium on:

1. Living out the life of Christ in a clear and transparent manner to the degree that it touches the lives of both the unsaved and those Christians who are not fully committed to the Lord. This provokes them to desire the same grace that they see in the lives of such dedicated Christians – **Matthew 5:13-16; Philipians 2:12-13; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 2:9-12**. For this reason the ethical standards of Christians in the marketplace must be truly high (that is biblical), exceeding the standards of corporate watchdogs and professional bodies - **Matthew 5:20**.
2. The marketplace is where Christians can take full advantage of opportunities to witness to people right where they are without requiring them to come to a particular building to experience “church”. In this generation and until the coming of the Lord, the majority of the populace will never venture into a church building even for social based functions like weddings or child dedications. It makes sense therefore for the unsaved to be drawn through non-church platforms where their guards are not firmly up.

Thus we see in this post modern age that it is through marketplace ministers and ministries that the Church can best impact communities and our generation. The gospel is a “go ye” rather than a “come ye” project – **Matthew 28:19**. We come to Christ so that He may send us forth – **Matthew 11:28-32; 2 Corinthians 5:17- 20**. It is wrong for those who went ahead of us in the gospel project to turn it into a “come ye” perspective. It was the come ye approach which caused the early church to be so engrossed in welfare of those already inside the camp and to forget to evangelize Samaria and uttermost parts of the earth. This caused the Lord to allow persecution which rocked the apostles and disciples out of their comfort zone. In Jerusalem, all that Phillip was qualified to do was to be a deacon, serving as it were “tables”. When he ran for his dear life, he went as far as Samaria and there, the Lord brought forth the full grace on him as an Evangelist! One single man was to turn Samaria over to Christ! As Phillip proceeded in this grace, God used him to take the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth through the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch, a minister in the Market Place. **Acts Chapters 6, 7, 8**.

SECTION C: MODELS IN THE BIBLE

Old Testament

- **Bezalel and Aholiab** were used to construct the exquisite designs of the Tabernacle and its furnishings. God did not commission Moses the Pulpit Minister and Apostle to Israel to do the work, rather He anointed Bezalel and Aholiab filling them with the Holy Spirit to function in the fullness of wisdom, understanding, knowledge and all manner of workmanship. Working in the strength of that anointing they were able to deliver what God had shown to Moses on the Mountain - **Exodus 31:1-11, 35:30-35, 36:1-7, 37:1-29**.

- **Joseph** never served in the temple. His life was powered by his spiritual gift of dreaming and interpreting dreams. His gift made a way for him right to the top where he served as Prime Minister in Egypt. He was gifted with a prophetic mantle but was fulfilled in government and administration, managing the complex economy of the greatest empire of his time – Egypt. Through his faithfulness to the marketplace ministry committed to him Joseph was used of the Lord to safeguard Israel from famine. For his faithfulness Joseph earned two portions out of the 12 portions of Israel – Ephraim and Manasseh. See **Genesis 37; Genesis Chapters 39- 50**.
- **Joshua** graduated from serving Moses as a protégé to become the leader of all Israel. His predominant calling was not in performing sacrifices in the temple but in fighting wars, taking territories and dividing up Canaan as an inheritance for the people of Israel. He was a quintessential marketplace minister with a combined apostolic mandate over the nation of Israel. See the book of **Joshua**.
- **Daniel** was one of the greatest prophets of all time. Yet his place of ministry was the marketplace and not the temple. Daniel was anointed with wisdom, understanding, prophetic insight and administrative acumen of a very high order. He served as a President and Chief Adviser to Emperors of Babylon and Medo-Persia. Daniel was living proof that God requires a high level of consecration from those called to marketplace ministry - **Daniel 1:8**. A study of the whole book of Daniel will show how a man functioned as a Prophet and Market place minister seamlessly. His prophetic gifting and ability to interpret dreams brought him great favour and recognition which paved the way for him to be accepted to fulfil the temporal mandate as an effective leader of men and materials.
- **Mordecai** functioned as an elder at the gate and later as a presidential adviser. He was not a temple (pulpit) minister. His diligence at the gate enabled him to be used of God to foil a coup plot against the King which was in turn used by the Lord to make a way for him to be promoted to high political office. His diligence at the gate also caused him to put to good use the information that Queen Vashti’s crown was vacant. He seized on the opening to encourage his protégé Esther to put herself forward to be Queen. See the book of **Esther Chapters 2, 4, 6, 9, 10**.
- **Esther** was Queen to the Persian King Ahasuerus. As an exceptional vessel God used her to save the Jews from the wicked plot of Haman. She was a marketplace minister who was so successful that after thousands of years, the Purim festival observed by the Jews speaks of how effective she was in fulfilling the purpose of God. See the Book of **Esther**.
- **Nehemiah** was the chief cup bearer or aide-de-camp of the Persian King, Artaxerxes when news came to him of the desolate state of Jerusalem. His love of God and His chosen people drove him to sacrifice all to lead a band of exiles back to the Promised Land to rebuild the walls of the city. He was living proof that God can use a minister in the marketplace to achieve awesome results that will affect many generations. See the book of **Nehemiah**.
- **Zerubbabel** was the governor of Judah after the exiles returned. He led the team of returnees who took over the assignment of rebuilding the temple at Jerusalem which had been abandoned. By working closely with pulpit ministers raised in that

generation, namely Zechariah, Zerubbabel drew sufficient encouragement and strength to complete the assignment in record time - **Zechariah 4:6-10**.

New Testament

- **Jesus.** For the first 30 years of His life, Jesus lived an ordinary life as a Carpenter, a trade He learnt and practised from Joseph, the assumed father. His reputation as a carpenter was so clear that the people mocked his claim to be the Son of God.
- **Disciples of Jesus.** There is something interesting about the first disciples that Jesus called which is worth reviewing. Jesus did not call any of the full time religious leaders! He did not call the Levites, Scribes, Pharisees or members of the Sanhedrin! Jesus also did not call lazy people who were idlers and tattlers into the ministry! Jesus deliberately called people who were engaged in business or showed skill in particular professions that were needed for the Kingdom work. Peter, Andrew, James and John were active in their family fishing business when He called them. Matthew was active in his work as a customs officer when he was called so that his skills in setting records straight would be deployed to good effect in capturing key aspects of the biography of Jesus. The Lord clearly valued the contribution of people in the marketplace to His earthly ministry. Even the wife of a very high official was one of the deaconesses which ministered to Him! Some of the parables and illustrations of Jesus concerning the degree of faithfulness required to survive the end times centred on scenarios where people were actively engaged in day to day business pursuits Matthew 24:45 – 51; Luke 19: 10 – 27.
- **Paul** was a hybrid minister; his ministry was both in the marketplace and in the pulpit. Because of this he was able to provide for his own needs without recourse to support from unruly congregants such as those of Corinth. See **Acts 18:1-3; Acts 20:33-35; 1 Corinthians 9:1-18**.
- **Barnabas** was just a marketplace minister before his transitioning. He earned the sobriquet “son of consolation” because of the generous spirit through which multitudes were refreshed - **Acts 4:32-37; Acts 9:26-27; Acts 11:19-26; Acts 12:25; Acts 13:1-3**.
- **Lydia** was a business woman who traded in purple clothing. Out of her business profits Lydia took her niche as one of the divinely ordained key support persons of Paul the Apostle - **Acts 16:14-15**.
- **Priscilla & Aquila.** This unique couple were in the business of making tents. This is one of the reasons they empathised with Paul the Apostle who was also in the same line of business. They continued with their business after conversion but channelled their profits to execute the Kingdom mandate. To the glory of God, they deployed the gift of discernment and knowledge of the full counsel of God to good effect when they rightly understood the limits of revelation and spiritual experience of Apollos in spite of his eloquence. God used them to mentor and disciple this vessel who was to become an outstanding Apostle – **Acts 18:1-3, 24-26**.

SECTION D: SNARES AND PITFALLS OF MARKETPLACE MINISTRY

1. Satan plays on the mind to downgrade marketplace ministry’s importance so that people of God do not esteem it as highly as they should. This can lead to unfulfillment and compromise - **2 Corinthians 10:3-6**.

2. Ambition can cause some to pursue things not assigned to them in the name of God – **Romans 12:3**.
3. Tendency may rise to do marketplace ministry casually and with less consecration as pulpit ministry in terms of prayer, study of the word, meditation and seriousness of purpose.
4. Love of money may become a snare. This occurs when those called to the Market Place forget that God is their source and He demands their primary affection and attention. When their focus shifts to the get and not the giver, idolatry sets in and the love of money becomes the driving force of what they do. – **1 Timothy 6:3-10**.
5. Pride and hubris may creep in which God hates passionately. The very tool which God puts in their hand to expand His Kingdom – money – may cause them to be filled with a false sense of power over other people. The consequent pride may offend God who can bring them down. - **Proverbs 16:18; James 4:6**.
6. Unhealthy independence from kingdom leaders and other brethren. Genuine market place leaders are supposed to maintain an organic and vibrant relationship with leaders in the Five fold and intercessors God will assign to cover them and speak into their lives. Daniel functioned this way with the other three Hebrew children. Zerubbabel functioned this way with the Prophet Zechariah. The result was great success!.
7. Lack of submission to any authority in the Church – **Romans 13:1-7; Hebrews 13:7**.

E. DIVINE PROVISIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESS IN MARKETPLACE MINISTRY

God has blessed His children with all things that pertain to life and godliness - **2 Peter 1:3**. For a specific assignment such as life in the marketplace the Lord has provided for this graces and virtues through which success can be achieved. As in other issues of life, God requires the active yieldedness of His saints as He works out divine capacity in their lives - **Philippians 1:6; Philippians 2:13**. Some of these provisions are:

1. Understanding of the impact and place of marketplace ministry in God's end time agenda as a springboard of the saints movement - **1 Peter 2:9, Revelation 1:6; Revelation 5**.
2. Wisdom which enables us to know the mind of God concerning situations of life - **Proverbs 3:35, Proverbs 4:5-9**.
3. **Discipline**. Those who will excel in the marketplace must of necessity bring their soul and body under subjection to their spirit man which in turn should be wholly yielded to the Holy Spirit. Discipline enables a believer to plan and organise and in the process be on top of situations by the Spirit. Discipline extends to appetite, use of the tongue and being circumspect when surrounded by those who do not believe - **Proverbs 25:28; James 1:26; James 3:1-12**.
4. **Favour**. This enables us to be preferred for promotion or for acceptance. Favour is a powerful facility for success in the marketplace as we will be competing for space with many people who serve different gods - **Psalms 5:12; Proverbs 3:3-4**.

Divine Connection. With favour comes another closely related provision for success: divine connections. Most things God will do for His saints involve use of a human vessel to dispense the blessing. Connecting us to people who have the solution to what we need or who have the information that will bring light to a dark situation is a very great provision of God. This is why good market place ministries are encouraged to develop the fine spiritual

exercise of making and maintaining good relationships with those who God will bring their way.

Kingdom Economics

One big shame that is upon the kingdom movement is the laziness to discover the full extent of our identity and the responsibilities God expects from us. We need to go beyond agitation-propaganda and tossing around the term “Kingdom” carelessly while living according to the dictates of the Satan controlled world economic system! The truth, pure and simple is that true saints of the Kingdom of God are those who have responded to the call of God to come out of the world system and embrace their true and full identity as citizens of His own Kingdom. John 17: 9-18; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; Ephesians 2: 1-13; Colossians 1: 12 – 18; Colossians 2: 13 – 15; 1 John 2: 15 – 17; 1 John 5: 19-21.

In this scenario, God is the Sovereign Ruler over His people offering them everything that pertain to life and godliness. These include righteousness; peace and security; the joy of connecting with and to Him and His own type of prosperity, based on His own kind of economic system, amongst others. Romans 14: 17-19; 2 Peter 1:3.

In effect, though we are physically in this present world, we are not really of it. We are primarily citizens of the Kingdom of God and then citizens of the nation where He planted us as His own ambassadors! This dual citizenship is at the heart of any proper understanding of the paradox of the Kingdom of God in this present time. John 17: 15,16.

The Jews are a typical example of a people who understand dual citizenship. It does not matter where a Jew finds him or herself on planet earth, it is branded deep down in the psyche that one is first and foremost, a Jew with a non negotiable commitment to the peace of Jerusalem and well being of Israel. Flowing from that consciousness, the Jew literally works under the weight of the burden to be a sent one from God to the gentile nation where he or she is planted. The Jew realizes, even as a youth, that to excel in his/her business, profession and contribute to the advancement of civilization will only bring empowerment which will ultimately be passed on as goodwill and blessings for Israel and other Jews. This unwritten law in the heart of all true Jews was branded in them by God through the years. This is why Jewish communities are tightly knit till today.

Having said that, we must now address the fact that every Kingdom has a policy towards economic activities and instruments, including money. The monetary policies of nations and groups of nations vary. The Federal Reserve of America pursues a monetary policy which is opposite that of China. Even among allies such as the United States and United Kingdom, their monetary policies at this present time are worlds apart largely because the various governments at The White House and No. 10 Downing Street are pursuing opposite economic policies.

Jesus Himself pointedly drove home this notion of a disconnect between the world and His Kingdom in terms of goals, policies and styles on a number of occasion. In the case of payment of Temple Tax, Jesus asked Peter a question on how the kings of the earth set out

their tax policies Matthew 17:24, 25. In Matthew 20: 20 – 28, Jesus took exception at the worldly concept of leadership which manifested in the way the sons of Zebedee and their mother lobbied for the positions of honour in His Kingdom. He then went on to contrast the world's concept of leadership with His own Kingdom concept.

In the world, money is idolized. In the world, money is a master so much so that the more of it you have, the more comfortable, secure, powerful and happy you are. For this reason, the world economic system encourages you to 'go for it'. By this is meant, "get it, with all your strength and as much as you can". In the process, human rights of people are violated. Employees are basically used to make huge profits which the entrepreneur uses to live the 'good life'. Stripped bare of all pretensions, the world economic model is meant to empower the stronger, richer and more cunning.

This is why there has been a massive exploitation of natural resources of primitive peoples and tribes by more developed people and nations. The wealth of many countries was built by a systematic exploitation of the ignorance of tribal chiefs in Africa, Asia and the original first nations of the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Southern Africa. Till today, generations of people from the exploited tribes wallow in abject poverty while off springs of their exploiters have secure funds and assets running into billions of dollars that are programmed to last ad infinitum.

This systemic injustice has been covered by layers of 'Christian religion' to produce what we call western economic models. Those economic models are based on the concept of economics as the science of managing scarcity. Western economics postulates that the resources of the world are static or diminishing while the population is ever increasing. Consequently, there is a need to study the contrasts between limited supply and ever increasing demand. This 'scarcity management model' is what triggers off the pristine instincts of man to acquire as much as he can for self preservation!

Kingdom economics proposes a contrary concept. Kingdom economics first recognizes that God made heaven and earth. Being an intelligent God, He provided sufficient natural resources to sustain human life until Jesus will return to rule and reign over this earth. Flowing from this postulation, Kingdom economics says that God has a specific, tailor made purpose for all His creation. However, because of the rebellion of Adam, all mankind comes into this world with an original seed of that rebellion running in their veins. Consequently, man would normally tend to what gratifies the flesh and self until he comes into a life changing acceptance of the gospel of the Kingdom.

Those who come into this life changing transition from darkness to light are now expected to accept certain imperatives concerning the economic system the King has put in place to provide and care for them in this present life, preceding when they will experience the fullness of His providence in the hereafter. These imperatives are as follows:

- The God we serve is creator, controller and owner of the entire universe. He has everything figured out and until Jesus returns, has set out how to sustain all who are called by His name.
- All saints who make God and His Kingdom a priority have a secure provision for their real needs. Matthew 6:25 – 34; 2 Peter 1:3
- God is the source of all blessings for the redeemed. He has however ordained for us to engage in specific jobs, businesses, professions, activities He already has ordained to use as channels to bless us.
- Through prayers and faith we come into understanding of the various channels of blessing ordained for us. Matthew 7: 7 – 11. In other words, a saint should never enter into any business, profession or activity based on what he/she heard, feels or saw other people do. Doing likewise will take such a saint outside the will of God.
- There are those God has set apart as instruments of bringing in plenty who will become channels of bringing in large volume of money. Such people will understand that theirs is a divinely assigned role which they will accept with joy. 1 Timothy 6: 17 -19.
- In effect, not every saint will be rich in this present life. However, if they are saints indeed and have a contented heart, all they need for sustenance has been provided. 1 Timothy 6:6-8.
- God has enough to meet all our NEED but not enough for all our GREED!

Money can be clean or unclean.

The motive with which money is made and the process by which it is acquired can make money clean or unclean. If money is made for its own sake, to secure power over the less fortunate or to secure happiness, it is corrupted by that base motive. In the same way, money is corrupted if acquiring it involves deliberate sins against God and man such as cheating, lying, usury(lending for interests that are exploitative) or paying workers a pittance or withholding their wages just to make more profit! Psalm 15:5; Matthew 19:16 – 26; 1 Timothy 6: 5 – 10; James 5:1-6

The essential nature of Kingdom Economics

The superiority of Kingdom Economics to the worldly system can be summed up thus: It is about yielding to Jehovah Jireh to use you as an instrument of manifesting His Love and care for His saints and for humanity. Jesus explained it in one of the shortest statements He made, incidentally to Paul the apostle: “It is more blessed to give than to receive” Acts 20:35. Kingdom economics therefore is not about acquiring more money or assets but about yielding to and allowing God to use you as a channel of adding value to the lives of others. Those who are so yielded are proved first by death to self and complete submission to the will and purpose of God.

In Kingdom Economics therefore profit is not the primary motive of enterprise. It is to add value to people, dress the earth and keep it (Genesis 2:15). It is about being subject to God as an instrument through which He causes things to be preserved from the corruption of poverty and abject lack. It is this kind of consecration which excites Jesus! Whenever He finds vessels that have died to self and are willing to trust Him

completely and allow themselves to be channels of blessing others, God commits all of His good pleasure, favour and treasures to them! There are no limits to the degree of blessings and success that can be committed to them. Those who are proved in the realm of consecration can be trusted to handle wealth without backsliding! This is why being in the Market Place is a rare privilege. All those who allowed God to use them in the market place had this distinguishing mark: all of their being and lives were poured out like a drink offering to the Lord. He empowered and used them to fulfil His divine purpose. Such was the case with Joseph, Joshua, Daniel, Esther, Nehemiah, Zerubbabel and a host of witnesses who God used in the public space.

That a Christian runs a business or is a professional does not make that person a market place minister. It is only those who embrace the divine concept of Kingdom economics that can refer themselves as Market Place Ministers on assignment for the King of Kings where He has planted them!

One final word on this section is necessary. Jesus never used anyone in the ministry who was not first proved at the place of Kingdom Economics. He always required those who made it into His circle of influence to renounce the worldly perspective of self sustenance and come to a place of absolute trust in God. The innermost three – Peter, James and John passed the test when they left all and cast their lot with Jesus – in life or in death. The other 9 who made up the 12 with them did likewise (save Judas Iscariot of course). The 120 who followed Jesus for 40 days after His resurrection and an extra 10 days after the Ascension in the Upper Room for the baptism of the Holy Spirit all passed the benchmark!

Those who want to live for Jesus in this day and age must accept that His Words are dependable. From this stand point, they do not struggle with receiving His yoke joyfully. Matthew 11:28-30. This root of Kingdom economics has not changed and will not change!

Over the weekend, I had the privilege of undertaking a short mission to Italy with Minister Patrice. Our main base was the city of Padova, one of the religious strongholds of Italy (where the great shrine of “Saint Anthony “is located). As Pastor Godwin drove us back to the Venice Treviso Airport, he shared some profound insights into what was happening beneath the surface: The Chinese are coming! The Chinese, he averred, were fanning out over Italy, buying properties and setting up factories to produce goods. This same story is replicated in many western nations including the United States!

As he spoke, the Lord tugged at my heart to see a bigger picture: the Chinese have an economic model they believe is superior to the Western economic model (Capitalism). Across the world, Red China is rising, flexing its muscles. With trade unions making manufacturing in the West expensive, the wily capitalists of the West did not take long to figure that they could outsource production to the rugged Chinese on low pay and still make huge profits with the goods imported to their own

countries! Today, most things used in the Western world are made in China. As the Western entrepreneurs smiled to the bank, they had no idea that they were arming China and strengthening her. Today, China is not content to just be the world's factory! China is rising and alarm bells are ringing in the West. In mining, Oil and gas; Information Communications Technology; medicine and indeed about everything, China is intent on flaunting the superiority of its economic system! Through its economic system and power, China is hoping to become the world Super power within a few decades! Red China believes that this is achievable because it is faced with capitalist competitors whose nations and systems are decaying and imploding due to class distinctions fighting for dwindling resources.

Beyond China, Muslim nations of the Middle East are utilizing their stupendous wealth to buy up choice real estate in the Western World as well as convert their hitherto desert nations into oasis of luxury which will suck in the wealth of the nations. The success of Dubai as a top tourist destination and now the unexpected success of Qatar as world cup hosts for 2022 reveal the extent to which Muslim nations have succeeded in using money to advance their interests in a world that used to be hostile to their religion. The real deal is beyond all these however! As we speak, Islamic nations are putting together an alternative model of banking and economics based on the Quaran. Islamic Banking is based on Islamic law which bars the faithful from charging interest on loans. Today, many so called "Christian nations" in Africa are falling for the bait of no interest loans in return for allowing Muslims to build schools, hospitals and beautiful mosques. Through economic activities, Islam is being spread into regions of the world where it could not have had any chance of acceptance through normal proselytizing!

The point we are making is this: Western economics is failing and will crumble under the weight of its inherent contradictions! Western Economics which is the science of managing scarcity amidst a burgeoning population needs a redeemer! That redeemer is Kingdom Economics! God will raise and empower saints in the Market Place who will operate and flourish by these timeless principles:

- 1. They will be saints who acknowledge God in His triple officer as Creator, Redeemer and Owner of their lives. They acknowledge that they are bought with the priceless Blood of the Lamb and live because He who is their life dwells in them by His Spirit 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.
- 2. For the above reason, they come first to a position of entire surrender to God and consciously enthrone Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives. He is not just Saviour who takes them to eternity when they die but is the Lord who determines how they live on earth and all that they do in private and public and in how they conduct business. They make a covenant of sacrifice with their Lord. Psalm 50:5; Romans 12:1
- 3. These saints dare not do anything or engage in any activity without the express instruction, direction and guidance of the Holy Spirit who is the present manifestation of Divinity in them.

- 4. When God by His Holy Spirit leads them into business, the professions, employment in the corporate world, the civil or public service or creative pursuits, all that they do is as unto Him and for His glory! They therefore will not engage in speech or sales pitch/promotion/ advertising which are remotely deceptive, misleading or proud. Colossians 3:17, 23-25.
- 5. Because God owes them by Creation, Redemption and His Providential care over their lives, these saints realize and accept the fact that they are mere channels for God to pass through His thoughts, visions, wealth and resources. They do not act in any way to suggest that any of those assets or abilities come or are sustained by their own power, intellect or capacity.
- 6. Kingdom Market Place Ministers therefore are vessels who have accepted their election and roles as instruments through whom God, who owns this earth, will distribute or redistribute His enormous resources so that those who receive His goodness are drawn back to Him! This Kingdom Market Place ambassadorial model is the hidden truth which only those who discover and walk in it stand any reasonable chance to be truly used by Him in the end times as witnesses to the life, death, resurrection and return of Jesus Christ to rule and reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Acts 1:8
- 7. Majority of humans will never go to any church building until Jesus returns! The plan of God is to reach them where they are and where they engage in normal daily economic activities – banks, shopping malls, construction sites, schools, conferences and a host of other regular activities. There, they will encounter living temples where Christ resides by His Spirit: men and women, young and old who are sold out saints living the ordinary Kingdom life which emits supernaturally, the presence and power of God. When non believers encounter these salt carriers and Light bearers of Christ, there is a witness in their spirit. The post modern world will only believe when it “sees”. Seeing these saints who express the Kingdom within by their righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit – in all situations – they have no option than to acknowledge the superiority of what they encounter! They thus bow to the authority of the Kingdom which is superior to the lives they live and philosophies they believe! Luke 17:21; Romans 14:17-19. A demand fuelled rather than supply fuelled conversion will take place as such people pointedly ask the saints why they live the way they do and how they too can “enjoy” such clearly superior lives.
- 8. Kingdom Market Place Ministers, because they walk in alignment with the will of God, will become mighty instruments of activating the supernatural! God has an inherent interest in using them to do signs and wonders which will blow the mind of the people they live and work with. Some will, like Joseph, have supernatural ability to dream and interpret dreams, a sorely needed gift in the fields of research & development, banking and the corporate world. Like Daniel, some will have the ability to act as Chief Political and Economic Advisers to Heads of State. Many will be used of the Lord to prophesy into the direction that corporations and governments will go. Many market place leaders will clear out in the Stock Exchange because of the gifts of discernment and other revelatory gifts! Saints in the market place will have the Holy Spirit poured out of them and will walk as supernatural vessels yet in humility, accessibility and ordinariness which will blow the minds of their

contemporaries who are used to pop idol culture! Joel 2: 28, 29 will be fulfilled in greater measure than on the day of Pentecost!

- 9. The wealth of the nations will gravitate towards these saints who are living epistles of Jesus Christ their Lord and Saviour. Instead of rehearsing dry dogmas and engage in theological disputations, they will demonstrate the blessed Kingdom of God on a day to day basis. They will not stuff up this wealth for themselves or stack them up in bank accounts for generations unborn. They will rather deploy the wealth to good causes at local, regional, national and international levels which will lead to the largest harvest of souls beyond anything the world knew before! They will sponsor poor students on scholarship, build houses for widows and the poor; sponsor production of bibles and literature for distribution world-wide. They will be used of God to sponsor the pulpit bound fivefold and those called to evangelical missions. Because they are everywhere, simultaneously, Satan will be confused in dealing with them. In any case, these sold out saints do not love their own lives, even unto death! They are saints on assignment as vessels of honour. The short window of time will be sufficient for them to fund preaching of the gospel of the Kingdom effectively in the entire world for a witness before the end finally comes. Matthew 24:14; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-19; Acts 1:8

Outstanding Biblical Facts about Market Place Ministry

The Lord had me dwelling on Luke chapters 8 and 9 preceding today's download on Kingdom Market Place Ministry. It is recommended that every one reading this note make time to study afresh the parable of the Sower in Luke 8: 4 – 15 and ask the critical question "what type of soil is my heart? Do I have a wayside, rocky, thorn bush or fertile soil type of heart? Am I receptive to even uncomfortable and inconvenient truths or do I crave for words which feed my idols?" These questions are necessary so that deliverance can be secured from the spirit of deception which is ravaging the world at this time. If Jesus called the people of His time a wicked and adulterous generation, what could He possibly call those of this age?

Uncomfortable truths and Inconvenient Facts

There are some people who are uncomfortable at the deep truths the Lord is unearthing for those who say they are called to the Market Place. Unfortunately for them, God has never been known to consult humans before He releases His words or defines His standards! Religion has averred to people that Jesus is more concerned with what happens inside buildings men call "church". Jesus says that His Church is His people – those redeemed from the world and its corruption. Religion suggests that there is a difference between "spiritual" and "secular" pursuits. By that, religion suggests that those in the five fold – Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers - otherwise called "clergy" are those who should strive to be "holy". In effect, those who live and work in the Market Place are not supposed to seek the same standards of holiness since God "understands" that they labour amongst unholy people. This pernicious doctrine is at the heart of the downgrading of the mandate and assignment of Market Place Ministers who are seen as those that just bring in the fat tithes and offerings to be used to "build the church".

The truth in the Word portrays a different concept! In the Bible, one solid truth which has been hidden by layers of spiritual glaucoma is this: Ministers in the Market Place lived far holier and higher standards of sanctity than their contemporaries who were equivalent of fivefold ministers! The evidence that will be presented here was revealed by the Holy Spirit several years ago and is still valid today. Let us do a quick review of the lives of some of the key ministers on both sides of the spectrum and pick out what the Lord allowed to be written about them.

- **Abraham.** The patriarch of the Jews and indeed all who believe had a few records of failures in his epic walk with God. God called him alone but Abraham went on to take his nephew Lot. Delays and crises ensued. God did not reassure him of the promise of possessing the Promised Land until Lot was separated from him. Genesis 13: 1- 18. In the mean time, Abraham lied to the Egyptians concerning the true identity of his beautiful wife, Sarai out of fear that they may kill him and take her! (Genesis 12: 10-20).
- **Moses,** the great Law Giver and Apostle of all Israel saw and spoke to God face to face Exodus 33:11; Numbers 12:8, Deuteronomy 34:10. He however allowed the rebellious attitude and nagging of the people to get the better part of him. In a fit of anger, Moses struck the rock rather than speak to it as instructed by God at the waters of Meribah Numbers 20: 1-13. This rash action brought a reproach to the name of the Lord and cost Moses entry into the Promised Land, in spite of his heart wrenching cries Deuteronomy 32: 48- 52. That was not the first time that anger had gotten hold of Moses to the point of doing unreasonable things. In Exodus 32:19, Moses broke the original Ten Commandments, written with the very fingers of God!
- **Elijah,** one of the greatest prophets of Israel was mightily used of the Lord to do great exploits. Signs and wonders followed his ministry and he boldly stood for the Lord before Kings, nobles and ordinary people. However, when the evil Queen Jezebel threatened him after the epic confrontation at Mount Carmel, the weary Prophet buckled in fear and asked God to take his life. A glorious ministry was terminated by that very request and as proof that his time was not yet due, Elijah was taken to heaven alive in a Chariot of Fire! 1 Kings 19: 18; 2 Kings 2: 1-12.

Cases of Ministers in the Market Place

In contrast to these cases, Ministers in the Market Place had a remarkable track record of integrity and holiness which transcended all things they did – in secret and in public. Let us review some cases:

- **Joseph,** the son of Jacob was the quintessential Market Place Minister. He never for once served in a formal sense as a “priest” in the temple”. He served God effectively as a dreamer of dreams and interpreter of dreams. His gift, diligence, positive attitude and total trust in God marked him out for greatness. Joseph went on to become an effective Prime Minister to the Pharaoh of Egypt. When Potiphar’s wife tried to seduce Joseph, his response was a classic display of the heart of a true minister who feared God and honoured his master! Genesis 39:1-18. In all his travails, the recurrent theme was that God was with Joseph. It is instructive that Joseph was also a prophet

who accurately saw into the future when God would deliver his people back to Canaan Genesis 50: 22 - 26.

- **Joshua** the son of Nun was a minister in the market place. His primary assignment at the beginning was to act as Armour Bearer to Moses, a job he did with excellence and dedication. Exodus 24:13; Exodus 33: 1-11. Joshua went on to be Commander of the Army of Israel fighting the battles while Moses stood in prayer Exodus 17: 8 - 13. On him fell the lot to take Israel into the Promised Land and divide up the inheritance to all the tribes? His dedication and consecration were documented on several occasions including when he was serving Moses. Even at the end of His life, the high standards that kept him were on display in his epic treatise to Israel Joshua 24: 1- 31.
- **Daniel** was a teenager when he was recruited to be trained in the courts of the heathen King Nebuchadnezzar. The land was full of magic, occultism and all manner of evil. However, Daniel was focussed and diligent in exercising his market place Ministry. Armed with the gift of ability to interpret dreams and wisdom, Daniel was ruggedly committed to governance and excelled there as a Chief Adviser to the Emperor as well as President in the empire. His service was so appreciated that Daniel served Belshazzar, Darius the Mede and Cyrus. The foundation of his piety is described in Daniel 1:8.

Unlocking the Mystery of higher standards of integrity in the Market Place

As I sought the face of the Lord why those in the market place illustrated above seemed to have a greater degree of integrity than those who were in spiritual leadership, the Lord unfolded these answers:

Many times, those in the Five fold live insular lives. They engage in what can be termed monastic holiness. This is holiness that manifests because you are removed from objects of temptation. Such was the cases of Moses and Elijah who were always very comfortable in the sweet presence of God but unable to handle the fickleness of mere mortals!

In this modern era, the leader of God's people who lives behind high walls with a retinue of security staff and who flies from his/her fortress to church on certain days is living an insular life that is not real. The one who is packaged to smile in a particular way for the benefit of television cameras arranged by the PR staff is living an unreal life. This is the reason why great men and women of God fall easily when they are outside familiar territory. When they recover a bit of normality, they are unable to stand the temptations because they were untested and therefore unproved all along! Their images which were blown up to create surreal characters were mere phantoms and not the real folks!

On the other hand, saints in the market place live in real life situations daily. Many working sisters have to face the reality of randy bosses out to defile them. Many brothers in sales have to face female customers who are bold enough to seek proof of their man hood. Brothers who run their own business know the pressures they face

from women who want to be treated as special people. The result is that saints in the market place grow up in prayer and spiritual warfare in order to retain and maintain their identity as saints. As they call upon God for deliverance, He supplies the degree of grace which is greater than the sins which war against their souls! Romans 5:20,21. This was clearly the case with Joseph who laboured amongst some of the most beautiful women on earth including Potiphar's wife.

One small victory leads to a greater success. As they grow in grace and trust of God, as they continue in prayer and spiritual warfare, true holiness becomes part and parcel of the spiritual fibre of saints in the market place. Being exposed to women and men comes to a point where it no longer affects their masculinity and femininity! Any saint who cannot relate normally with the opposite gender is still untested and therefore needing more maturity to be able to lead the people of God! This is the pathway of true and enduring victory! So also is the temptation that money offers. As they trade with and transact with money more often, saints in the market place are spared the attractions and allurements. They thus obtain victory over the power of mammon!

Market Place Ministers and the Five Fold: Some Critical Issues

Let us now consider some critical issues concerning those in the Market Place and the Fivefold (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers). Two major tracks define this discussion, viz: The assignments of the five fold towards those in the Market Place;

the fact that some in the Market Place will function with Five Fold calling and anointing and the fact that many Market Place Ministers will and ought to function as Supportive Ministers in their local congregations.

1. The assignment of the five fold towards those in the Market Place

The main work of the five fold is defined in Ephesians 4:11, 12. It is to perfect the Body and equip the saints to do the work of ministry! What this means is that regardless of whether one is called to be an Apostle, Prophet, Evangelists, Pastor or teacher, there should be an overriding deep felt desire for saints to know who they are in Christ; who He is in them and manifest the gifts and callings they have received from Him through the Holy Spirit!

The purpose of Christ and His Kingdom is the very passion of those truly called to the five fold. Jesus wants His saints to walk in Unity and be one John 17: 11, 21-23. Yet at the same time, He has called the saints to live in Liberty by knowing the Truth that sets free! John 8:32, 36. To the carnal, this may seem contradictory since liberty may cause people to walk in confidence without being spoon fed!

Resolving this seeming contradiction will be a critical test for those truly called to the fivefold! The divine imperative therefore is this: treat every saint brought into your

care by Jesus Christ the Chief Shepherd as a candidate for empowerment! Feed them diligently with all the nutrients of the word so that they will grow from drinking milk to eating solid food and later have the ability to eat bones! The divine principle for the local congregation is that it is a spiritual factory for turning raw materials (sinners) into finished products (empowered saints). Empowered saints are evidenced in lives that do not revolve around the human leader but around Christ! John the Baptist understood, practiced and preached this principle and was able to fulfil His ministry as the greatest of the Old Testament Prophets! John 3: 26 – 36.

Fivefold leaders need to let go any ungodly, manipulative and controlling hold over the flock! Fivefold leaders must realise that they did not die for the saints to be saved! Receiving the divine commission to be under shepherds of the flock is a special privilege and must be treated as such! Every fivefold leader who desires to escape the condemnation on the Last Day must do well to reconfigure approach to ministry. 1 Peter 5: 1-4.

That approach can be broken down into the acronym **T.E.A.R.** **Teach** them sound biblical doctrine and not fairy tales or your humanistic concepts. **Train** every saint in your ministry to understand that they are called to be ministers of the gospel and do this within a specific time frame such as 1-2 years. **Equip** the saints with a proper understanding of their identity in Christ and who He is in them and let them know the absolute necessity of discovering and walking in their spiritual gifts and offices in Christ. Allow the Holy Spirit to use you to **Activate** His gifts and callings inside their spirit man! Look beyond their physical bodies, gender, ages and socio-economic status. Look beyond their emotional status and mine deep down into their spirit man where their gifts and callings are deposited, through teaching, affirmation and laying on of hands. As they complete a training cycle, **Release** them into the ministry God has called them through a formal ordination and licensing!

When people are ordained, some will be led to continue with the ministry and therefore take their places to further and enlarge the vision. Those who are so led will be loyal to God, loyal to the vision bearer. They will be committed and fully consecrated to pursue fulfilment of their assignment, as unto the Lord according to Colossians 3: 17, 21-13. Others will be led by the Holy Spirit to start a new work in another part of the city or elsewhere so that the Kingdom of God is enlarged. Anyone who is undecided but rebellious is also released so that a little leaven does not leaven the whole lump! This divine formula is the key to foil the plan of Satan to make many local congregations battle grounds of carnal jousts for power.

True fivefold leaders empower, rather than enslave the saints! Their central focus is to ensure that saints are brought to the point in their walk with God where they know exactly what He has called them to BE and to DO in His Kingdom! True fivefold leaders will do this diligently, even if it means that their ministries will experience what carnal believers will deem as “high turnover of personnel”.

This divine formula is the hidden secret of true Kingdom ministry! God never intended for us to permanently dwell in one place and build Towers of Babel! Genesis 11: 1 - 9. When Jesus commissioned His Church to preach the gospel to every creature, He pointedly declared that they would do so from Jerusalem to Judea and then Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth in an ever widening ripple! The disciples disobeyed and remained Jerusalem bound with the Apostles. The outcome was a crises prone church whose operating principle was “come ye” to eat and drink rather than “Go Ye” as Jesus commanded in Acts 1:8. The result was strife over food as recorded in Acts 6. God had to allow persecution to scatter the saints to the degree that just one man - Phillip – who in Jerusalem was only fit to serve tables became an Evangelist and fivefold leader over night when he ran for life to Samaria and was used by God to fulfil the command of Christ! In the same Acts chapter 8, Phillip was used by God to reach the uttermost parts of the earth through conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch! There are many crises in different ministries world-wide which are not Satan inspired but God permitted to break up comfortable “come ye” ministries so that more vibrant ministries can spring up with the right “go ye” spirit!

Part of what the fivefold should teach the church is that there are three broad types of ministry so that people will know the truth that sets free. The first is pulpit ministry of the five fold and the supportive ministries which undergird them. The second is Market Place ministry for those called to be priests of God through their businesses, professions, creative pursuits, employments in the civil, public service and corporate world. The third is hybrid ministry for those who have a calling to both pulpit and fivefold ministry!

2. The fact that some in the Market Place will function with Five Fold calling and anointing.

The spirit of religion seeks to mask the truth in the Word. Part of what Satan tries to mask is the reality that some people in the Market Place will function with five fold anointing! Since it is the anointing that break yokes, God will pour same out upon saints He sends into hostile territory so that they can implement the ordinance of Psalm 2. Since many people will never come to the church building, the predominant channel through which they will know and experience the anointing of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers will be through those carrying those anointing and functioning in those offices in the Market Place!

Joseph clearly had an apostolic calling. So also were a host of saints like Daniel, Joshua, Nehemiah and Zerubbabel to mention a few. Kings like David and Solomon had apostolic type callings.

It will take apostolic anointing for many saints in the Market Place to function effectively as Entrepreneurs, Innovators and those who break new grounds in various realms of business. It will take the anointing of Prophet for many saints to fulfil the calling to excel in Stock Exchanges, futures trading and in analytical reporting. The anointing of an Evangelist will make those in Sales, Marketing, the Media and Arts extra powerful and successful. The anointing of Pastor will make saints very good Managers and Human resource specialists, Counsellors and Care Givers. The

anointing of Teacher will bring forth the best of those in the Educational industry including class room teachers and Professors.

In the same way, God will release Apostolic anointing on saints He wants to use as Heads of State and Governments; the anointing of Prophets as Chief Advisers to Presidents and Heads of State; and anointing of Evangelists on Ambassadors of Nations. There are various applications which God will reveal to those who inquire of Him! If you are in business, tarry in His Presence until God releases the full measure of the anointing and calling with which you shall fulfil your destiny! The end time Church is ordained to be radiant and powerful according to Ephesians 5:27

3. **Many Market Place Ministers will function as Supportive Ministers in their local assemblies!** God never wastes gifts and callings neither does He restrict usage of His gifts to religious or corporate settings. It is inconceivable that God will endow ministers in the market place with extraordinary capacity to manage human and material resources for 6 days only to be mere benchwarmers and massagers or ego of fivefold leaders on Sunday! There are many in the fivefold who boast of how Medical Doctors and corporate chieftains are their ushers and armour bearers to their shame. Displaying such great gifts and offices is ego tripping gone bust!

The plan of God is that fivefold leaders functioning as the Presbytery shall be diligent to continue with the T.E.A.R process in the local assemblies, lead the saints to live holy, prayerful lives and turn over the administration, finance, investments, welfare, property, maintenance and other normal businesses of the Church to Market Place Ministers – functioning as the Deaconate - who are better equipped to handle such transactions! This is the import of Acts 6: 1-7. The sceptre of fivefold officers doing the business of the Church belies not only insecurity but worse still clear disobedience to the tenets of the Word! When the business of the Church is fully delivered into the hands of those who have the spiritual capacity and competence, the local assemblies will be strong and powerful and able to fulfil the divine purpose. The case in Acts 6:1-7 when the early church got it right and revival ensured will happen again.

Market Place Ministry down the wire!

As we wind down the revelations the Lord has released in this practical course, some additional critical truths need to be reflected on. One has to do with the fact that saints are born into God and grafted into His Body. The Body of Christ – The Church is designed to function best as an organism which is self sustaining within itself, connected to its Head. The truth is that Christians function best when they are united, living in love and holy unto the Lord rather than when they pull apart as individuals.

Ephesians 4: 13 – 16 captures best what happens when saints are perfected by the full ministry of the five fold: they come to a state of unity of the spirit, unto a perfect man that is able to discern truth from error. Furthermore, the Body is able to make increase of itself by that which every joint supplies releasing what each has and receiving what others have.

The final wave of the move of the Holy Spirit on the market place will tear down the individualistic concepts activated by the spirit of self or the old man at work in saints who have given heed to temptations to walk alone. There is a limit on how far one can walk into the fullness of the blessings of God all alone. While it may seem very attractive, it is the one single reason why many saints have been unable to access the quantum of blessings God has for His saints. Working alone is not an impossible proposition. It simply will delay the days in the wilderness and make the journey harder. The truth is that many saints have suffered the consequences of unequal yokes with people who are greedy and treacherous – both believers and sinners! This has led many to retreat into their own shells.

The Lord will release the spirit of unity on the end time church which will affect both pulpit and market place ministry in a way that will clearly demonstrate His Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is a united one with One Lord, One faith and One Body as Ephesians 4: 1-4 clearly show. God will forge by His Spirit, powerful teams of Market Place Ministers who will fit into each other to create the level of synergy needful to achieve big time breakthrough in various sectors of the economy.

The Lord will orchestrate the teams that will emerge across the world. Successful ventures will spring forth when God brings together saints He has blessed with funds matching with those He has blessed with innovative ideas; those He has blessed with exceptional skills in marketing, distribution and media, for instance.

These teams will leverage their individual strengths which will cover each others deficiencies and areas of lack. In effect, when each offers their heart, gifting and assets freely, they will give way to the one the Lord has appointed to be the vision holder for the business/ministry to lead because the anointing of God is clearly evident. There will be cases where saints who are part of a business team will allow a ‘new comer’ or younger fellow to manage the business because the fellow has the clear anointing for running day to day operations and will deliver on profitable operations!

Saints will be modelling the eternal phase of the Kingdom which will soon come into being as they wilfully surrender their old man to the Lord to be crucified with Him and lose the capacity for guile, cheating, disloyalty and willingness to supplant others. Those who the Lord forges into business teams will see themselves as ministers on assignment to receive the wealth of the wicked and redistribute to saints and the poor.

Christian businesses will become oasis of godliness in the Market Place. They will be beacons of light in their communities and sectors. Their approach to business will glorify God and draw those they relate with to seek and find Him. Market place ministers who are business owners or empowered CEOs will start the day with God in spirit filled corporate devotions where they share the word, pray together and seek direction from the Holy Spirit. They will proclaim fasts and host when things get

tough. They will also maintain close liaison with five fold leaders and intercessors as Daniel maintained with the three Hebrew children who stayed in the background while he was in the frontline of market place ministry. Daniel 1: 21; Daniel 2: 14 – 49.

Kingdom businesses will joyfully tithe unto the Lord as well as set aside part of their profits to finance ministries and sponsor charity projects world-wide. Many hitherto closed lands to professional missionaries and banner waving denominations will be open to Kingdom businesses. Red China, Russia and Islamic nations will be penetrated through the Market Place and well motivated market place ministers who realize they are on assignment.

The mandate of man to increase, multiply and exercise dominion (Genesis 1: 26 – 30). – Which Satan stole, was recovered in Christ Jesus. His charge to “occupy till I come” (Luke 19:13) will be the driving force of Kingdom Market Place ministers and ministries. With this mindset, their faith will be set loose and with God, nothing shall be deemed impossible to them. It is those in the Market Place that God will use to recover the dominion mandate of the redeemed because they are on the proper platforms to engage with and affect society in a direct way.

Think on these things...

In the early 70’s the spirit of religion played havoc on saints in the strategic nation of Nigeria where a supposed revival was taking place. Saints studying such great disciplines as Medicine, Architecture and Pharmacy which required long periods in universities were mocked by their less educated counterparts who wondered why they were “wasting” precious time in long studies when Jesus was about to return. Some abandoned their academic pursuits to do “full time” ministry. Some who were studying Law were harassed for trying to be “professional liars”. Several decades later Christian pregnant women had no option than to be examined by unbelieving gynaecologists who, in some cases were perverts. In the same way for a season, Churches and Christians had to hire expensive unbelieving lawyers when they had cases. The religious system had shot itself in the foot!

Not too long ago, several churches used to harass zealous professionals to accept pastorates so that they could serve God “better”. Brethren who should have been encouraged to seek actualization in the market place were stampeded to seek same in the pulpit. The result is the self evident disaster of people trying to be what they were not called by God to be. Lacking the capacity to lead the saints, their pastorates are marked by immature leadership, substandard sharing of the word and growing the congregations as branches of denominations. This is retrogressive in the extreme. In one particular denomination in Africa, Pastors had no power to receive and teach original messages from the Lord. They stood on pulpits while recorded teachings of the general overseer are played through public address systems.

There are also some people in the market place today who rightly belong to the pulpit ministry. They need to humble themselves and do what is right so that they do not get in the way of the great and mighty move of God that is coming. The secret code is for every saint to be occupied with what they have been called and gifted by God to do and let go of other things for other people!

God is about to do a new thing as part of the process of preparing the Church for Her Groom! The Market Place Ministry is for real as the great theatre of the clash between good and evil; light and darkness. In a real sense, the battle cry is this: who is on the Lord's side? As Paul exhorted in 2 Timothy 2: 19, let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity! This exhortation applies equally to those in the market place.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Question: What are the core qualifications for successful ministry in the market place?

Answer: There should be firstly, a genuine conversion from sinner to saint and translation from the Kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of God. Secondly, the saint must press into a state of entire consecration of whole life and destiny to God, accepting the yoke of Jesus Matthew 16:24-26; Romans 12:1. Proceeding there from, the saint who wants God to truly use in the market place must allow Him to renew the mind by the opening up to the Holy Spirit through diligent study of the word. This renewal of the mind will lead to expulsion of worldly concepts of money, success and fame and the implanting of the Kingdom concept and lifestyle.

It also leads to true liberty and empowerment as you discover who you are in Christ and who He is in you! You thus become a friend of Jesus rather than a mere servant, enjoying intimate relationship with Him through the Holy Spirit who resides in you! A spirit of sonship naturally develops with the grace to know the mind of the Father and the sense of responsibility to dress and keep the earth, preserve it from corruption and distribute/redistribute the wealth and resources of the Kingdom! John 15:14-16; Romans 8:14 – 17; Galatians 3:26-29.

This process is so necessary to prepare the saint for the challenges ahead so that he or she will not make a ship wreck of the new life in Christ. Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:23; 2 Timothy 2:15. Study will also equip you to understand the dynamics of life in the market place. Beyond this, the saint is also expected to tap into the full assets that God has blessed him or her with. These include: your spiritual gifts (check out and locate yours in Romans 12: 3-8; 1 Corinthians chapter 12; Ephesians 4: 7, 11; 1 Peter 4:10,11) your natural talents; your life experiences; education; skills acquired as well as the pool of relationships God allowed you to maintain over the years. Your emotional make up and proven abilities are all part of what God uses to define what kind of business or role

(entrepreneur, manager, supervisor or shop floor worker) you can play in the market place. Be diligent to know who you are in the spirit and what you are wired with to succeed in life!

2. How can you be sure you are called to the market place?

- Hearing the voice of God as His sheep John 10: 27
- Ask in prayer of faith Matthew 7: 7 – 9
- By the process of Training, Equipping, Activation of your spiritual gifts as you are trained here in the Global School of Ministry or elsewhere or as you receive the benefit of true mentoring.
- By utterance of the revelatory gifts including prophecy, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, dreams, interpretation, vision, discernment, trance, etc.

3. Can Saints partner with unbelievers in business?

The plain answer is NO. The bible is clear that we are not to be unequally yoked together with people who reject God. Partnership with them can only create problems and real sorrow in the near, medium or long term! 2 Corinthians 6:14 – 18.

4. Can Saints in the Market Place employ unbelievers?

The plain answer is yes! Saints in the market place can employ anyone who is qualified for a particular job without discrimination. Competence and faithfulness should earn any one a job. However, if any one declares, without any probing, in a job interview, that he or she hates God or has a fixed preference for any ungodly lifestyle that changes the equation. You are to act according to the leading of the Holy Spirit. It is through simple love to all men that those in the market place can win the hearts of sinners and prepare them to embrace Jesus who we represent. Acts 1:8. We are to do good to all men, especially to those of the house hold of faith! Galatians 6:10.

5. Can saints work for unbelievers?

Yes. Saints can be in employment to any one and demonstrate the nature and character of Jesus Christ. This can open the door to the hearts of both the employers as well as fellow employees, providing a wider scope for lifestyle evangelism than the narrow confines of pulpit evangelism. Joseph served an unbelieving boss, Pharaoh. Daniel served a number of unbelieving bosses including Nebuchadnezzar.

6. What are the ethical standards for saints whose employers are also Christians?

The Lord requires all saints working for employers who are also Christian to desist from taking their duties casually. No one is permitted to take advantage of a boss because he or she goes to the same local assembly or is a relative 1 Timothy 6:1,2.

7. What are the ethical standards for saints whose bosses are unbelievers or difficult people?

Saints cannot lower their standards of service because their bosses are difficult or unbelievers. The standards articulated in 1 Peter 2:18 – 22 are indeed very high.

8. In the light of what was said about Kingdom Economics, should Market place ministers make profits?

God approves profit, provided it is made ethically. As ministers in the market place seek first the Kingdom and its righteousness, profits which others are chasing after will chase them! Matthew 6:25 – 34. Those in the Kingdom are stewards of the manifold grace of God who have received His charge to occupy with their gifts and callings until Jesus returns! Luke 19:10 – 27. Kingdom market place ministers will be used by God to cause a paradigm shift in the way human beings esteem money. Money is an excellent servant but a bad master. 1 Timothy 6: 6-11, 17-19. As market place ministers esteem God above all else, He will bless them with money as a tool for good causes. Kingdom businesses will be very profitable therefore because they have a mandate to manifest the authority of the King over all the earth. To fulfil the Great Commission and disciple the nations will be mainly undertaken by those in the market place rather than professional clergy Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8.