

**Heart of God Ministries International
Greater Works TEAM Building**

Kingdom or Empire Builder?

Leaders in the Kingdom of God must be motivated to move beyond their own concerns and interests. They must have the responsibility to make visible the mission of God which He has empowered them to do. Their focus must be passionately on causes and objectives for biblical fundamental principles and values.

Question: Are you filled with Godly passion?

If so, you find yourself making the 'mission' exciting, all-important, and reachable for those God gives you to edify and equip for Kingdom work!

Question: Do you find yourself focused upon organizational machinery, programs, or statistics?... ie. Focus on weekly reports of those who are saved and the like... Such activities are not the 'missions' of God...they are goals and works of empire builders.

Recall the account of David counting Israel? (see Chronicles Chapter 21... it is God's good pleasure to bless and multiply by His Spirit)

God's ordained leaders exercise their attention toward seeking the will of God in the 'movement' of the Holy Spirit in all their missions, goals and objectives. They work focused entirely upon His purposes!

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). AMP version

When people are assembled...willingly to come together to seek Him to accomplish His Mission and as they move harmoniously together... a 'movement' within the Kingdom of God is initiated. It is then that the Holy Ghost movement may grow as the sons and daughters of God are trained and mobilized to expand the Kingdom mission of Christ.

An apostolic-prophetic (Kingdom) builder must discern the mission by the fruit of the movement. The 'mission' must be built upon the 'patterns of Jesus Christ' for He was sent to humanity in His apostolic mission to earth to fully reveal and reconcile mankind to Father God.

The 'mission' must not be one of "man's dream" or his own making. Traditionalism and Legalism has distorted the revealing of God for it has slammed the doors on the effective manifested workings of the 3rd Person of the Blessed Trinity.

Dreams and commissioning from God are empowered by the Spirit!

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Man initiated "kinds of missions" result in empire building. Many become 'movements' and these movements are well documented across history as they evolved in 'organizational machines' (empire building programs). Machines evolve into monuments. Monuments are lifeless just as much as one can find in a cemetery.

These manmade 'missions' lack the energy, excitement and visibility of God the Holy Spirit working within the midst of His people!

The headship of these ministry 'missions' are most focused upon 'titles' rather than on functions. The ascension gifts are 'functions of men' not 'offices of men.' In most 'works,' even where God the Holy Ghost sovereignly manifests His Presence, the 'movement' is short lived where there are controlling activities and directions 'master pastors and self-proclaimed apostles' move the meeting to fulfill their agendas. This is abuse to God's people for it quenches the Holy Spirit.

1 Thess 5:19-21 KJV

19 Quench not the Spirit.

20 Despise not prophesyings.

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

Let's consider the "Mission of God." His Kingdom Mission is revealed in eight covenants in the Holy Bible. [note: numbers have great significance to both specifics and symbolic attributes in the whole of God's Kingdom]

The Bible reveals two classes of covenants.

- Irrevocable- God promises to ACT regardless of man's response. He does Not require man to fulfill any conditions.**
- Revocable- God established Himself to ACT only if man obeys. He requires man to fulfill conditions.**

In the beginning, wherein mankind was created, God reveals His 4-fold purpose that is to be 'The Mission' of every authentic functioning apostolic-prophetic Kingdom builder (vanguard leader: the forerunner).

Genesis 1:26-30 (AMP) is the account of God's 1st Covenant made prior to man's sin of disobedience (rebellion) in the Garden of Eden. "26 God said, Let Us [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the [tame] beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth. 27 So God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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28 And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth. 29 And God said, See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the land and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. 30 And to all the animals on the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the ground--to everything in which there is the breath of life--I have given every green plant for food. And it was so."

1st Covenant purposes:

1. Relationship- God created mankind to relate to Him.
2. Character- God created mankind to be like Him in nature and attributes.
3. Dominion- God created man to rule and to function as king and priest (personal stewardship dominion of spirit and soul).
4. Fruitfulness- God created mankind to bear fruit...to multiply and fill the whole earth in the knowledge of His Glory.

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These 4 functions of "Divine Mission" are to find expression and fulfillment in Christ's Kingdom instrument...

the One Holy Apostolic Universal Church of Jesus Christ.

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Christ, the 'Revelation Rock.' Matthew 16:16-18 NKJV

16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

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

[Note: the Lord changes Simon Peter's name to Peter...

Peter in Greek means "petra- part of a huge rock."

He is introduced by the Lord through prophetic insight.

When brought by his brother Andrew into the Presence of his future Master, Jesus acknowledges him..."

John 1:42

42 Andrew then led (brought) Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, You are Simon son of John (Bar-Jona). You shall be called Cephas--which translated is Peter [man of rock]. *Cephas* meaning in Syriac is the same as what Peter means as "*petros*" in the Greek.

This is but one example of how God has ordained His called out ones to be made in His Image in relationship, character, dominion, and fruitfulness. Each born-again become a part of His Body ("rock" of The Rock)

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It is Peter's faith in the Lord Jesus that unlocks the revelation of 'the Christ' in his spirit.

It by faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God that " the Way" to reconciliation with Father God and the gift of eternal Life is granted.

John 14:5-12 AMP

5 Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You are going, so how can we know the way?

6 Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.

7 If you had known Me [had learned to recognize Me], you would also have known My Father. From now on, you know Him and have seen Him.

8 Philip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father [cause us to see the Father-- that is all we ask]; then we shall be satisfied.

9 Jesus replied, Have I been with all of you for so long a time, and do you not recognize and know Me yet, Philip? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say then, Show us the Father?

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? What I am telling you I do not say on My own authority and of My own accord; but the Father Who lives continually in Me does the (His) works (His own miracles, deeds of power).

11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me; or else believe Me for the sake of the [very] works themselves. [If you cannot trust Me, at least let these works that I do in My Father's name convince you.]

12 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

FAITH! "Believe Me."

It is the Holy Spirit Who represents the Son in the earth today!

We are those 'earthen vessels.'

Jesus said," the Father Who lives continually in Me does the (His) works (His own miracles, deeds of power."

So it is the Holy Ghost with Whom the Lord baptizes us that lives in Us that empowers the Father's works as we abide in faith in Christ and walk and live in the Holy Ghost!

Ephesians 3:10-11 NKJV

10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,

11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,

God chose His Church to be the instrument to reveal His Mission.

The New Covenant seals the 'mission' to every believer's heart and life.

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To learn and then to do, we must search the Scriptures with the reality that Father God has made all his provisions a NOW Reality.

When we finally realize the Old Testament and New Testament Cannons are for our edification Today and we dispose of the suppositions that god is withholding His grace, mercy, plan and purposes for a future day, we immediately step into His Presence and His Provision of knowledge and glory!

There are those who continue to proclaim that “this generation” to whom the Lord prophesied in His discourse to the disciples on Mount Olive is yet ahead in history. Not, So! All of these prophesies are behind us! When we are led by the Holy Spirit and are empowered to understand God’s symbolism and His literature writing and speaking styles through the “eye of understanding” and Not by “the literal physical eyes,” spiritual clarity through enlightenment, illumination and revelation are manifest.

Question: Within what kind of ‘mission building’ are you currently engaged?

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Ephesians 3:20-21 AMP

20 Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]-- 21 To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen (so be it).

May God greatly increase you in His knowledge and His Glory,

Isaiah 11:9 King James Version

**"for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD,
as the waters cover the sea."**

Habakkuk 2:14 King James Version

**"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD,
as the waters cover the sea."**