

## 5. Family / Home

- 1 Timothy 3:4, NIV – *He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect.*
- Task:** Teach people how to parent their children with Biblical principles
- Eg.: James Dobson

## 6. Government / Politics

- Proverbs 11:10, NIV – *When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices.*
- Luke 2:52, NIV – ... *grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*
- Task:** Teaching people how to use Biblical principles to govern.
- Eg: Steven Harper

## 7. Science / Medicine

- Acts 4:10, NIV – *It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth ... that this man stands before you healed.*
- Task:** Teach people how to integrate divine healing with medical treatment.
- Eg.:

## FINAL COMMENTS

### 1. We Must Think “Mountain-Taking Assignment”, Not Employment

**Question:** Which mountain am I being assigned to take?

### 2. We Must Think “Covert” Influence Rather Than “Overt” Confrontation

**Question:** How can I influence the people I am assigned to?

### 3. We Must Think Actions, Before Words

**Question:** What things can I do in the marketplace, that will speak loudly?

### 4. We Must Think Team, Not Lone Ranger

**Question:** Who is God calling me to partner with?

### 5. We Must Think Servant, Not Shotgun

- Matthew 13:33, NIV – *The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough.*
- Mark 10:45, NIV – *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

**Question:** Which issues in my life must I deal with, to be a true servant?

## A SEASON OF TRANSITION

### # 5 – A Wholistic Understanding Of Ministry

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## “UN-SEPARATING” CHURCH AND STATE

### 1. A Powerful Lie Of Satan – Sacred Versus Secular

1 Corinthians 10:26, NIV – *“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.”*

### 2. Separation Of Faith And Life Is Hypocrisy!

James 2:14-20, NIV – (14) *What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? ... (17) In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. ... (20) *You foolish man, ... faith without deeds is useless.**

### 3. Be Honest To God

1 Chronicles 29:17, NIV – *I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity.*”

### 4. Faith Must “Work” In The Workplace

Psalms 41:12, NIV – *In my integrity you uphold me and set me in your presence forever.*

Proverbs 10:9, NIV – *The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.*

### 5. Reintegrating Faith And The Marketplace

1 John 1:6, NIV – *If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.*

## WHO PRESENTLY HAS THE EARTH?

### 1. God Gave Us The Earth

Genesis 1:28, NIV – *God blessed them and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.’*

### 2. We Gave The Earth To Satan

Luke 4:5-6, NIV – (4) *The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.* (5) *And he said to him, ‘I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.* (6) *So if you worship me, it will all be yours.’*

### 3. Jesus Broke Satan's Ownership Over The Earth Through His Death And Resurrection

Matthew 28:18, NIV – *Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.'*

### 4. Jesus Wants Us To Take Back What Is Now Ours – The Earth

Deuteronomy 4:1, NIV – ... *Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.*

## HOW DOES SATAN STEAL FROM US?

### 1. Satan Took The Earth From Us With Lies And Deception

Genesis 3:1-5, NIV – (1) *Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, You must not eat from any tree in the garden?' (2) The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, (3) but God did say, You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'* (4) *'You will not surely die,'* the serpent said to the woman. (5) *'For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'*

### 2. A Stronghold Is A Group Of Similar Thoughts Which Form A Belief

### 3. Satan Tried To Form A Stronghold In Jesus

Luke 4:3-8, NIV – (3) *The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.'* ... (5) *The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. .... (9) The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,'* he said, *'throw yourself down from here. (10) For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully.'*

Revelation 12:9, NIV – "... *The great dragon ... that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray.*"

## WHAT MUST WE DO TO BRING FAITH BACK INTO THE MARKETPLACE?

### 1. We Must Demolish Negative Strongholds

2 Corinthians 10:3-5, NIV – (3) *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. (4) The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. (5) We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the*

*knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

2 Corinthians 4:4, NIV – *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

### 2. We Must Infiltrate The Earth With Godly Strongholds

Psalm 9:9, NIV – *"The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble."*

## TAKING THE TRUTH TO YOUR ASSIGNED REALM OF INFLUENCE

Luke 19:13, NIV – *And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy [advance and take ground] till I come.*

### 1. Business / Commerce (Including Science And Technology)

- Proverbs 22:29, NIV – *Do you see a man skilled (excelling) in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.*
- Task:** Teach people how to use God's principles to excel in the Business world.
- Eg.: Zig Ziglar, John Maxwell, Lance Wallnau

### 2. Education

- Isaiah 55:11, NIV – *So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*
- Task:** Teach people how to communicate God's principles into the educational system.
- Eg.: Francis Schaeffer, Bob Jones University; Josh McDowell

### 3. Arts / Media / Entertainment (Including Sports)

- Matthew 5:14, NIV – *You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.*
- Task:** Teach people how to use media to communicate the light of Biblical principles.
- Eg.: Mel Gibson

### 4. Church / Religion

- Mark 8:15, NIV – *'Be careful', Jesus warned them. 'Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod.'*
- Task:** Teach people how to remove "yeast" from the church.
- Eg. Rick Warren, Bill Johnson, Todd Bentley