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Foreword

What if the marketplace is not merely where you work, trade, build, lead, and make a living—but also where God has called you to represent His Kingdom?

This question sits at the heart of ***Ordination of Market Place Apostles***.

In this message, Apostle Michael Orokpo, Ph.D., challenges the believer to see the marketplace through a spiritual lens. Business, governance, commerce, media, academia, and other spheres of influence are presented not simply as professional environments, but as places where kingdom identity, faith, wisdom, discernment, values, consecration, and spiritual authority must be exercised.

The message repeatedly brings the believer back to one foundational reality: **consciousness**.

Who are you?

Where are you?

What kingdom do you represent?

What have you been entrusted with?

These questions shape the direction of the teaching. Before discussing strategies for the marketplace, the preacher first establishes the identity of the believer—light, wind, fire, a living stone, a king, a priest, and an ambassador of Christ. From there, the message moves into the practical spiritual disciplines and qualities required to function effectively: faith, discernment, wisdom, kingdom values, personal consecration, and the conscious exercise of spiritual authority.

What makes this message particularly significant is its insistence that faith must move beyond words into action.

The marketplace requires believers who can act when circumstances are not perfect, who can discern beyond appearances, who can apply wisdom to real situations, and who can remain faithful to kingdom values when confronted with money, influence, power, pressure, and opposition.

Yet the message does not present marketplace influence as a substitute for the altar. Instead, it warns against allowing business to swallow consecration.

The instruction is clear: **“Don't let your business swallow your altar. Your altar should sustain your business.”**

That principle runs deeply through the latter part of the message. The marketplace apostle is not called merely to succeed within a system, but to carry the presence and values of God into that system.

This book is therefore not simply a transcript of a sermon about business. It is a record of a call to kingdom consciousness.

As Chief Editor of LivingSermons, our responsibility in preparing this message for publication has been simple: **to preserve the message without replacing the messenger.**

We have refined the presentation for readability, corrected transcription and grammatical errors, organized the teaching into clear sections, and preserved the preacher's expressions, illustrations, exhortations, declarations, and spiritual emphasis.

We have not sought to rewrite the message into our own voice. **We do not rewrite the message. We preserve it.** This is the heart of LivingSermons' publishing work.

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As you read ***Ordination of Market Place Apostles***, do not merely read about the marketplace.

Ask yourself where your own marketplace is.

Your company.

Your profession.

Your classroom.

Your organization.

Your industry.

Your community.

Your sphere of influence.

And then ask the deeper question:

What does it mean for me to represent Christ there?

May this message awaken that consciousness. May it strengthen your faith to act.

May it sharpen your discernment. May it increase your wisdom. May it strengthen your commitment to kingdom values. May it deepen your consecration.

And may you become increasingly conscious that wherever God has planted you, you have not been sent there without purpose.

Your marketplace can become your mission field.

— ***Wisdom Epsi***

Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Main Message

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The Forces That Give Us Advantage

This evening, I just want to share with us briefly on the forces that give us advantage as we engage in the context of human civilization, regardless of the influence of spirit cities.

I want to deal with a very sensitive subject: engaging or taking advantage of the forces that give us advantage as we engage in the civilizations of men, regardless of the influence of spirit cities.

I want you to understand, as I begin to build my thought this evening, that wherever you are geographically speaking is not all there is about the reality of that place. Wherever you find yourself, you need to understand that there is a spirit city that regulates the affairs of that geographical location.

You will be greatly mistaken to assume that because you find yourself in a territory that has a geographical jurisdiction, that's all there is.

And then you'll be greatly mistaken to assume that because you are transacting in the marketplace, irrespective of wherever you find yourself in the mountains of influence, that all there is are the people and then the intellectual modalities required.

Our world is largely spiritual, and those who will truly have the advantage are those who understand the interface between the two worlds and how to domesticate the advantages, the powers, and the factors of the spirit realm that influence the natural.

Glory to God.

The Connection Between the Natural and the Spiritual

If you look at the Bible, for instance, the very beginning of creation will reveal to you that there is a connection between the natural and the spiritual, and always the spiritual would have the preeminence.

In Genesis 1:1, the Bible said:

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

The heaven was created before the earth. The earth cannot exist without the heaven. The earth is a subordinate, a subsidiary, an appendage of the heavens.

So the spirit of necessity must exist before the natural can complement the spirit. The things you see in the natural are actually realities that model their essence in the spirit.

If you study Colossians 1:15–16, when the Bible was speaking about Christ, we're also going to see this pattern that what we have in the earth is subordinate to what we have in the spirit.

Speaking about Jesus, He said:

“Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.”

Are you seeing the pair: visible and invisible?

Whether they be thrones or dominions, principalities or powers, all things were created by Him and for Him.

You see again that the heavens came before the earth.

Now, the point here is not just that the heaven has preeminence; it is also that the heaven is paired with the earth.

As you study the Bible, you are going to discover that the earth was actually designed to host the dominions and the civilizations that are already in the spirit realm.

This is why, when God created the earth, He created a portal that linked the heavens and the earth, and He called it Eden.

When God created the earth, He created a portal called Eden so that the civilization of the earth will not exist apart from the heavens.

In fact, if you study Psalm 115:16, the Bible tells us what we do on the earth here is actually as vice-regents.

We are to serve as vice-regents to God. We are His superintendents on the earth realm. He governs the earth from the heavens.

So we are here to model His will.

He said:

“The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.”

So God governs the heavens, but He gave the earth to men to govern on His behalf.

The Visible Is an Offspring of the Invisible

What's the point I'm driving at?

The visible is an offspring of the invisible, and the purpose of the visible is actualized because there is, first of all, a purpose in the invisible.

So whatever we are doing here is supposed to be as we deputize what God is doing in the spirit.

This is why you will never find any physical jurisdiction that does not first of all have a reality superior to which the visible models.

When you come into cities, for instance, as you study the Bible, you're going to find out that the Bible went even a bit graphic by naming physical territories after spiritual realities or spiritual territories.

And it shows us that we are humans working in the physical, but there are spirits who are the governors of those territories in the spirit.

And you're going to find it replicated both in light and in darkness.

The Heavenly Jerusalem

Take, for instance, Galatians 4:26.

Galatians 4:26. You're going to see the Bible speak about a Jerusalem that is above.

So when you study Galatians 4:26, you don't just have Jerusalem on the earth. There is, first of all, a heavenly Jerusalem before there is a physical Jerusalem.

The Bible says:

“But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.”

Hebrews 12:22 reiterates this truth that there is a heavenly Jerusalem before there is an earthly Jerusalem.

It says:

“But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.”

Verse 23 is showing you what is going on in the superior dimension. It says:

“To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect.”

So there is a heavenly Jerusalem, and then there is an earthly Jerusalem. The earthly Jerusalem is ruled by the heavenly Jerusalem. That's why He said the heavenly Jerusalem is the mother of us all. So those of us who are in the earthly realm, we are regulated by those who are in the spirit.

Now, that's beautiful because that's light. But the challenge is that it's not only light that has this dimension of operation.

The Spirit of Egypt

If you study your Bible again in Isaiah 19, if you read verses 3 to 5, we're going to hear the Bible talk about the spirit of Egypt.

And I would take time to explain to you the effect and the impact of spirit cities, because every spirit city models a dimension.

He said:

“And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.”

Are you seeing that there is a spirit called Egypt?

And the Egyptian will I give into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

So you see that there is a spirit called Egypt.

Go back to verse 3. You see the merchandises of the civilization of spiritual Egypt.

Are you seeing the merchandises?

Anywhere there is the spirit of Egypt, you see some of the things He outlined there. He said they seek idols. He said there are charmers. He said there are familiar spirits. He said there are wizards.

Now, it reveals to you, therefore, that Egypt is not just a location. Egypt is a spiritual civilization, and Egypt can come into your office. Egypt can come into the market where you transact.

So long as that operation is superimposed, then the spirit of Egypt becomes the governor of that territory.

The Princes of Persia and Grecia

If you study Daniel 10:13 and 20, you're going to hear Daniel speak about a prince.

He said:

“But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.”

This is angel Gabriel speaking because Daniel was praying and seeking intervention.

Then in verse 20, he now told us:

“Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.”

Now, when you study history, you're going to discover the kingdoms of Media-Persia.

Now, this kingdom existed, but the power that dictated the things that happened in the kingdom, Daniel was revealing to us by revelation on account of what Gabriel told him: that there were princes in the spirit that are actually named after those cities.

So there is a prince of Persia that determines the civilization of Persia because he has, first of all, built that civilization in the spirit and then superimposed it into the territory.

Then he said, when the prince of Persia's regime is over, he said the prince of Grecia will come.

So when civilizations rise and fall, spirits power them. When territories are framed, spirits rule them.

And when you start any transaction on the face of the earth, these same spirits come to establish their governments there.

So when we speak about spirit cities, we are talking about spirits and their influence over territories and over the systems of this world, creating value systems, creating influences that determine ultimately the outcomes of human possibilities.

You either submit to them or you override them, because each of these spirit cities has specific influences that they generate.

The Need for Apostles in the Marketplace

And I'm going to show you a few spirit cities and the kinds of influence they generate, so that you understand them when you identify them as you get into spirit cities.

When I show you the kind of influence they generate, then I will also show you how they create those influences, because we need apostles who can go into government and still establish the Kingdom of God.

If I have time, I'm going to show you the Kingdom of God.

We need apostles who can go to the media and establish the Kingdom of God.

The whole idea is not gain. It's not buying and selling.

Buying and selling is a platform. That's why we call it marketplace, because there are transactions. There is an exchange of value.

You all right?

But the transactions are platforms. It is about enforcement of dominions and influences.

It's a game of thrones.

So, I'm going to show you five major spirit cities or spirit civilizations in the dark world that seek to enter corridors where transactions take place and influence you, so that at the end of the day, you either submit to them or you override them.

But one way or the other, you must take a position.

At some point, they may stop you from gaining or making progress. If they see that you resist them, this is why powers are necessary.

And then, if you align with them, they can prosper you, but you will end up establishing their influences and their dominions.

Glory to God.

The Forces That Establish God's Dominion

So let's look at a few biblical spirit cities, and then let's look at how these spirit cities exact influence.

By the time we establish that, then I begin to show you the forces that we deploy in order to exert God's dominion, regardless of the presence of spirit cities.

Now, when these forces are deployed, number one, you will prosper in your business because Satan does not have the power to make you fail unless you allow him.

And then, beyond prospering in your business, you are going to be able to establish God's dominion wherever you find yourself.

The Spirit of Babylon

So, very quickly, the first spirit city I want to show you is what the Bible calls the spirit of Babylon.

There is a spirit city called the spirit of Babylon.

Now, that city in the physical was established in Genesis 11:4 when they came together to build the tower of Babel.

Babylon is from Babel.

Babylon: The Spirit Behind the Civilization

He said:

“Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

This is where Babylon was initiated.

But when you now go to Revelation chapters 17 and 18—we can't read it because it's a long read—it speaks of the mystery of Babylon, or mystical Babylon.

So we see that this Babylon in the natural was first of all in the spirit.

When you study Babylon, I don't have time—if I was teaching on cities, I would have taken time to show you from Scripture—but if you study Babylon, there are four major influences of Babylon.

And those of us who are in the marketplace, if you allow these things to influence you, they will now dictate your end in your sphere of influence.

1. Pride and Self-Exaltation

Number one is pride and self-exaltation.

Pride.

So when you see somebody in the business space, and what drives him and motivates his actions is no longer God and God's Kingdom, but pride, know that he has come under the influence of Babylon.

If you read that Scripture we saw a moment ago, they said they wanted to make a name for themselves. They wanted to build something that would exalt them to become like God.

So the first influence of Babylon is pride and self-exaltation.

2. Economic Control and Luxury for Pleasure

Number two, the influence of Babylon is economic control and luxury for the purpose of pleasure.

Economic control for luxury or for pleasure.

When you find people who just want to make money, they just want to gain influence, they just want to be relevant, and the goal is to satisfy diverse appetites, Babylon is at work.

I'm not saying don't look good. I'm not saying don't have excellence.

But you see them today, they are flying to Brazil. They want to go sleep with Brazilian women. Tomorrow they are flying to the Bahamas. They want to see what the nightclub looks like. Next tomorrow they are going to Dubai. They want to walk on the beach and then move around with all kinds of things.

It's all about pleasure.

The Bible calls it vanity.

So it's a life of vanity.

The resources, the influence, the money is not being put into anything of eternal relevance.

You know, Babylon is at work.

3. Idolatry and Immorality

Then number three is idolatry and immorality. When you get into Babylon, one thing you are going to find is high-level perversion, immorality, and idolatry.

Literally, everybody worships another god. See, when you get into business and, in order for you to prosper, you will bow to anything, know that your soul has been lost. This is why many people say, “Oh, business is failing.”

In the night, you see them going to a shrine. They go, and the ultimate is that they must prosper, even if they have to depart from God.

Babylon has taken over their souls.

And these things happen to many believers in business. They bow to men. They bow to idols just to get economic advantage.

No.

A generation that must declare, “If I perish, I perish,” must rise, because one thing we must realize is that we are fighting under the influence of spirit cities.

4. Opposition to God

Number four, Babylon is opposition to God.

When you see people who once feared God, once loved God, suddenly they become billionaires, and you see them talking against the ordinances of God:

“Oh, I beg. God, this prayer—is it every day we pray? Did I become rich by praying?”

“I didn't become rich by praying. I became rich by understanding investments. I became rich by transacting with my mind. I became rich by working hard.”

You talk prayer, they kick it off.

You talk fasting, they kick it off.

You talk Kingdom advancement, they kick it off.

Now they have become big.

Babylon makes you oppose the things of God.

The things of God no longer make sense.

It's a spirit city. It is smuggled into our everyday transactions, and it defies us from within.

The second city you will find is Egypt.

Egypt: A System of Bondage

Now, Babylon can make you great. That's why in the Bible they call it Babylon the Great. But it will inject pride. It will inject idolatry. It will inject immorality and perversion. And it will inject opposition to God.

So Babylon does not stop economic progress. Babylon actually helps you to advance economically, but it will inject these forces into your soul.

Then you have Egypt.

Egypt is a system of bondage.

If you read Exodus chapters 1 to 14, you are going to find the characteristics of Egypt.

But project for me Hosea 11:1.

Egypt is a city, and there is the spirit of Egypt. I already read for you from Isaiah 19:3–4.

He said:

“When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.”

We must come out of Egypt because Egypt is a force of oppression.

1. Slavery and Oppression

The thing with Egypt is that if you are laboring under the influence of Egypt, you will do everything economically right, but you will not rise.

It's like what Haggai said in Haggai 1:6. He says:

“Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.”

Somebody invests two million into a business and gains six hundred thousand. He invests a billion and ends up, by sweating, getting maybe twenty million or one hundred million.

So you are investing, but you are not reaping anything. He says you labor and you put the money in a bag with holes. Now, in this case, they were under a curse, but I'm just showing you this is what Egypt does.

You will be oppressed, literally. So Egypt is a system, and the influence of Egypt is, number one, slavery and oppression.

That's why you see many people. They tell you, “I've tried everything. I've done everything. It's not working.”

They've done twenty businesses. No one is working. There's a city you have not risen above. Hosea 11:1 says you must be brought out of Egypt.

2. Labor Without Progress

Number two, Egypt enforces labor without progress.

Labor.

Business is not only about hard work. There's a place for hard work, but there is also a grace that facilitates business.

If you see our people here, they will say, "You work like an elephant, you eat like an ant."

It's Egypt.

And then number three, Egypt is resistance to God's authority.

3. Resistance to God's Authority

So you see people suffering, yet they won't come to God.

They are running from pillar to post, running from one herbalist to another. It never occurs to them that God can help them.

Even when you bring them to church, they think it's a waste of time. There is something created in their soul that makes them resist God. It's a spirit city called Egypt.

Glory to God.

So when somebody is in Egypt, he's literally in a cycle of captivity and limitation. You see him after ten years; he's worse than when you met him ten years ago. You come back five years later; he's worse than when you met him five years ago.

Their lives are just degenerating.

It's a city called Egypt.

There is a spirit of oppression that has created a system around you.

Spirit Cities Build Systems of Influence

Now remember, we are calling it a city because it's not just a spirit that possesses you.

These are operations of fallen angels. They don't possess you. They build a system of influence around you to exert their dominion over you.

So it requires much more than casting out devils.

In fact, demons run errands for these spirits because these spirits are not disembodied spirits. They are fallen angels. They have bodies.

They possess territories. They possess systems. They take over cultures to establish their influence.

Number three, there is the city called Sodom—the spiritual city called Sodom.

Sodom: A Spiritual City

Sodom.

How many of you read the story of Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis chapter 19?

Sodom and Gomorrah is a city.

And Ezekiel 16:49–50—project it for me.

Please note the things I'm telling you.

First, Genesis 19:1:

“And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.”

I'm showing you geographical territory and spiritual reality.

This is the geographical Sodom.

Now, Ezekiel 16:49–50:

“Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.”

Are you seeing the characteristics of Sodom?

He said they were haughty. They committed abomination before Him.

This was when God was bringing lamentation over His city Jerusalem, and He was telling them that Sodom had become their sister because Jerusalem had fallen into iniquity.

So it's calling a city in the natural after a spiritual reality:

Abominations.

Perversions.

Pride.

Idleness.

You see people in business, they do nothing. They just fold their hands, hoping that one day God will bless them.

They are not working hard.

Idleness.

Laziness in business.

And the guy is blaming everybody for not prospering, but he's mentally lazy and redundant.

Then you see abominations, evil concupiscence, perversion of all sorts.

The gay movement today is sodomy. It is a spirit city.

And most of you in the Western world, you know what I'm saying—the Americas and the likes.

Sodom has taken over.

So every firm, every national event, everything that has to do with influence, they want their colors everywhere, and they are sponsored with multimillion-dollar resources.

And what you don't know is that if you are in such territory and you don't know how to disarm those cities, the effect and the influence of the city will rub off on your soul.

The Influence of Sodom

Now, what's the effect of Sodom?

1. Sexual Perversion

Number one, sexual perversion.

Sexual perversion.

So you see many people today in the business space, their head is burning with all kinds of abominable acts of immorality.

Somebody says he's going for a business trip in Dubai. He's going for a business trip somewhere, and he has already planned diverse whoredoms to be committed because that's part of the— in fact, that's what sanitizes the business.

So nowadays, you finish a contract, you finish a transaction, there must be a dinner.

The whole idea of the dinner before now was about networking.

But now the whole idea about dinner is to get themselves drunk and get into diverse perversion.

And you can't imagine the things people do—sleeping with strange women.

Sometimes they even play games with it.

And then women sleeping with women, men sleeping with men.

And they say it's business.

And nowadays, you can't even get to certain levels of business transaction unless you are involved.

So you come to have business with your colleague, with a friend, a business partner, and they book a hotel for you.

Three women are already waiting for you there, and you're wondering, “What's going on?”

It's part of the business.

Praise God.

Nowadays, most business deals are concluded in casinos or in nightclubs.

I was in Dubai the other time for a meeting, and they told me it's around between 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.

They do businesses in millions of dollars.

When they have danced, they've done all the whoredom, they sit there with very strong alcoholic drinks. That's where they do transactions.

I'm like, "What?"

"Yeah, that's the world we live in."

How do you break through this civilization?

2. Excess Pride

Number two is pride.

Excess pride.

Pride that is meaningless.

People literally act as if they are gods because they have money.

3. Lack of Compassion

And then number three is lack of compassion.

You saw that he said they didn't have compassion for the poor.

In fact, they love it for people to be poor, rather, because it reminds them that they are bigger.

Glory to God.

When you get to a point where the more rich you become, the more the ordinary man looks like nothing to you, you love the poor worshipping you, the more you have appetites for abominations, the more your pride overflows, know that you are under the influence of Sodom.

And then the richer, the more idol.

Sodom.

Nineveh: The City of Wickedness

Number four is a city called Nineveh.

Jonah chapter 3.

If you read the whole book of Jonah chapter 3, you are going to find the characteristics of this city called Nineveh.

He said:

“And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.”

So Jonah arose and went unto Nineveh according to the word of the LORD.

It says:

“Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.”

Next verse:

“And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.”

I don't have time to read the whole Scripture, but if you read chapter 1 and chapter 3, you are going to see the characteristics of Nineveh.

Wickedness

Number one is wickedness.

It's a city of wickedness.

When you become rich and you become wicked, your propensity to cause havoc is increasing. You don't even know why.

It's a city influencing you.

It's a spirit influencing you.

That's why you see some of these rich people; they can kill virgins, they can kill children to sanitize altars in darkness.

It's Nineveh.

It propagates itself through wickedness.

But you see, the advantage of Nineveh is that Nineveh can repent. That's the only advantage Nineveh has—the propensity, the responsiveness towards repentance. But Nineveh is largely depicted by wickedness.

The Bible says:

“And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way.”

So their ways are evil and wicked.

But when you preach, they can repent.

I need you to understand this because each city has a strategy when you experience it.

Then number five, which is the last, is what the Bible calls Tyre.

T-Y-R-E.

Tyre: The City of Wealth and Self-Exaltation

Ezekiel 28. You are going to read from verse 2 to verse 17, and you find the city of Tyre.

But if you go to verse 13 in particular, it begins to tell us about the spiritual dimension.

He says:

“Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God.”

So this is a city.

Go to verse 13.

He now began to speak about the spiritual dimension. He said:

“Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.”

Next verse.

He said:

“Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.”

He said:

“Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.”

Now, he said:

“By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned.”

Therefore, He says:

“Therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.”

He said:

“Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness.”

He says:

“I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.”

Now, go back to verse 12.

You are seeing the characteristics of this city.

“Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus.”

So he's still talking about this spirit city and the forces that regulate it.

Now, from what we read, you can see that this is a city that excels in trade and wealth.

So I'm showing you all of this so that you know that you prospering does not just mean God is the one prospering you.

We are going to check the characteristics of your prosperity to know if God is the one.

When you are under the influence of the spirit of Tyre or Tyrus, you can prosper.

It is a city that brings enormous wealth.

But with it is what?

Self-edification.

Self-glorification.

He said, “You say you are God. You are seated in the seat of God.” He says, “You have made your heart to be as God.”

So there is wealth because there is a multitude of merchandise. They are masters of trade, and they have all the precious stones. You can imagine—they have all the beauty and the excellence.

So there is opulence. There's wealth. There's glamour. But with it is self-exaltation.

When a man comes to a point where he becomes a god to himself—self-deification is the actual word—nobody means anything.

If you like, say, “God.”

He says, “Go to hell. What do you mean by God? Where was God when I was struggling?”

Know that he has come under this spirit and its spirit city.

Why am I saying this?

These things are weaved into our civilization.

The Three Missions of a Marketplace Apostle

As apostles in the marketplace, we must be able to recognize these cities and refuse their influence over us, because every apostle in the marketplace has three missions.

1. Dominate the Market

Number one is to dominate that market.

That means you are going to have all the expertise, all the skill, all the intelligence, the competencies required to match them—intelligence for intelligence.

The Bible says Daniel was ten times better than his peers when he found himself in Babylon.

Daniel chapter 1, read from verse 18 to 19.

You must have the competence.

That's why you need to study. You need to have the intelligence because these guys, they are good at what they do.

At the end of the days, the king had said they should bring them in. The prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

Verse 19:

“And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.”

He said:

“And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.”

So you must go into the marketplace with a deliberate intention to be the best.

Skill in trading.

Mastery in economic values.

Mastery in leadership.

Mastery in governance.

The principles.

The ordinances.

You must be skilled.

You must be famed for it.

Everybody should know you are the best.

Look at Daniel chapter 5, from verse 11 to verse 13.

The Bible said it was known in the realm.

It says:

“There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him...”

This is the queen giving validation and recognition to Daniel.

In the days of Nebuchadnezzar, his father, the king had made Daniel master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers.

So number one, you are going into that market to dominate it with all the tools and utensils required:

Intelligence.

Skill.

Everything.

Because if you are not the best, they can't make you master.

So every apostle in the marketplace must understand the game of dominion, and he must have something to offer.

Even the hidden should look at you and say, “You are better than us.”

So there's skill and competence.

Then the goal of skill and competence is for you to be their leader, because if you are not their leader, you can't bring your dominion.

So the first purpose of every apostle in the marketplace is to lead the space, to be the leader in the space, to be the one in charge because you have the competence required.

Many Christians say they are going to the marketplace. They can't even pass the interviews. They can't deliver on their job.

When KPIs are revealed, they are never at the top, and they keep coming to church begging for favor and everything.

No, we don't enter the market like that.

Your first objective is that no one there can beat me.

I have the mind of Christ.

I lead them.

2. Model the Values of God

Then your second objective is to model the values of God until everybody can reference you as one who is different.

The Bible said in Matthew 5:14 and 16:

“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.”

Verse 16:

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

So now you are marrying competence and value systems.

Let them know that it's possible to be righteous and excel.

It's possible to be godly and excel.

They shouldn't make you feel that until you bow to idols, you cannot excel.

3. Establish God's Kingdom

And then number three, you come to a point where you can establish God's Kingdom.

Matthew 6:10. Jesus said:

“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

These are the three objectives of every apostle in the marketplace.

You are good at the business until you lead them; therefore, you prosper.

Number two, you have values that you don't compromise on; therefore, you become the light.

And then number three, you have authority enough to establish God's Kingdom.

If you don't have this in mind, you will be swallowed up by these spirit cities because these spirit cities are real.

How Spirit Cities Exert Influence

Now, how do they exact influence?

How do these spirit cities exact influence?

This is what will shield you—this understanding.

1. Through Cultures

Number one, they exert influence through cultures.

So they create values, morals, and norms that become cultures.

So you go into politics, they say, “Listen, if it's here, you must bribe people. If it is here, you must do some rituals. Forget all these things they tell you in church. If you don't do rituals, it will kill you. If you don't bribe people, nothing will work.”

Oh, it's a lie.

Spirit cities create culture so that you don't even dare to think you can go against it and succeed.

You go into the market, they say you must inflate your prices.

So if you don't inflate your prices—

Now, I hope you know that as a Christian, we make modest gains.

We don't make exorbitant, alarming gains because you are not in the society to rape that society to death.

You are in the society to improve it.

So we make enough gain to prosper, to remain in business, and to keep going, so that loss does not enter our soul.

But you know what these cities do?

When you enter the market, anything you are selling, there is already a system there that determines the price. Whether you like it or not, you must follow.

And if you don't have the influence to say no, they will force you to.

So whether it's in governance, or it's in the place where we do trade and commerce, or even in the media, there are many young ladies today who say they are influencers on the media, and you find them naked.

Somebody is talking about leadership, the whole breast is outside because she knows there's a culture, there's a norm that if you are not naked as a woman, nobody will listen to you.

And then they fall because they don't understand that it's an intelligence of spirit cities.

Romans chapter 1, if you read verses 21–32, I can't read it. You are going to discover that this is how spirit cities work.

So any territory you enter, believe me, you must find values and norms that have become cultures.

These are the first things you will find.

2. Through Trade Systems

Number two, how do they influence territories and the marketplace in particular?

It is through trade systems.

Trade systems.

So when you enter a territory, these beings would have created structures that shut down inspiration.

They make you feel, “This is how it has been. This is how it will always be. This is the only way it works.”

So if you are not careful, you become stereotyped.

They deliver to you the patterns, the templates, the patents for which business can be done.

Whether it's governance, whether it's buying and selling, whether it's media, they make you feel, “If you don't do it like this, you can't excel.”

The danger of it is that if they tell you how it should be done, then anything they tell you must be added.

If you don't, you can't succeed.

So when you go there, while you can adopt what is good and what is working, you must be open to inspiration because God can give you inspiration that is not consistent with the patterns adopted in the market.

3. Through Seduction

Number three, how do they exert influence?

Through seduction.

Seduction for gain and for leadership.

So when you get into the space, the spirits begin to teach you or tell you about shortcuts.

“If you do this and do this, you can be in charge.”

“If you do this and do this...”

They want you to violate process.

They bring seduction.

They bring:

“Oh, if only you gave these people a bribe, your goods would have entered the market in two weeks instead of in three months.”

And then you come under pressure.

You come under pressure.

Relax.

Promotion does not come from the west, the east, or the south.

It cometh from the Lord.

So they influence territories through seduction for gain and for influence or leadership.

God will give you gain.

God will give you leadership.

But don't get it through the way of the devil because it's a channel that spirit cities use.

4. Through Mindsets

Number four, how do they exert dominion?

Mindset.

The moment you enter, they give you a mindset. Do you know even ministries—some ministries are under the influence of Babylon?

Do you know some ministries are under the influence of Egypt?

I've seen pastors who are struggling. They've done everything they need, everything they know to do. They can't succeed, and so they come under pressure.

And then, because there is already a mindset, it becomes easy to compromise.

So the four basic ways by which spirits or spirit cities influence marketplace apostles are:

Number one, through cultures—values, morals, and norms that are instituted as cultures.

Number two, through economic pathways:

“This is how it must be done; otherwise, you can't succeed.”

Number three, through seduction for quick gain and leadership.

And then number four, through mindsets.

They sell mindsets to you, and people, because of those mindsets, shut the door against themselves.

Come under pressure, and you discover that they can no longer excel because spirit cities are real.

Because spirit cities have diverse influences that I have enumerated here.

Because spirit cities have pathways of exerting influence.

The Forces That Give the Marketplace Apostle Advantage

You who are the marketplace apostle, what are the forces you must deploy in order for them not to make a slave out of you?

Because I don't have time, I'm going to give you generic forces.

If I had time, I would have shown you how to deal with Babylon, how to deal with Sodom, how to deal with Egypt, how to deal with Nineveh, how to deal with Tyre.

But I don't have time.

So what I'll do is give you generic forces that God has given us as an advantage.

If you miss them, you may struggle with one city or the other.

The Consciousness of Your Identity and Location

Number one is the consciousness of your identity and location.

You are not—you are not the only ones that operate.

There are also cities in light, the same way there are cities in darkness.

So you must also understand that although you are in the marketplace, you are also functioning from a spirit city, and then you must understand who you are in that city.

Identity of self and location is critical.

How did Elijah—why was Elijah not intimidated by Ahab?

He had a consciousness of his own location.

He was standing in the palace.

First Kings 17:1.

Everybody who stood there were oppressed by Ahab.

But Elijah said, “No, I know where I’m standing beyond your palace.”

And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab:

“As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand...”

You are seen in your palace, but I’m standing somewhere superior to your palace.

I know where I am standing.

If you don't have the consciousness of who you are and the city where you belong, you cannot dominate in this battle.

I showed you already Hebrews 12:22.

He said:

“But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem...”

See your advantages.

Innumerable company of angels.

That's not all.

Verse 23:

“To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven...”

You are the backing of the Church.

That's not all.

He said:

“And to God the Judge of all...”

Are you seeing your advantages?

The moment you know you are in your own city:

An innumerable company of angels.

The general assembly of the Church of the firstborn.

God who is the Judge of all.

And then spirits of just men made perfect.

I'm not afraid if I'm in a territory where Babylon is controlling.

Daniel has defeated Babylon before.

I am in a city where Daniel still lives.

I'm not afraid if I'm in a city where the prince of Persia rules.

Michael—I'm in a company where Michael still exists.

That's why you must know where you are.

And that's not all.

Go to the next verse.

He said:

“And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.”

So there is the backing of the New Covenant.

The blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than the blood of Abel.

You know, you go to the market, you think all you have are your certificates and your experiences.

“I studied in Harvard.”

“I studied in Yale.”

“I studied in Oxford.”

“I've done this thing for fifteen years.”

Sir, if you meet a demon, you'll be cut off.

In addition to all of those beautiful credentials, in addition to that strategic experience, you need to have a consciousness that you are standing in a superior city.

That's why you can sit in the marketplace and tell yourself:

“I have more on my side than they have on their side.”

When Elisha was to be arrested—I think that's 2 Kings 6:17—the king sent an army to arrest Elisha.

Gehazi was afraid.

“We are done for. We are finished.”

He said, “Relax. There's more on our side.”

What was the audacity?

He knew that he was not alone. You need to go into the market with a new consciousness:

“I am in a boardroom, but I am in the New Jerusalem.

I'm in the heavenly Jerusalem.

I'm in the midst of an innumerable company of angels.

I'm in the midst of the Judge of all.

I'm in the midst of spirits of just men made perfect.

I'm in the midst of the general assembly of the Church of the firstborn.”

You are not alone.

Never have the mentality that you are alone, and never depend on anything outside of God.

The Consciousness of Who You Are

So, have a consciousness of where you are. And that's not all. Have a consciousness of who you are.

You know what the Bible calls you. There are essential qualities attributed to you, and there are functional qualities attributed to you.

Let me show you four essential qualities.

1. You Are Light

Number one, the Bible says you are light.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:5, the Bible says:

“Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.”

Jesus, in Matthew 5:14, says:

“Ye are the light of the world.”

This is who you are called. You need to have that consciousness that no matter how thick the darkness is, I am a terror to darkness.

Because in John 1:5, it says:

“And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.”

You must be conscious of who you are.

You must be conscious.

2. You Are Wind

Number two, the Bible says you are wind.

John 3:8 says:

“The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

You are the wind.

Can you trap wind?

Because you are wind.

What it means is that you can't be stopped. And what it also means is that you cannot be victimized.

What can you do to wind? Even when you try to shut wind, when you breathe, it comes out.

You are the wind.

You must have the consciousness of who you are.

“I am light. I rule darkness any day, any time.

“I am the wind. I remain influential.”

Nobody can do without wind. Nobody can do without air.

Air must be relevant. So, if I'm there, I'm influential.

3. You Are a Flame of Fire

Number three, the Bible calls you fire—a flame of fire.

Hebrews 1:7 says:

“And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.”

I'm a flame of fire.

You know what that means? I cannot be defiled. I cannot be corrupt.

Fire is always pure. Fire cannot be impure. That's why fire is the instrument used for purification.

And number two, when you touch fire, you are the one who gets hot. You can't hold fire.

So, I can be in the midst of evil; I can't be corrupt. I am pure. I blaze.

And if you want to hurt me, you hurt yourself.

4. You Are a Living Stone

And then number four, you are a rock.

First Peter 2:5 says:

“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.”

You are a lively stone.

Essentially, this is who you are.

If you don't have this consciousness, you will fail in the marketplace.

There are things you will confront that you need to become light. There are things you confront that you need to become wind. You can't be trapped.

There are things you confront that you need to become a flame of fire. Touch me at your peril.

And there are things you confront that you need to become like rock.

First Peter 2:5 says you are a lively stone.

Nothing can shake you.

No compromise.

This is the flexibility and the versatility you require in order to be an effective apostle in the marketplace.

Your Functional Identity

And then, functionally speaking, the Bible says you are a king.

In Revelation 1:6, it says:

“And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

He washed us. He made us kings and priests.

And in Ecclesiastes 8:4, he said:

“Where the word of a king is, there is power.”

When I talk, there's authority.

I don't just deliberate. I release authority.

I'm a king.

He didn't say, “You will become.”

He said, “He made us kings and priests.”

And he said, “Where the word of a king is, there is power.”

So, I'm a king.

Anywhere I talk, there's power.

Sir, we are rulers.

You Are a Priest

Functionally speaking, he said, “You are a priest.”

Who is a priest?

A priest is one who represents God to people and represents people before God.

So, a priest has the power to bring God on the scene or carry a scene before God.

That means I can enter a business room and bring the atmosphere of heaven there.

The guy who came with charm, his charm will spoil.

This is consciousness.

I'm beginning with consciousness because that's where it starts from.

See Elijah.

First Kings 17:1 says:

“As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand...”

Before God, who might stand?

Who told you you could bring God there? Who told you you could bring heaven there?

He's a priest.

You Are an Ambassador of Christ

And then number three, the Bible calls us ambassadors of Christ.

Second Corinthians 5:20 says:

“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ...”

Paul knew he was an ambassador.

The question is, do you know?

Second Corinthians 5:20 says, “Now are we ambassadors of Christ.”

We are ambassadors.

Paul knew he was one, but it's not the prerogative of Paul.

Anybody who represents God is an ambassador of Christ.

Now, who is an ambassador?

An ambassador is a legal entity that represents his kingdom in another territory.

When I enter the marketplace, I represent my kingdom.

And because of that, I have diplomatic cover. I have diplomatic advantage.

If you touch me, there will be backing from heaven.

Functionally speaking, that's who we are.

We are kings.

We are priests.

We are ambassadors.

The Consciousness of Kingdom Representation

You need to understand this.

If you are in the marketplace, I was speaking to a friend who works with the United Nations. They had a meeting, and usually when they have some of these meetings where they go into diverse delegations with representatives—different representatives from different nations—he said, “There's this guy that always shows up, and when he shows up, he smells like fish, but nobody detects it. He's the only one who perceives it.”

And his job is to initiate people.

UN officials initiate that, so people can come to represent their country. They don't know what they become.

And God told him he is not a human being. He came from the waters.

The day he confronted the man, the man was scared of him. And everybody was shocked. Nobody challenges this man.

He said, "I know his reality. I come from a superior kingdom."

And the man knew that this one came from somewhere.

If you don't have that consciousness, you think it's buying and selling you are going for with experience and credentials. You may be cut off in the marketplace.

You can shake somebody and be paralyzed.

So, why is it important to understand the place of buying and selling, the game of power? Why is it critical?

You must understand that all of those are the platforms. The real transaction is beyond it.

And you must know who you are.

Philemon 1:6 says:

"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus."

So, you must operate with the consciousness of who you are and where you come from.

Engage Faith in Everything You Do

Number two, you must engage faith in everything you do.

It is too critical.

You know, most of us think faith is all about casting out devils and healing the sick.

You need more faith in the marketplace than I need in church.

Because in church, the whole church can pray and things can happen.

When you are in the marketplace, you need a lot of faith.

Even the consciousness I just told you—it will take faith for you to believe that you went with that level of authority.

And then faith is what will make you venture into a business and know it will work.

Faith is what will make you start a company.

Faith is what will make you pick the form for a political position.

If you don't have all the faith, you'll be waiting for everything to be set before you take steps.

What will move you to action is faith.

No matter what we teach you, you can never take action if the things you see paralyze you.

The reason why you know this is the valley of the shadow of death, yet you will enter and know that you will dominate, is faith.

Look at what the psalmist said in Psalm 23:4–5.

He said:

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

Verse five is what blew my mind.

He said:

“Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.”

So, I can be in abundance where they hate me.

When you enter the marketplace, whether it is in governance, whether it is in commerce, whether it's in media, whether it's in academia, wherever you find yourself, you are going to need a lot of faith to survive and to keep advancing.

It takes faith.

And this type of faith is not talking faith.

It's acting faith.

Because James 2:19–20 says:

“Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.”

He says:

“But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?”

In verse 26, he says:

“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”

Some of you, by now, should have started two other companies in addition to what you are doing, but the faith is not there.

You have discerned that it's time, but the faith is not there.

You are saying the money is not there, this is not there, that is not there.

Those of us who are in ministry, you think we have it cheap? We take actions of faith.

We take actions of faith.

Faith Requires Movement

I said I was going for a meeting in Australia, which I will be going for on the 29th and 30th of this month.

And then I said, “We are going to Australia.”

Fiji is close. “Let's go to Fiji Island.”

“Don't worry, you don't need the flight.”

I'm not advertising. I'm just teaching something.

Now, they told me the fee for the hall in Australia alone is \$60,000.

And then I said, “I'm adding Fiji.”

And then while we were discussing that, two weeks to the end of last month, I said, “Oh, let's go to Southern Africa.”

We added Botswana.

We added Zimbabwe.

We added Tanzania.

Oh, as we were talking, “Let's add the United Kingdom.”

We added it.

You need to hear the bill.

When they showed me the bill, I started laughing.

I didn't even have the cash.

But guess what?

I took steps.

As we took steps, somebody wrote.

Now, we added Netherlands. We are going to Netherlands also in July, and Netherlands alone is €31,000.

The moment I took steps, a woman rose and said, “I'm paying for the hall in Netherlands.”

Somebody called from South Africa, “I'm paying for the hall in Botswana.”

Somebody from Zambia, “I'm paying for the hall in Zambia.”

Really?

But we don't just move—we don't just speak because we have money.

We move.

The money joins us.

You will need that faith in business.

Some of you, you have not started what you should have started two years ago because you are waiting. If that person who promised me—say, keep talking. Dr. Joyce is here; she will testify. Six years or seven years ago, they sat with me. I told them on a Zoom call I wanted to start doing crusades.

We needed a bill of over 100 million.

I didn't have 10 million.

Guess what?

Nobody gave me a dime.

But we kept pushing. Today, we have bought equipment for crusades worth more than 400 million. The marketplace—you need more faith in the marketplace to start a business, to keep moving. When everybody writes you off, when you start and say you want to start a company, some people will laugh.

If you don't have faith, it will die. The reason why you continue when nobody believes you is faith. The reason why you continue in the face of opposition is faith. The reason why you start two businesses and lose and still continue to invest in the third one is faith.

And guess what?

You don't need special faith.

You already have faith.

You know why?

The faith you have now is the faith of Jesus.

In Galatians 2:20, Paul said:

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me...”

He said:

“...the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”

Paul said he lived by the faith of the Son of God.

Now, 2 Corinthians 4:13, Paul said that faith that he has is the faith that all of us have.

He said:

“We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.”

So, Paul said, “I have the faith of Jesus.”

He now says we all have the faith of Jesus.

And then Romans 12:3, the latter part, says:

“...God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”

So, God gave all of us the faith of His Son.

And then of our destiny, the problem with you is that you are not acting.

If you will live in the marketplace, you will need faith.

The reason why they tell you, “If you don't pay this bribe, this company will die,” and you don't pay, and you still go forward, is faith.

The reason why they tell you, “If you don't sacrifice this virgin, if you don't bow to this man, you will fail and lose the election,” and you continue and you don't do it, is faith.

So, you need faith in the marketplace.

As much as I need faith, my own faith may be to open blind eyes.

Your own faith is to start five companies when you don't even have capital.

Your own faith is to go and buy and start the process of buying a share—a share worth \$1 million—when you just have \$5,000, hoping that one day you become the major shareholder.

That's your faith.

And it will keep moving you if you give it room, so that they don't make you compromise to get to the height where you should get to.

3. Discernment: Seeing Beyond the Surface

Number three, I'm trying to round up. I'm seeing that we're out of time. It is discernment.

You must learn to see things beyond the surface level.

Discernment.

The Bible says in 1 Chronicles 12:32 that the sons of Issachar were:

“...men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do...”

The heads of them were 200, and all their brethren were at their commandment.

See, if you have faith without discernment, you will take foolish actions because you'll just be taking steps and thinking everything is about boldness.

No.

You need discernment to balance faith.

You need discernment, sound judgment, and judgment beyond the mental realm.

You need it in business.

It puts you in charge.

The Bible says the heads of them were 200. All their brethren were at their commandment.

You should be able to look at a business: it's going to give you a 300 percent return, but something tells you, "Don't."

And you have trained it, and you don't.

Then you hear that those who went into it lost.

It's discernment.

These are the weapons we take into the marketplace.

I'm sure I'm going to come back to you again. I'm going to ask Dr. Joyce. I need to come back to teach you how to develop these weapons.

But you need discernment.

Discernment.

Discernment.

You need it.

These are the weapons to deploy.

It puts you in charge. It makes you invincible. It gives you strategic advantage.

Discernment.

4. Wisdom: Knowing How to Apply Understanding

Number four, you need wisdom.

While discernment is the ability to see into the spirit realm and to make sound judgment, wisdom is the pragmatic or productive application of understanding.

If you learn anything, you should know how to apply it.

Discernment will tell you where and when.

Wisdom will tell you how to apply it.

And when you apply wisdom, you become a ruler.

Look at Daniel.

By wisdom, he became a ruler.

They called it the excellent spirit.

They called it sound wisdom.

Daniel 5:11–13.

Wisdom.

And you have it.

I just need to show you how to sustain it now.

Can we get it?

Daniel. Daniel. Not Galatians.

Come on. We're out of time.

Daniel, help me fast.

He said:

“There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods...”

And:

“...light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him...”

Immediately, Nebuchadnezzar made him ruler.

Look at Joseph when he manifested wisdom.

Genesis 41, and then Psalm 105:17–21.

The Bible said:

“He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant.”

He said:

“Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron.”

He said:

“Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.”

He said:

“The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free.”

Psalm 105:17–21.

He said:

“He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance.”

He did this:

“To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.”

Wisdom.

What did Joseph do?

He gave wisdom.

The moment wisdom spoke, he took charge.

You need it.

And the Bible says we have it.

In 1 Corinthians 2:12–14 and 16, the Bible says we have not received the spirit that is of this world. We have received the Spirit that is of God.

We know the things freely given to us by God.

He said:

“Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

He said:

“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God... neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

Verse 16 says:

“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.”

We judge all things.

When you enter the market, tell yourself:

“I have wisdom beyond my contemporaries.

“I have wisdom beyond these people.”

Solomon had wisdom. The Bible said all the princes of the East brought their merchandise to him. You need wisdom.

How do you engage a customer?

How do you engage an influential person?

How do you put yourself out there?

How do you brand yourself?

What's the branding behind what you are doing?

How do you communicate in different scenarios?

The Bible says wisdom makes a man's face to shine.

Glory to God. That means wisdom sponsors favor. So, number four is wisdom.

5. Kingdom Value Systems

Number five is value systems.

You must live by the culture of the Kingdom.

Before you enter the market, you must tell yourself:

“I will live righteously.

“I will live holy.

“I will not compromise.

“I will follow process.

“I will not do anything God does not sanction.”

If you don't have those boundaries, you will be swept off.

When you see money, when you see power—hope you know Satan tempted Jesus with power.

That means Satan knows that any man can be tempted with it.

Even Jesus, he dared to tempt Him with power and the glories of this world.

When you see the glories of this world, if you don't live by values and if you don't benchmark your operation by those values, you will fall in the marketplace.

You will fall.

But God will help somebody here tonight.

Value systems:

“I won't cheat anybody.

“I won't compromise.

“I won't cut corners.

“I won't defile my body.”

You need to enter the market with those value systems.

You need to.

6. Personal Consecration

Number six, personal consecration.

Don't let your business swallow your altar.

Your altar should sustain your business.

Daniel 1:8—he was in Babylon, but he was praying every day.

The man lived a consecrated life.

He said he would not defile himself.

He was consecrated in his body, and he was consecrated in his altar.

If you study Daniel 6:10–11, Daniel prayed three times in one day, facing Jerusalem.

He was consecrated.

See, some of you, you just made 10 million shillings, 50 million shillings, 100 million shillings, and you can't pray anymore.

You can't fast.

You can't read the Bible.

Even when God creates a group like this where you can be reminded to be consecrated,
no, no, no, no time.

“No time, no time.”

Until Satan strikes.

It's not your portion.

But you need your altar to be alive.

Go and check the Bible.

Abraham had a functional altar; he prospered.

Isaac had a functional altar; he prospered.

Jacob stumbled on the altar of Abraham; he prospered.

You need altars.

And that's where priesthood comes in.

Priesthood.

You need to carry God's presence, carry God's favor into the business.

It will take priesthood to provoke it.

Look at Genesis 39.

If you read verses 2 to 5, you're going to see how Joseph prospered.

The favor of God was with him because God was with him.

It says:

“And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.”

Next verse:

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

It says:

“And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house...”

So, Joseph was always ruling, but there was a priesthood.

God was with him.

He had a place where he encountered his God, and he carried the dimension of God into wherever he went.

Don't lose your priesthood.

Don't lose your consecration.

Don't lose it.

If you lose it, the market will become too hostile for you.

The attacks are enormous.

Family members, your health, your business—they are enormous.

You need to be an impregnable fortress.

Exercise Spiritual Authority

And as I round up, you need to always consciously exercise authority.

Always consciously exercise authority.

Even in your normal, harmless communication, somebody tells you, “This business, I think it will fail.”

“My business does not fail.”

Don't respond to things naively.

Somebody says, “You will see. Not me. You die in three days.”

Let them know that when it has to do with you, you are an authority in the spirit.

Be authoritative.

Let demons flee when you come around.

Don't say you are entering a business and just go.

Take five minutes.

Speak in tongues.

“Lord, as I enter there, my eyes are burning with fire. Every word from my lips carries power.”

And as you are talking, you'll be like their commander.

I'm telling you, if you think you are being overwhelmed, defeated, or you are making the wrong decision, withdraw.

Charge yourself.

Return with authority.

Always bind forces.

When you see anything not normal happening, in the name of Jesus:

“I take authority over the atmosphere.

“I rebuke fear.

“I rebuke confusion.

“I go forward by the power of God.”

Take authority over the business.

Take authority over the territory.

Take authority over the atmosphere.

“I come by the blood of Jesus.

“I am invincible to the devil.

“The blood that speaketh better things than the blood of Abel has arrested this territory for me.

“In the name of the Lord Jesus, I command the dark cloud to shift.

“No confusion.

“No mistakes.

“No failure.

“No contradiction.”

Declare.

Sanitize your atmosphere.

Authority.

Never take it for granted.

Be conscious that you have authority.

And as you do it, you'll be shocked how you dominate the market.

Listen, my platform is a pulpit in church.

Your platform is the business that God has given you in the marketplace.

Shine from there.

The Bible says in 1 Peter 2:9:

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”

I pray for you tonight: the grace to be a worthy ambassador of Christ is released upon you in the name of Jesus.

Prophetic Prayer for the Marketplace

Whatever force has negated, has in the past or is currently negating your progress or your rising, I decree in the name of Jesus, they are terminated now.

Rise up above the limitation of the spirit city regulating your territory and the sphere of your business.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bring you speed.

I bring you favor.

I bring you wisdom.

I bring you the atmosphere of God's presence.

As you return to where God has mandated and planted you, begin to dominate in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let there be a shift in your business.

Oh my God, I see something like a lead opening up.

Whatever has covered you, whatever covering has shielded your ministry, your business, I decree it opens in the name of Jesus.

And I decree and declare, let there be an awakening of the spirit of faith.

I see somebody entering the realms of the millions of dollars.

I don't know the business field you are in.

I don't know the parastatal that you are in.

I don't know the mountain of influence where you are planted.

But let the forces of the realm begin to aggregate in your favor—from wisdom to favor to honorable partnership with men.

Let the forces begin to aggregate.

And as you diligently labor in the name of Jesus, let that realm open to you.

Thank you, my Father.

Somebody has just been handed a scepter of authority.

You are in government and governance.

You are in leadership.

I decree, rise up to the top in the name of the Lord Jesus.

It's a new season for you.

Blessings, blessings, blessings.

It comes upon you and it overtakes you in Jesus' matchless name.

We have declared.

Amen.

Glory to God.

Amen.

Closing Remarks

Thank you so much, God's servant. It's been an honor to share fellowship with you and your team this evening.

Thank you for the opportunity. I believe God will do great and mighty things in the name of the Lord Jesus.

When next I have the opportunity to come again, I'll take time to show you how to build into all of these things step by step.

And we trust that the Lord will help us in the name of Jesus.

I just pray that God will zoom into what we have shared this evening and bring you greater light in Jesus' mighty name.

Amen.



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