



## MARKETPLACE APOSTLES

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***I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven...Matthew 16:19***

***New wine must be poured into new wineskins... Luke 5:38***

To activate, impart, equip, encourage, mature, disciple, father, and network and connect Kingdom marketplace leaders in business and finance, shifting the spiritual atmosphere over strategic regions and cities.

The Holy Spirit is calling the valley of dry bones together (Ezek. 37) in the marketplace to rise up and come to life, to connect and knit together, to align into unity of purpose and order, to prosper and multiply, and to deploy strategically to conquer and occupy territory (spheres of influence and authority) as a vast end time army of the Lord. It is a set and appointed time for the Church. These are governmental gatherings where apostolic leaders declare, decree, legislate, negotiate, set policy, plan the future, discuss issues, enter into agreements and treaties, and form alliances and coalitions. As such, it is an intentional, strategic assembly of warriors, leaders and generals who are supernaturally taking the Kingdom of God by force and advancing it in the marketplace on earth as it is in Heaven.

In order for Kingdom wealth transfer to happen, character, maturity, wisdom, discernment, and understanding must be developed and evidenced in the lives of Christian leaders in the marketplace so that we become stewards rather than owners of the resources God has entrusted to us, and that Mammon, Greed, Fear and Poverty have no hold on, place in, or power over us.

It is not the same for us to exercise a measure of faith, to operate in a measure of anointing, or to use a spiritual gift as it is for God to do as He wills with His power. What took us a decade to build with the anointing can be finished in a week or day if we consistently dwell in the Glory! In this dimension, it would be God, not my faith or anointing in operation.

A radical new economic vision is urgently needed.

### **I. My Calling as “Apostle of Wealth” and the Journey in It and Your Connection With It.**

- Noah landed on mount “Ararat” (*reverse of the curse*)
- The Family Business: as ONE – ONENESS
  - a) The work of God in redeeming the world
  - b) God’s work restoring a broken, twisted and distorted world to its original design.
  - c) The project of bringing God’s protection, leadership and blessing into all of life.
  - d) Advancing the kingdom of God through work/business.
  - e) Establishing God’s dominion on earth.

<sup>1</sup> *In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk-better yet, run!-on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere.*

<sup>2</sup> *And mark that you do this with humility and discipline-not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, <sup>3</sup> alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.*

<sup>4</sup> *You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly.*

<sup>5</sup> *You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with ONENESS.*

**Ephesians 4:1-6 (Message)**

- My Joseph vision: Israel (*church*) / Marketplace (*marketplace apostles*). This presentation proposes a way forward through five strategies:
    - Embed Relational Values
    - Strengthen Household Balance Sheets,
    - Empower Extended Families,
    - Engage Capital Providers
    - Entrust welfare to Spiritual Households.
  - Like King Arthur and King David, I saw myself surrounded with sons (*knights/marketplace apostles*) at the round table.
- 2. The Problem with Judges 21:25; at that time there was no king in Israel. People did whatever they felt like doing.**
- Winners in life have special qualities which set them apart from 98% of the population.
- 3. Secret Organizations in Babylon and Their Commitment to a Code of Honour.**
- We want wealth with no calling, code and no honour. We HAVE to stand for what is right!
- 4. Proverbs 3:- 1<sup>st</sup> Fruit and Honour (notes)**
- 5. Four “P’s”**
- **Promise**
  - **Principle** – if you are willing and obedient
- Keep and live out the entire commandment that I'm commanding you today so that you'll live and prosper and enter and own the land that GOD promised to your ancestors. (Deut. 8:1)*
- **Problem.** Dessert (*hose pipe vs rain of God*)
- Remember every road that GOD led you on for those forty years in the wilderness, pushing you to your limits, testing you so that he would know what you were made of, whether you would keep his commandments or not. (Deut. 8:2)*
- **Provision.** God wants to enlarge our capacity to be stewards (son) of and end time wealth.

<sup>14</sup> *Make sure you don't become so full of yourself and your things that you forget GOD, your God, the God who delivered you from Egyptian slavery; <sup>15</sup> the God who led you through that huge and fearsome wilderness, those desolate, arid badlands crawling with fiery snakes and scorpions; the God who gave you water gushing from hard rock; <sup>16</sup> the God who gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never heard of, in order to give you a taste of the hard life, to test you so that you would be prepared to live well in the days ahead of you.*

<sup>17</sup> *If you start thinking to yourselves, "I did all this. And all by myself. I'm rich. It's all mine!"- <sup>18</sup> well, think again. Remember that GOD, your God, gave you the strength to produce all this wealth so as to confirm the covenant that he promised to your ancestors-as it is today.*

<sup>19</sup> *If you forget, forget GOD, your God, and start taking up with other gods, serving and worshiping them, I'm on record right now as giving you firm warning: that will be the end of you; I mean it- destruction.*

**Deuteronomy 8:14-19, Message**

Society seems to have lost control over the economic forces which have generated prosperity.

## **6. God Will Shortly Bring It To Pass.**

- **Genesis 41:14-16, 25, 32, 37-41; Acts 7:8-10 ; Daniel 9:2-4**
- The Church is not to speculate the Word of God. We are to submit to the sovereign, ABSOLUTE spoken word brought by the servant of God.

Spiritual fathers are neither philologists nor entertainers. They are the voice of God. God is speaking from a higher order. It's not from a speculative level – it's from a **covenant level** and where He will shortly bring it to pass. God will not enforce what we can do – He enforces His covenant plan – quickly. Always the absolute level for the sake of the covenant – His glory!

Even after Joseph's two dreams, it looked and felt as though he missed it, but God spoke. Crisis is not the measurement for the authenticity of the Word. The coming out of prison suddenly was not a miracle for Joseph, it was a covenant command. God is committed to His covenant Word, not my feelings, emotions or opinion. God's Word is absolute with absolute measures and order. Darkness has no place or say in God's absolute covenant Word.

Align with God's absolute covenant Word!