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Two systems, two kingdoms

There exist today two opposing kingdoms on the earth: one is the kingdom of God and the other is the kingdom of darkness. All the rule and authority of men (and systems of their invention) are under the kingdom of darkness. One day the rule and reign of Jesus will be firmly established on the earth (1 Cor 15:27, 28).

When the Lord spoke to me about His anointing for the business world, He showed me the two contrasting ways in which the two opposing kingdoms worked. To understand this we need to go back to the beginning of creation. There we see that God created man to enjoy all the fruit of His provision. Man was to keep the garden of Eden but it was only when man fell into sin that he has to toil all the rest of his life and eat bread by the sweat of his brow (Gen 3:17-19).

Ever since then, the world system evolved to be independent of God. Today's world system of working 9am to 5pm five days a week and for many individuals even more than these and at odd times, too is not part of the perfect plan of God. While it is clear that laziness should never be condoned as Paul says if a man does not work let him not eat (2 Thess 3:8-12), a large part of toiling has occupied mankind in the daily toil for food, clothing and shelter - which all passes away. And while it once took the one spouse to earn a living, now it takes both spouses to earn a living to bring in

Those who come to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him diligently (Heb 11:6).

Many people who claim to be faithful to point one above fail in this area. They do not spend time with God. Notice that Bible people like Joseph and Daniel are diligent in seeking and trusting the Lord and God put all the wealth of the world in their control. Although there is effort and work in seeking God, it is not our works but His working in and through us in prayer and spiritual diligence (Eph 2:10; 1 Cor 15:10).

3. Let the peace of God rule in our hearts and mind. In a short passage from Matthew 6:25-34, we are admonished "not to worry" six times. The cares of this life has the ability to choke God's word - both spoken and written - out of our lives resulting in an inability to hear God (Luke 8:14). It is very important to develop the ability to hear God, to know where He wants us to be, what He wants us to do in order to tap upon His supernatural provision. Only when our hearts and minds are garrisoned by His supernatural peace can we receive His supernatural provision (Phil 4:6, 7). It is after all, the God of peace who will put Satan under our sufficient income.

Life is more than food and the body more than raiment (Matt 6:25). Note that the birds of the air <u>neither sow</u>, nor reap, nor gather into barns yet our heavenly Father feeds them (Matt 6:26). Jesus was pointing to a higher dimension of living which is not just for those called to fulltime ministry. His death on the cross was for the redemption of every one of us from the curse of the law (Gal 3:13).

It is possible to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and have everything we need in this life added unto us (Matt 6:33). In the last days, as the world gets darker and God's army has to bear witness to His Word, there will be supernatural provisions for God's people so that they can give all their time to sharing the Word of God and bearing witness to Jesus before the end of this age. Every one who is a part of the army of God will have their provisions provided for.

How does one move from the worldly system of provision to the supernatural provision of God? Jesus outlines the steps in His Sermon on the Mount.

1. Money must not be our God (Matt 6:24). God will test us to see how attach we are to money. If a person cannot even be faithful to the simple laws of tithing and giving, it is doubtful that the person can be free from the god of money. Whatever justification a person uses to hold on to their tithes, all a person succeeds in doing is just keeping or controlling the money for themselves. (Note: we never can give our tithes, we pay our tithes for it never belong to us in the first place – Malachi 3:8-10). In the law of giving, it is God who many times gives us extra to sow and not to keep. God supplies the seed for the sower and bread for food and He feet (Rom 16:20).

4. Put God's kingdom and His righteousness above all else on the earth (Matt 6:33). This includes forsaking all sin and unrighteousness. As the Holy Spirit convicts you of any areas of sin and righteousness, be willing to give them up and allow Him to fill the void in your life with His presence. The seeking of God's kingdom has to be our ultimate pleasure and goal. This also includes giving up all our self-righteousness and walking in humility before Him. Pride is the greatest of all sin and will

lead to your downfall. And pride hides in all manner of subtle ways. Watch what you say and how you are saying it in your relationship to others — is there a hidden pride somewhere deep inside? God opposes the proud and exalts the humble. The meek (not the proud) shall inherit the earth.

5. Rely on the Holy Spirit – His leading and His power. The blessings of Abraham will come to us through the Holy Spirit (Gal 3:14). Every time there is a paradigm shift in the Bible, has always been God's supernatural provision for the new move. In the move out of Egypt, God provides Egyptian gold abundantly for the Israelites to build a nation (Gen 15:14). In the establishment of the kingdom of Israel in David and Solomon's time, there was so much gold that silver was considered worthless (2 Chron 1:15; 9:20). In speaking of the restoration of Israel (which in dual fulfilment applies to the last day church), the Lord promises abundance and the wealth of the Gentiles (Isa 60:5). And it will all be accomplished not by human might, nor by human power but rather <u>supplies</u> and multiply the seed sown (2 Cor 9:10).

2. Trust in the Lord for His provision and rely not on our own carnal works or self-effort but on spiritual works and grace. This includes giving up our own "cleverness" or "wisdom" for all the wisdom of man is as foolishness to God (1 Cor 1:19). Part of trusting in God is being diligent and dependent on spiritual principles for His provision. As the birds of the air have to fly to wherever the Father provides food, so do we have to fly on the wings of prayer to the grace of God's provision. Trusting in God is not being lazy and simply lying around waiting on God. It involves the hard work of hours of prayer and persistent diligence in the seeking of God.

by the power of the Holy Spirit (Zech 4:6).

Can you imagine what the last days will be like? Will the believers of God still be toiling away 9am-5pm on their daily jobs up to the very last second before His coming? Will we be like in the days of Noah still marrying and giving in marriage, buying and selling? Or will we be like the army of God, supernaturally provided for and gathered in teams moving to and fro upon the earth proclaiming the great and mighty coming of the Lord?

The Lord has revealed to me His great desire to see this last day army raised and ready for His use for the last days revival. Be faithful to where you are and what you have at present. But enlarge your faith for the supernatural provision of God as the end time draws near. The kingdom of God is at hand!

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