



New Venue for Kingdom Expansion

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Love is the greatest mystery in the world. There is no other force or power in the world as great as love. Love will cause us to give up our very lives. Only after love motivates us to die to our self-focused life, can we know resurrection life. Just as Jesus gave up His life for others and was resurrected to a far greater life, we will experience a far greater life now on earth as love motivates us to selflessly serve. The Babylonian-style world cannot comprehend the value of the love of God. It is a mystery to the people of Babylon.

The love of God will cause us to lay down our lives for our brothers. We will **seek to provide** for our brothers' needs. Jesus' love coming forth in us will cause us to **serve one another**. We become humble servants and not proud rulers. We keep His commandments to love God and love one another.

The desire to serve stemming from love is the foundation of kingdom enterprise. We serve Jesus as we serve mankind by providing for peoples' needs. We are able to do a good job of providing because love has ordered our lives. Love brings unity and cooperation that enables greater production. **We are to do good to all people but especially to the people of God.**

Gal 6:10: Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

The Expanding Kingdom of Love and Power

The future of the expanding kingdom of God will look very different from the beginning planting and sprouting of the kingdom that came through Christian churches, ministries, and schools. The practical gospel of the kingdom will not fully grow into the world through the venue of religious church and ministry type structures. Kingdom expansion and discipleship is of such a practical, real-life nature that it must flow through practical real-life venues apart from the religion focused structures. God is Spirit and His kingdom originates from the spiritual realm and flows into the natural realm. His spiritual kingdom is manifest in practical reality on the earth. It is a "down to earth" kingdom from heaven that operates by love.

In the western world our way of thinking about the kingdom of God needs to be renewed. Our compartmentalized view of life is not the way of God. The separation between secular and sacred is not God's idea and does not exist in the reality of kingdom understanding and practice. Separating God from education, government, business, and other aspects of life is an evil plot of the enemy to prevent the kingdom of God from flowing into our nations.

There will never be a lasting prosperous nation, tribe, or people who exclude God, their creator, from their society and culture. Only that which is of the kingdom of God shall last; all other governments and nations shall eventually fail and will not be found on the face of the earth. **The fatal flaw of western secular nations is separating and locking up the kingdom of God into only the religious segment of the society and culture.**

*Psa 33:12: **Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.***

*Isa 9:6-7: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.***

*Psa 145:13: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.***

*Dan 7:27: **Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.***

Where or what is the new venue or vehicle for expanding the maturing kingdom of God on earth?

The new venue in a broad sense is all of natural life. The invasion of the supernatural spiritual kingdom into the headship of the natural world and all life is the venue of kingdom expansion and maturity.

The primary facility or facilitator of the kingdom transition is business. All of the other major venues are linked to and dependent upon the production and activity of men and women facilitating the means of sustained life on the planet. All aspects of kingdom expansion are dependent on the production of human enterprise or activity under heavenly headship and empowerment. Think about this for a moment. All of the other major factors of life are fed by and dependent upon the production of business. The family is core but cannot function without provision. Government is highly important but cannot function without the provision of business. Education is fundamental but is non-functional without funds derived from business activity. Ministry will not function without the provision or activity of business.

Kingdom expansion cannot come until the division between secular and spiritual is repaired and flow as one to transform all life on earth. The kingdom of God is invading all aspects of our life and world. Human beings filled with the reality of Christ by the Holy Spirit will continue to flow the love and mindset of Christ into the world, changing the way people think and impregnating business and all life with the ways of God.

Business must be radically transformed from the core foundation to the ultimate purpose and production.

Business as we are speaking of it here is every enterprise, work, or production of mankind. All production of goods and services whether financial, educational, medical, entertainment, food production and distribution, manufacturing, transportation, communication, scientific research, energy, construction, all buying and selling, and any other form of industry or commerce or any form of productive enterprise or occupation. Business is what we do.

Transformation has begun among a small portion of business people. A few visionary Christian business people have begun to realize that God has a higher purpose for business than satisfying the lust and greed of self-seeking business owners, operators and shareholders. We will investigate the transformation further in a moment.

The Need of Transformation in Current Business

Western business in general became a Babylonian-style phenomenon based on the need and greed of people. It is in opposition to the New Jerusalem values and style of living. The hearts of men have been trained by ungodly people in ungodly, self-oriented, competitive business principles and practices based upon self-fulfillment, self-glory, lust, greed, and strife. For the most part, business worldwide has become a stronghold of the enemy. It is filled with every foul spirit and has made caged animals of mankind living in bondage, entrapped by their own lustful desires.

In my opinion, this is perhaps one of the greatest robberies of all time. It is as if the world had been raped by a vicious evil conspiracy to create generations of greatly damaged people who are unable to see the reality of love and power of the kingdom of God. Their own strong needs which stem from the abuses of the enemy have blinded their spiritual eyes to the reality of God and His kingdom of love, power, and service.

Without intimate relationship with God by the Holy Spirit, there is a driving continuous inner perception of lack and need that drives people to strive to gain more. Fear of not having enough becomes pride in people who are successful in their quest to gain wealth and power to build their personal kingdom bigger and better than others. However, when other competitors threaten to take some of their kingdom their pride turns back into fear. Thus Babylonian-style businesses and markets are driven by fear and pride stemming from need and greed.

Transition from Babylonian-Style Business to Kingdom Business

Remember there is no compartmentalized view of life in the kingdom of God. God's ultimate purpose for one area of our lives is exactly the same as all others. The many facets of life differ greatly in the specific parts they supply. But all parts fit together to accomplish the same ultimate purpose of establishing the glorious kingdom of God. Man has no ultimate purpose on earth beyond the glory and kingdom of God.

In the religious church-emphasis age a big distinction was made between business and ministry. The purpose and the rules for doing each were very different. In the kingdom emphasis age we are seeing that there is no difference in God's ultimate purpose for either business or ministry. Business was seen as a means of getting and ministry as a means of serving God by meeting needs of people. **In the kingdom of God, both ministry and business have exactly the same basic foundational purpose.**

In the kingdom, the primary purpose of business or ministry is to serve God by providing for the needs of mankind and the world around us.

Kingdom business or ministry is caring for God's people and managing the resources of His earth.

God's love is the primary motivational force of all kingdom business and ministry. Through love, people serve one another.

In the kingdom both ministry and business exist for the primary purpose of meeting needs. The distinction between ministry and business has been the type of needs met. Business people are ministers of God in the kingdom, and we all do business.

In the kingdom business is done by the wisdom, guidance, and empowerment of the Lord and King of the entire kingdom through the Holy Spirit. Yes, all the spiritual gifts can flow through the leadership of elders to proclaim and demonstrate the gospel of the kingdom. Funding for all the needs of the kingdom are funneled through the ekklesia business people. The gatherings of worship are held in the structures of homes, businesses facilities, meeting houses, auditoriums, stadiums, and all areas of life. The purpose and plans of God are paramount everywhere, and the kingdom of God is real and visible to all in every aspect of life. The business of government is provided and funded by godly elders and operates by the love, wisdom, and power of God. **Love serves.**

The next great venue and vehicle of kingdom expansion will be more business and home than religion. The kingdom of God is inseparable from all areas of life in the world and will never again be boxed up in segmented religious structures. **God rules.**

For much more on the kingdom of God reformation of business see Kingdom Growth Guide (#026)

**Keep on pursuing love.
It never fails.**

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