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7 SECRETS TO EFFICIENT BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

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To all the leaders, managers, and workforce striving to find solutions to the socio-economic challenges facing the world. Be encouraged. Your spiritual and economic hyper-growth life on Earth awaits.

"No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it."

-Albert Einstein

Transplanter Nourishment

Commonwealth: A spiritual economic landscape that abides by the laws of a Kingdom government. A Commonwealth has the administrative design of God's economic system that embellishes the principles of sharing and collaboration. It dispels the competitive capitalist model and emphasizes the exchange of ideas to spur growth from others with different cultural backgrounds.

Kingdom: A government *ruled by God* and *managed by His people*. There is no hereditary or arbitrary class distinctions or privileges as every Kingdom citizen has 100% access to everything God has with absolutely no private ownership. It is the belief and/or practice of the idea that all people are socially equal and God-endowed to become productive and fulfill their potential to advance the Kingdom.

INTRODUCTION

In the Kingdom there is no room for greed or malice towards each other.

believe that the key common denominator to the world's economic failures is the big "C." Not cancer. *Capitalism*. Like many forms of cancer, capitalism can also be cured. The economic system of capitalism focuses on individual or corporate ownership of goods and thrives on competition. Although capitalism spurs creativity and entrepreneurship, it is often motivated by profit and greed. The love of money is the root of evil (1 Tim. 6:10). If the global economy continues on its path of serving capitalism over the collaborative sharing model of a Commonwealth, we will continue to drudge in a global economic crises for generations.

I have worked with world leaders in various countries for several years. Most recently, I have spent a great deal of time in Ecuador and Columbia. During my visits, I realized that many of the constant struggles, economic and social issues in South America and around the globe are analogous to the challenges facing the rest of the world. Standing in this gap has convinced me that one of my assignments is to *burst* the erroneous democratic and capitalistic veil wide open and demonstrate the urgency of adopting the Kingdom structure of government, which has the DNA of a Commonwealth cooperation model. You will see that the democratic system of government has become globally popular for all the wrong reasons.

I am also an advocate of the rainforest's ecosystem of adaptation and cooperation. I see it as a divine institution of economic cycles created by God. In a rainforest, every plant, animal and microbe interacts with each other in conjunction with the air, water, soil and minerals of the environment. This godly interaction creates a systematic community of nutrient cycles in order for energy to flow. Everything in the rainforest is recycled from one level to the next—nothing is wasted. This is how a corporate community should work—everyone sharing their gifts and talents for the betterment of the new selfless corporation. The individualistic "I" is buried beneath the surface.

Why speak about a Commonwealth? Because economic, political, and social systems around the world are failing at an alarming rate. A Commonwealth mirrors Kingdom principles since no one owns anything and everyone has equal access to the things of this world—all of which belong to the Father. Over the past few years, I have watched as economies have faltered and nations have revolted. Operating in the Kingdom is a state of mind—a lifestyle. It is a spiritual reality that can turn nations and families back to God. Your new state of mind can turn religions into personal relationships, and bring freedom to all held captive. In Ephesians 2:11-12 Paul says: You are no longer aliens from the Commonwealth of Israel. He is referring to a state of government. Paul is trying to show a picture of how everyone is equal under cooperative capitalism.

Governing yourself according to Kingdom principles by operating as a Commonwealth has the ability to pierce human nature. Christ exists out of the nature of Himself. You exist out of your nature. When you take what is in you and impose it on your land-scape, you will be like a superhero for your generation. I am part of this next generation that says capitalism isn't working, socialism isn't working so we need to utilize a different system. Someone must explain Kingdom business because people cannot find the truth. They want it, but they do not know it is already inside them. Stand up and be counted as a next generation hero.

It's time for a Kingdom conversation on a different level. People need to fully understand that the Kingdom of God is a clear direction. It is our King, telling us to follow Him. He is accountable to

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us and He sets out the blueprint in His Word for us to abide by, on earth *and* in heaven. As a prophet and psychologist, I want to challenge you to think, act, and live like true Kingdom citizens from this day forward. As a Kingdom citizen you have the benefit of governance under a Commonwealth; which means you can collaborate, cooperate, and share with your fellow citizens in order to grow at an alarming rate. Have you really thought about what it means to have equal access to everything? Ownership is really a false concept. For those of you who "own" a home, even if your mortgage is paid off you still have to pay property taxes forever. If you own a car, you still have to pay the insurance.

Look at how left-wing billionaires have rewritten success stories: Bill Gates, Warren Buffet, and Richard Branson have all bashed capitalism over the more important responsibility of taking care of people and our planet. Despite the seemingly hypocritical nature of their stances, at some point, everyone needs to come to a true understanding of what success in life means to them. Wealth cannot be owned, it can only be shared. You can *never* be wealthy if you have private ownership.

Kingship provides us with an understanding of God's culture, governance, and His state in heaven. As co-lords, what you do with your access to the things of God is determined by how you exercise your free will. There is no room for greed and malice in the Commonwealth. Would you steal from yourself? It just doesn't make sense! You can add more value to society and personal wellbeing when you co-exist with God as co-creators.

My job is to introduce the world to an economy that has a spiritual force and gravity in the ancient days of time that is so strong it will rival any gravity that capitalism pulls. I want to re-bridge nations by speaking to the masses and warn them to keep capitalism out of their cultural landscape. I believe that my generation and the next has been called to fill the void, no matter where the void is—the marketplace, schools, churches, hospitals, wherever. I have to fill in the blanks, form a rebellion, and invade territory. I realize

that when I speak my message will not be compatible to you at first, but the Holy Spirit will reveal its truth to you over time.

Now more than ever, the critical dialogue of engaging in a Commonwealth system of government is necessary for today's leaders, managers, and the workforce. Embracing this transition soon will save you time and frustration in the future.

CHAPTER ONE

SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION

WANTED

Believers proclaiming victory as they encounter a Third Heaven experience.

We are spiritual beings on a human journey—not human beings on a spiritual journey.

Lare spiritual. Genesis 1 lays out God's design for the world and introduces us to a reference bigger than ourselves. The most important detail in Genesis 1 is that in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Understanding how heaven connects with your landscape is imperative. Heaven is an expanse, an environment or a territory. There are three heavens: 1) The Atmosphere (Gen. 1:14; Lamentations 4:19; Psalm 78:23); 2) Outer Space, including Earth and other planets (Deut. 17:3; Jer. 8:2; Matt. 24:29); and 3) God's dwelling (Deut. 10:14), (Cor. 12:2,4), (Luke 23:43). As a Kingdom citizen, envisioning where you fit into the heavenly landscapes is critical to your growth as you navigate under a Commonwealth economic system.

Several popular translations of the Bible state that in the beginning God created the Heavens and the earth. Note the "s" at the end of Heavens. All except the King James Version, which omits the "s"

got it right. Such a distinction draws a critical point. The specific heaven that most people are familiar with is the landscape of where Christ lives because that landscape was *before* time—or out of time. Thus, the first landscape is Earth which was not created in Genesis 1, but came later in Genesis 2:10 when water began to come up from Earth. The Earth was *void and without structure* because it was not yet created.

The second Heaven is a landscape that is the home of the adversary; the Prince of Persia. In this second heaven, there is a dark, demonic presence that perpetuates chaos and warfare. It's what I call a very messy estate. It was birthed out of the many social problems we see today. Why would the Creator choose the second heaven if it is the place where the enemy lives? Why would God choose this landscape if it is not the imagery of the landscape that represents His Kingdom? I have asked myself this question several times. God finally revealed the answer. *You are a ruler. In your jobs as a ruler you have been sent to develop the landscape*.

The Kingdom is about God's rule, the Commonwealth is about His economy.

- Dr. Showalter Johnson

Jesus provides a picture of what the second Heaven landscape looks like in the first parable –us being seeds and are placed into a field of four types of soil: i) hard ii) stony; iii) thorny; and iv) good, (Matt. 13). As the farmer sows his seed along the first hard path the birds came and devoured it up. On the second path the seed fell on rocky soil and it grew quickly because the soil was sparse, yet the sun scorched the plants because there was no root. There were other seed that fell on thorns and grew up and choked the plants. Not to worry. Still other seed fell on good soil and produced crops thirty, sixty, and one hundred times what was originally sown. This parable also provides us with examples of the type of individuals a leader will encounter. This same legal or governmental framework

of the Kingdom has been put in place for you to understand that everything in your life is going to be divine like this planted seed if you listen and accept the Word.

Since the second Heaven was here before the planet Earth was formed it was void of distractions—perfect for creative thinking and being led by the Spirit. Your thoughts were downloaded from God on high. If you grasp God's leadership principles and the Commonwealth economics via the rainforest, you can take dark, void, places and creatively think under God's delegated influence. Your newfound understanding will allow you to solve challenging issues, change circumstances, and successfully move beyond the present. Eventually, you will experience dominion over your thoughts and your environment, crushing outside principalities that will no longer control your thinking. Thus, God is saying, if you are going to show off your rule as kings, you must show me how much you are going to develop this dark, chaotic landscape.

As I mentioned, God lives in the third Heaven, *before* time. It is a place where we express that infinite wisdom of this landscape in a perfect state. He sent you to Earth to cultivate it from a spiritual ideology. However, in the natural you can view this Third Heaven not only as a place, but as a marketplace. With your spirit in the Earth He wants you to begin the process of colonizing and creating your own world. I am convinced that God desires for us to transfer what we learned about the third Heaven back to the second Heaven landscape and create a world for Him to visit. If you create it, He will show up.

KINGDOM CITIZENS

Kingdom citizens occupy a royal domain. You have brain power. You have the ability to create new resources and new inventions. The more you *seek*, the more you cause and can fix the world. As Kingdom citizens, you must be willing to be vocal and active when you see injustices. You must call on the strength of the Lion of Judah

to confront greed and cruelty. There are individuals who are sitting in the house of God, but are not receiving the energy. It is just like having a radio and not plugging it into the outlet. Unless you are plugged into the Source, which is God Almighty, all the right words and other actions will have no effect.

William Shakespeare wrote, "My crown is called content. A crown that seldom kings wear." Paul wrote a similar lament, "Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content" (Philippians 4:11). As Kingdom citizens we are to be content in the blessing we have received and discontent with what is happening in the world. We must take a stand against injustice and inequality. We need to be at the right place at the right time saying and doing the right things to bring about the changes that will save people. Kingdom citizens must become the thought leaders and change agents that the world needs.

When Kingdom citizens realize the world within themselves, they begin to move forward, they mount up on eagles' wings and soar into the future. "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31). Kingdom citizens need to get lost in their roles as heirs to the throne and be excited to assume the position on earth that God has prepared for them.

Thoughts are a phase of mind.

- Dr. Showalter Johnson

In explaining the Kingdom, we are examining how to embellish the government that is inside us and how to self-actualize and develop this government. Thoughts are a phase of mind. So as you seek, your thoughts are being developed. As Commonwealth leaders we have to speak God's word to the masses.

Seek Him First

As you saw earlier, Jesus introduces us to several parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. He is telling us that there is a specific way of operating and conducting business where He lives, and He wants that Commonwealth economic marketplace to be present on Earth. Since you are a spiritual commodity with global appeal, you have to be connected to Him which is your source. For that reason, He tells us to seek Him to find our spiritual reality. In order for you to help solve Earth's economic problems you have to search your hearts for a landscape that is on the inside of you that you can be activated by intuition, discernment, wisdom, and knowledge. If you fail to connect with Him to paint the economic landscape painted from the third Heaven, then there is an evil landscape that is going to superimpose itself upon you. Evil is real and it takes place when you sit back, watch and do nothing.

When you seek God you are engaging in self-contraction—He is overseeing the development of your future. As you deal with the landscape between yourself and the thing that you are seeking after there is always a geographical estrangement between you and that tangible thing. The more you seek after Him at point B to find out what His Heavenly landscape looks like, the more you are estranged because it is unborn to time. It is His economy, His people and simply the way we interact with each other. Since no one knows exactly what the third Heaven looks like, the power of who you are as an individual can be misjudged and inaccurately measured. The good news is that He will eventually reveal to you that the same Heavenly landscape that you cannot see is already here on Earth in different forms.

Heavenly Wisdom

If you consider yourself a knowledgeable person chances are you have gained your information and facts based on your experiences.

Knowledge is the accumulation of facts. Facts are indisputable occurrences that become known truths. The way you interpret facts is your understanding. As a Kingdom citizen, your wisdom comes from the application of facts. Now that you are on the path to changing your landscape you must undergo another shifting in your thoughts so that your wisdom *only* comes from Heavenly wisdom. There are three dimensions of wisdom:

- 1) Heavenly;
- 2) Worldly/Earth; and
- 3) The Underworld.
- **Heavenly wisdom** is one that comes from the Kingdom. Seek first the Kingdom of God. There are other kingdoms out there and the choice is yours. In order to understand the true Kingdom, your heavenly wisdom can only come from Him. How do we express a finite wisdom that is from a different place, takes away inequality or class warfare? It can only be defined from a place outside of this world within a sovereign dwelling. God allows His rule to take place. Shakespeare said, "Go to your bosom: Knock there, and ask your heart what it doth know." Like Shakespeare, I believe that our hearts have been designed to serve our desires. Our hearts hold inborn engravings of our values, character, and conscience. You can only express infinite wisdom through your heart. His wisdom dwelled before the foundations of this world. Whatever you desire in your heart you will receive (Psalm 20:4 & 21:2).

With this same reasoning, whatever is in your heart is eternal. Eternity deals with everything that was before the foundation of this world and everything that will come after its end. Has someone ever asked you the age-old question, "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" Some say

the chicken came before the egg. But in the spiritual realm the egg came before the chicken because of the seed and harvest principle. The egg is a seed that produces a chicken. In the natural we can only see the chicken producing an egg. The chicken before the egg is really the output controlling the egg (input). In the Kingdom, the input is controlling the output, which is why the egg is producing something from within itself; the chicken is the outward manifestation for everyone to see. I hope your blindfold is being lifted.

Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

-James 3:17 (ESV)

- **2. Earthly wisdom** appears in the Bible after Jesus fasted 40 days and the demon told him how satan's kingdom works. Jesus refused to bow down in Satan's world. Like satan, earthly wisdom is foolishness (1 Cor. 3:19) and it is guiding many leaders today. By assigning the words "Left" to mean Liberalist and "Right" to mean "Conservative" is nothing more than man-made political jargon designed to cause division and strife.
- 3. Underworld wisdom is depicted in Matt 12:25 in Jesus' parable that every kingdom divided against itself will not be able to stand. The Pharisees claimed that Jesus was the devil and accused Him of performing sorcery to cast out demons. Jesus refuted all of their false claims. First, He noted that it would make no sense for the devil to work at cross purposes with Himself by unleashing demons and then casting them out. Second, there was no magic when He commanded the demons to flee as He merely spoke

the words and they obeyed. Third, the fact that Jesus was driving out demons as directed by the Holy Spirit, the Pharisees should have recognized that His actions were actual proof that the Kingdom was upon them.

Again, striving for Heavenly wisdom should be your goal. It can be difficult because evil spirits and principalities are in constant motion to get your attention. Keep your eyes and ears open: If unjust things are happening around you, then your wisdom is being withheld in chains. It may be because you are mismanaging your God-given responsibilities. Are there portions of your life hidden in the shadows cast by the evil one? Seek Him and He will reveal the changes you need to make in order to break any chains that are holding up His wisdom for your life.

Shadows are created when something or someone is between light and darkness. The enemy's job is to continue producing shadows in your life in ways you have never seen before to keep you from clearly seeing what path He wants you to take. Until your breakthrough happens, make a conscious effort to step out of the shadows and into the Light. Remember, the Lord wants you to create the perfect landscape for Him to visit.

Finally, I want to point out that there are *good* shadows in the Kingdom. God sends angels who are divine couriers with shadow sides of Him to help you receive messages that lay deep and dormant within your spirit. These angelic messages counteract the shadowy, imagery forces of evil's fantasy worlds and markets. Rest assured that God will always provide a way for you to determine what is real, supernatural in His realm, and what is from the evil fantasy realm. Keep your focus on God and His Kingdom and your path will be well lit.

GROWTH NUTRIENT #1

Fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom (Prov. 9:10). Possessing an understanding of the Heavens and the spiritual dimensions of wisdom will keep you on the path to Commonwealth success. Remember, this is a spiritual walk, so you must be led by God.

CHAPTER TWO

DOMINION

WANTED

Spirit-filled individuals who understand their self-worth in the Kingdom.

Your dominion is premeditated by God.

THERE are many theories and political debates on the creation of mankind; creationism and evolution are often the two concepts debated and there will always be contrasting opinions. Regardless, the Bible is the absolute truth on this issue as God is the Creator of all things. It sounds so simple and a bit cliché, but I believe there is a practical biblical answer to the age old question of, "Why am I here?"

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness (Gen. 1:26).

He wants to use you here and now to establish His Kingdom government in your mind, your family, your community, and your nation. Your dominion is going to be shaped by the dark places you were in or maybe are in right now. When you become a creative thinker, the local or regional bank will no longer think for you regarding your finances. The mainstream media will no longer impede your thoughts as it relates to local or world news events. You have the power to become your own best change agent!

The Kingdom and your dominion are premeditated by God. If you don't seek the Kingdom first, then the rest of your life's puzzle pieces won't fit together. You must train your eyes to see His eternal truth. Understand that dominion in the Kingdom has been designed from the second Heaven; a void, dark place, to restore your purpose. Everything you are experiencing right now is premeditated. Once you see dominion in your premeditated state, principalities cannot infiltrate it. The Kingdom is God-designed to get you to think, to ensure that your purpose matures, so that it will be fixed into a form with demonstrative results of your own dynamic experiment.

We have been created to inhabit a world of intersecting secrecies; we live and die where those secrecies meet.

Thoughts are the property of those who entertain them. The world is in desperate need of Kingdom. Governments founded on philosophies that do not take into account the God-given creative thinking, freedoms, and rights of their citizens will fail. Too many nations are controlled by self-serving precepts based on purchasing the populations' self-culture, dominion, and influence. Unfortunately, the citizens of these controlling nations have selfishly been given something to think about, to dream about, that they don't even believe in or understand.

Giving birth is assisting the Creator with the greatest miracle.
-Dr. Showalter Johnson

Your dominion will not be birthed in your comfort zone. It is not with your degree, your business or with the "in" crowd. Instead, it is being birthed in your second Heaven reality; a place of secrecy. In an area where people wanted to delay or reject who you are, or stymie your destiny. I believe that we have been created to inhabit a world of intersecting secrecies, and we live and die where those secrecies meet. If there is no adversity, then you continue the status

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quo. You may have heard the phrase by Italian patriot Niccolo Machiavelli, "I'm not interested in preserving the status quo; I want to overthrow it." I agree with him when it comes to fulfilling your potential and reaching your destiny. All of your actions must be deliberate and impactful.

Creative Thinking

In the Kingdom creative thinking is designed to prosper His dominion and yours. Dominion is not an effect, it is a cause. People who are creative thinkers have been given their own dominion and they have their own cultures. They are creative thinkers under God's theocratic rulership. The King delegates His influence and teaches our spirits how to become creative. Because you have been called to be a thinker, a thought leader, you are equipped to "cause" something.

As we know, in Genesis chapter 1, God created the heaven and the earth—He caused their creation. You have been called to be a cause agent in God's created world. You are a creative thinker who can solve problems, discern, strategize, and receive from the King. He watches and expands your influence and empowers your competency.

The King does not give you dominion without appreciating your creative ability to think.

Most of you were taught or think that dominion started in the Garden of Eden when man was given power over the animals, fish, fowls in the air and everything in the Garden in Genesis Chapter 1. But I believe that God first gave Adam and Eve dominion over their own thoughts. This is why He enjoyed walking in the Garden with them—communicating with them, fellowshipping with them, and loving them—like a true Kingdom relationship. The Bible says that Adam and Eve walked in the cool of the day, and as they talked and

walked, the Spirit of Christ was being downloaded into them. As they were being possessed by the Spirit, they experienced dominion.

When Adam and Eve's focus was distracted, evil principalities eagerly pounced upon their minds and told them lies that they believed. Satan controlled their thoughts by introducing doubt and then sealed their fate by instilling fear, which separated them from God, so they hid from their heavenly Creator.

Those same principalities remain in the world today and are excited for any and every opportunity to ambush anyone who is not focusing on God. Religious and government organizations are filled with people who are not taught how to think for themselves. That's why governments are failing, economies are failing, and leaders are failing. When believers begin to think for themselves, they become the talk of the town—or church—because they have chosen to express the unique God-given thoughts that sometimes cause the status quo to become agitated.

A wealthy person can pay others to do the work, but it is impossible to pay someone to think your thoughts for you.

-Dr. Showalter Johnson

The word of the Lord states that those who are led by the Spirit of Christ become the sons and daughters of God (Romans 8:14)— which means that our spirits are possessed by thoughts. The Holy Spirit—as well as evil spirits—wants to possess people's thoughts. We must allow ourselves to be possessed by the Holy Spirit; otherwise, evil spirits are lurking nearby to sneak through any crack in our armor of God. I'm not talking about your religion, your denomination, or what you know or pray. I am talking about being led by the Spirit, being led by the righteous attitude that comes from God. The small percentage of wealthy people controlling kingdoms and systems are people who have been trained to think for themselves—they don't allow others to hijack their minds.

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Don't give away possession of your spirit.

On the other hand, there are cultures, systems, governments, and even churches that coerce and manipulate you into thinking the way that's best for the institutions—not necessarily the best way for you personally. They control and influence you for their benefit to keep you in bondage. When you allow someone, or something, to take possession of your thoughts, you give away possession of your spirit. When your thoughts are possessed, they are held captive by the attitude and the spirit of another.

When you allow others to think for you, they not only become wealthier because of you, they become king over you. Whoever is doing the thinking is the one who controls the systems to allow him to download his thoughts, his spirits, into your thoughts and replicate them through suggestion. When you allow this to happen, you begin to repeat the thoughts of another and develop opinions and views that are counter to the Kingdom.

Fear & Worry

Many people who are experiencing lack today do not understand that the prince of the world is fear. In the wake of fallen economies, many people are filled with fear. Although many leaders worldwide are speaking about God and His Kingdom, their hearts are filled with fear. What is fear? Fear is the obstacle that distracts the current of forward motion. Fears are thoughts downloaded to you from some fleshly spirit.

When you allow others to think for you, their thoughts, spirit, and attitudes possess your thoughts and cause you to fear. Be very careful in this season. As you have seen, the economic and job markets shift and change, and we are fooled. God says, "Do not worry about tomorrow." If you have My spirit and My attitude, you have no fear. But if you start worrying about tomorrow, then you have allowed others to acquire your dominion.

Fear causes you to run away from righteousness.

Your spirit is not being led by the Spirit of Christ if you are fearful. Fear eases your mind into delegated influence which halts your capacity to lead. Those who have created a cosmetic culture for you do not believe in fear; but they know exactly how to use fear to saturate your body, mind, and spirit.

Principalities distract you. Fear and worry distract you. When you allow the media to sway you, or bankers to invest for you, or government programs to lull you, you will begin to think their way. The cosmetic culture they have created is a pseudo-reality for you that is downloaded into your thoughts. You then become pregnant and birth a culture that is counter to God's Kingdom thinking. By allowing your thoughts to be possessed by the Holy Spirit, you will flow into the current of increase and inheritance—spiritually, financially, physically, emotionally, and relationally.

Need Before Wants

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

-Phil. 4-19

At its inception, the American Dream meant that anyone who worked hard could eventually own a home and a business if they so desired. Today's American Dream has evolved. The reality of the American Dream has become: Satisfy your desires whether you work or not, regardless of whether you have money to pay for it. There is nothing wrong with desires. In fact, God says He will give us the desires of our hearts (see Psalm 20:4), but the desires must be connected with need—not selfish wants. Seek first the Kingdom—which is the Source, needs, and purpose, then everything will be added to your life. Living in a capitalist society entices you to place

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your wants before your needs which can become dangerous very quickly. Your desires will always be objects you are running behind that you will never get in front of. Placing your wants before your needs, no matter what area in life, will leave you spiritually unbalanced. Everything that makes up your character will be off-centered: your leadership ability, integrity, and human identity.

When we live out of the supernatural nature of God we realize that opinions are not truth and that the majority may not be right. We need to define our self-evident rights according to God. In the early 19th century, investment bankers went to the powerful psychologist Edward Bernays and told Bernays that they needed to make a lot of money. Thus the American Dream began and people put their wants before their needs and then couldn't control their emotions. In other words, things were designed to get them excited and their emotions clouded their judgment. To make matters worse the media used lots of advertising and branding to convince people that they were missing out on their dream.

The debt side of the fallen American Dream tempts you into purchasing things because of your desires. Has this ever happened to you? You walk by the window of a store or showroom and you see designer shoes or a luxury car and you just have to buy them? Don't give in to that negative debt side tapping on your shoulder and sending an adrenaline rush to your brain. Resist the temptation of spending more money than you have—resist the devil and he will flee (James 4:7). This is economics 101, politics, political science, psychology, and the Word of God mixed into bite-sized pieces for you to consider. Of course buying and selling with earned income keeps economies healthy. However, when there is too much buying and selling on credit or without appropriate collateral, over the years those economies will collapse. Banks will go under and businesses will declare bankruptcy. This scenario has been replayed over and over worldwide and most recently in Greece, some African countries, and on Wall Street in the United States. The banks were eager to lend money to immigrants so they could experience the American Dream. However, they relaxed the basic rules of borrowing and lending. In the end, thousands of people were not able to pay their mortgages and the bottom fell out of the housing market.

Opinion vs. Free Will

In the Kingdom, opinions don't rule. Rather our free will is expressed according to God's will. "Free speech" just gives people the freedom to say what they want, whether true or not. In the Kingdom, God provides laws that are engraved in us, programmed accountability instilled before the foundation of the world. These laws have been placed inside of us, some call it our conscience, and they prick us when we do or think about something we know is wrong. We know when we are lying; we know it is wrong to hurt or kill someone—this is God holding us accountable. Although He placed His laws inside us, He also gave us a free will so that the decisions we make—right or wrong—belong to us and we will face the benefits or the consequences.

People were driven to believe something that did not produce value from within. Their conscious and opinion were controlled by someone else. A Kingdom system would remind people about the pre-programmed laws that is on the inside of them. That is why when a guy kills he cries. When you do wrong your conscious awakens. Your free will tells you, yes you can do whatever you want, but when you make mistakes it is on you to rectify them. That is the difference between free will in a Kingdom versus opinions in a democratic society. This is not taking away any of your rights to free speech. OK, have your free will yet public opinion often reigns:

Who is creating it?
Who is controlling the minds of the people?
Are you willing to die for what you believe?

DOMINION 33

I conducted my own free will test. My goal was to choose a young man on the street and challenge him to look within himself. I wanted him to pierce the nature where his conscious was and then offer him the free will to make a decision. I believe this is how we raise up a society to be better individuals. I gave the young man \$25 to hold for me. I reminded him of the law of not to steal, which was already in his conscious. He now had the freedom to choose. I said, "Even though I don't know you, I believe you will come back." The young man came back. I programmed the awakening of his consciousness on a different level. If he did not return he would have thought to himself that he did something wrong. Even if I lost \$25 twenty times, I have activated and instilled what it truly means to be free.

GROWTH NUTRIENT # 2

Know your calling. Know the power of His Spirit on the inside of you. You have dominion on Earth to cause things to happen. You are the change agent for your business and personal environment to grow in the Kingdom.

CHAPTER THREE

THE 7 SECRETS

I F you are serious about changing your thought process and adopting a Commonwealth mindset of sharing and collaboration, then these seven principles will be the key to your success in your business and personal life. Focusing on these principles now will put you on the path to your predetermined favorable future. Each of these seven principles will be discussed in more detail throughout this book. None of these secrets can be applied to the old capitalistic framework. Therefore, your objective is to embrace the new strategic framework of the Commonwealth in order to rise up as marketplace leaders.

1. The Secret of Management of Energy^[1]: In our quest to operate like a Commonwealth in a sharing and collaborative environment, you need to focus on managing the energy it takes in dealing with diverse individuals as opposed to managing time. The Hebrew word for energy means to work. However, the definition also connotes working smarter not harder. The simplest way to understand the concept of the management of energy is to look to the rainforests' ecosystem of diverse entities working together to produce a unique outcome or product. Each person is diverse and brings different experiences and backgrounds to the table. Likewise, there will be lots of collisions and confusion in the room, yet as we focus on the management of energy we see a picture of a dynamic framework of diverse entities. All who

embrace coming together to share, collaborate and produce; contrary to the capitalist competitive model. This secret recognizes the fact that although diverse, such differences are the cornerstone of creativity with everyone bringing their ideas into the pot for the public good. The main hindrance to the management of energy are cultural clashes, inequality, racism, gender inequality, are all components from the competitive model of capitalism which is likened to the curse of the fig tree (Mark 11:12-15). The capitalist mindset feeds off negative gender and other biases to keep us separated and unproductive. It is still an uphill battle, but gender, ethnic and racial biases must be destroyed, as every living thing has something to contribute to the collaborative pot.

- 2. The Secret of Adaptive Leadership: This is the first critical step in teaching you how to adapt in a new economic landscape. If you don't learn how to adapt you will remain stagnant which is unproductive and contrary to the Kingdom. As church leaders we have been under the control of a foreign economic system for so long and we recognize and can identify with that spirit or alien force that is influencing the seven economic systems in our lives. Thus, we have reached a point where we have to search for the alternative driver or the alternative model which calls for us to be adaptive. Our perceptions, concepts, realities, reasoning and ways of thinking in general are now changing directions because we can operate under a different spirit, a different strategic framework of the Commonwealth. We can use the Commonwealth model to take back the seven mountains or economic systems as you will see in the next chapter. As adaptive leaders you must be aware of things changing around you, as well as:
 - 1) How will you administer all of these people?
 - 2) How will you get them to share and interact?

These questions will need to be answered sooner than later because without the new Commonwealth thought model, you will find yourself nestled into your comfort zone of individualism. Remember, Abraham started off by himself. The mustard seed starts off by itself as well. However, Abraham's seed and the mustard seed allows you to decode in the spiritual realm what the Kingdom of Heaven is really like—which is a Commonwealth. In order to take back the seven mountains we need to understand the ordinances of the Commonwealth sharing model that these two seeds shows us on how to collaborate and grow communities.

Going back to the rainforest, we see that raw materials are always moving and changing from one form to another to create commodities because of innate collaboration. Your job as an adaptive leader is to have a keen awareness of your environment based on what is currently happening in the world. We have always adapted to a capitalistic system that has created barricades between individuals. Capitalism is a general contradiction of nature embodying competition and a lack of sharing. It is up to us to correct the error in our thinking and behave by adapting to the Commonwealth framework. The world's economic future is depending on our mindset shift.

Harmonious Indigenization

Cultural background influences the success for which genetically unrelated individuals cooperate.

A tall order for adaptive leaders in the Commonwealth will be to coordinate the sharing and collaborative efforts of the millions (roughly 2%) of indigenous people across the world. One of the

key ingredients to success is integrating people who are different from one another to work together by interacting and sharing their ideas and experiences. What more of a testament for a leader than to demonstrate his or her implementation of indigenous people into the community? After all, a common thread of indigenous people is that they continue to practice their unique traditions and retain social, cultural, and economic characteristics that are distinct from all of us.

Indigenous people have been exploited of their land and natural resources, oppressed, and culturally suppressed as people. Threats to their way of life arise due to expanding urbanization, agriculture, and pollution. From a political standpoint, democratic governments do not have the capacity to respond to the demands of such people. There are movements throughout South America for example, that are gaining momentum that will allow the indigenous population to construct new societies where ethnic and cultural rights are respected and recognized.

When we discussed post-capitalism imagination previously, it is a testament to the reality that indigenous people are already sharing organically and living at the highest level in our capitalistic culture—they are in a capitalistic world and not of it. Just like the Bible tells us to not conform to the world (Rom. 12:12). These people share and operate within their own culture which creates a certain level of sustainability. I have said that culture is more important than vision and these people have remained true to their heritage and have continued to create their own world. Even though many countries have been slow to enact laws for this population, their culture is protected by recent laws because they created it.

As a leader you will be pressed to solve the high unemployment and the degrading living conditions of this group of people. In South America, several of the colonization projects have been unsuccessful. The legal taking of natural resources by corporations and the government has increased, and the people have been pushed further into the forests for survival.

Leaders like yourself will be able to see the benefit of these new community economies where there is a provisional limit on the time and resources that can be extracted from the land via cooperation, experimentation and generosity. Research has shown that by building these economic communities ethically and politically, indigenous populations have been free from the capitalist economy by refusing to be inferior to the environment.

Cultural Influences

Culture is more important than vision because culture comes first.

I firmly believe that culture is more important than vision. Culture can influence vision. Culture is your world. It is your individual *brand* identity that is transplanted to carry out your vision. You must have a culture framework in order for your vision to reside in it. As you know, there are many leadership teachings on vision that requires participants to determine what they want their business to be; which is the past. Such thinking will lead you as a business owner down several pitfalls because you really have to know the culture of your customers to be successful. I caution those leaders who are going backwards by trying to have a vision first without fixing their cultures. Your culture is going to shape and influence your vision. You should think of your culture as an army, a network or an economy of people who are sharing the same idea with one purpose to take back something.

When the prophet in Ezekiel 37 is led into the valley of dry bones and encounters a culture that he had never seen before we are given insight that the culture was there *before* the vision. Thus, whatever was there first has superiority. God sends the prophet there to solve a cultural problem. There was total brand confusion because Jewish people died in an Egyptian desert. Each of these groups have their own culture. Such burials represents a toxic culture of disjointed ideas and people—a poor representation of management.

The prophet spoke life to the dry bones and they got up, thereby defining and changing the culture.

If you think along the lines of culture being better than vision you will see two worlds:

- 1. Culture is the world that you have already defined and branded.

 The Kingdom of God is the culture inside you that you are to
 take into the world and transplant into the vision that you
 want it to be; and
- 2. Vision is now given life and your culture influenced that vision to move forward. Every organization needs to create a culture that forces creativity, sharing and collaboration to advance. In order to see growth, you have to change cultures and climates. It is a swift change that requires adaptive leaders to shoot first and think later.
- I consider myself a modern day Ezekiel because I have a clear picture of the Commonwealth idea buried in the capitalist desert or wilderness. This untamed wilderness anoints the imagination for people to see things in a spiritual way. You cannot speak of the Commonwealth and have a capitalist mindset.
- 3. The Secret of Negotiation: In the rainforest every living thing is negotiating with each other even though it may be of a different type or species. Negotiation means business is getting done. The word negotiate means to agree or to arrange. It also means to move pass as there are normally struggles with getting people to agree. The key to this secret is that the negotiation takes on an innovative agenda to bring people together to create a more effective solution quicker. Thereby providing all parties a higher level of return on their investment. Similarly, the diversity and collaboration that takes place daily in the rainforest to produce oil, gas, and other commodities to feed and supply

the world are inherently agreeing to negotiate on a higher level for that higher level of return. Your framework for this type of innovative negotiation is to respect the diversities of each other and the ideas on the table to see the bigger picture. Sharing allows us to move past the problems and erase the barricades between the negotiator and the client in the competitive model of capitalism.

I often hear people say that they agree to disagree. I don't believe in this position because the parties are only agreeing to get something done but one or both of the parties' desires are not being addressed so the "agreement" is not genuine. It is challenging to get people to agree and arrange them in the direction that you want them to go. The old capitalist framework has been stifling innovation. Consider these three principles of innovative negotiation which are found in Ezekiel 47:3-5:

- We need the right steps: In Ezekiel's vision he was being led to water that was ankle deep. When water anoints your ankle you have the right steps. Even though your steps are ordered by the Lord, they may not always be logical to you.
- 2) We need the right mediator: The next phase of the vision leads Ezekiel to water that is knee deep. In critical negotiations such as this you will need a mediator standing in the gap and interceding on your behalf. From a spiritual perspective when someone is interceding they are praying for something and believing with you that it will come to pass. Christ is our mediator interceding on our behalf to the Father. On the other hand, a business mediator interceding on your behalf needs a certain shrewdness about

- him or her as well as a particular niche or subject matter expertise on the issues to relay to the client.
- 3) We need the right outcome: The final vision leads Ezekiel to water that is waist deep. This represents the right outcome by giving birth to something. As you continue along the path in your business negotiation you will realize that the entire process matters because processes drives substance. For example in the rainforest or the Garden of Eden, we can visualize a picture of how everything shares in this collaborative model: wood processes into paper; paper then processes into money, which processes into fossil fuel. This systematic process takes raw materials from one state to another.

My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in
the lowest parts of the earth.
Your eyes saw my substance,
being yet unformed.
And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me,
When as yet there were none of them.
-Psalm 139:15-16

Psalm 139 is telling us that in order for you to see the substance, you need to appreciate processes; negotiation is a process. Look at the process Joseph went through. First he was called as a leader to go to Egypt. Then he had a dream of being very powerful. Later he is thrown into a pit and sold into slavery. After undergoing this process, Joseph becomes the second most powerful man in Egypt. Thus, we witness Joseph go through a season of origination, and a

season of deterioration, to a season of destiny. *Process drives substance*.

Over the years one of major problems I have seen are backlashes in business negotiations based on conspiracies from the kingdom of satan. These backlashes result in division, confusion and deception. Matthew 12:25 tells us that Jesus knew the thoughts of the Pharisees and told them that a kingdom divided against itself will cannot stand. Therefore, any confusion or competitiveness that comes from the old framework of capitalism coming up against the Commonwealth's sharing and collaboration model will create backlashes. As a leader your job is to fill in the blanks and invade these inevitable conspiracies by applying the sharing framework, respecting the processes and diverse creativity of the people, to organize them as a team. When you grasp the Commonwealth ideology, you will learn the principles of win-win negotiation in order to do business efficiently and effectively.

4. The Secret of Strategic Management in Public Sector:

The public sector as a whole is likened unto a garden filled with the diversity of many different elements and entities. There are three steps to assist leaders in strategically managing in the public sector:

- 1) Inspiration;
- 2) Connecting; and
- 3) Promotion
- 1) **Inspiration:** Inspiration is very important. If there is no inspiration there can be no innovation. Creativity is hiding the source of inspiration. As you read books from different authors you too

are building your own garden of diverse thoughts. When you tap into your reservoir of strategic knowledge on the inside, different ideas are now free to brew. God created us for interaction. That is why we are inspired by the culture and diversity of others, so now more than ever we should learn to honor and celebrate our differences. When two people come together one person always lacks a quality that the other possesses. Therefore, they can fill the void within each other. The inner workings of the public sector is to bring ideas from many different people to strategically set them up based on their field of knowledge. During this process we will look at each person's measure of rule, their sphere of influence, and what gifts they have to spark a different type of inspiration. Strategies are important to inspire social intelligence. Creativity is the breeding of ideas fueled by inspiration as everything is inspired by something or someone. For example, petroleum is inspired by fossil fuel, which is inspired by dead plants and dead organisms. A house is inspired by someone.

"Do one thing every day that scares you."
- Eleanor Roosevelt

As we seek inspiration in collaborating and sharing with others we will always encounter ideas that will be challenging and maybe even scare us. This scary task or thought is positive as opposed to negative.

"It's big, it's scary, but it's God!"
- Bishop Neil C. Ellis

The thoughts that others have in their minds have not entered your consciousness, which is what frightens you. However, you need that inspiration from someone else to be present within your absent, void space.

"The flower that blooms in adversity is the rarest and the most beautiful of all."

- Walt Disney

We can certainly find inspiration in the plants that grow in the midst of adversity like lava from a volcanic eruption. Other plants flourish where there is darkness or holes in the ozone layer. Some of these types of plants are rare and can aid in curing diseases. Thus, inspiration can be found in scary, dark, adverse places where you are being shaped.

Public sector leaders need to realize that it is not a bad idea for their plant to bloom in someone else's field since it is necessary for growth. If we can find leaders who can grow in adversity then they can become the recovering inspiration for others by sharing their stories. These stories will be like medicine for our souls, like the plants are for our health.

"Midnight is the backdrop to inspiration."
- Dr. Showalter Johnson

It is when you have those nighttime encounters that awaken you to write that you begin to experience true inspiration and greatness. Dark experiences challenges us. The late author Saul Bellows said, "You never have to change anything you got up in the middle of the night to write." As leaders, your stories should inspire others to become better human beings.

2) Connections: Connections is also likened to a garden. If you desire to grow the public sector you need a group of people who with a strong desire to learn how to connect. As with the Commonwealth strategy, interaction is very important. Renowned public speaker, engineer and entrepreneur Roger LaSalle used years of research to come up with the methodology for "Matrix Thinking." In a Matrix Thinking environment situations are looked at from multiple viewpoints as a complex matrix. My position has been to rediscover Matrix Thinking. Another word for matrix is the womb. A womb is like a system. It gives birth to a body with many different parts, yet everything works in conjunction. There is a strategic knowledge flowing which demonstrates that everything is working together, and what one part cannot do, the other parts step in and fill that role.

Our body needs a new framework to operate as societal patterns are lagging behind the innovation of entrepreneurs. Today, thinking is the biggest business and entrepreneurial innovations are leading the way in social culture. New market innovation and knowledge management expert Victor Newman expressed that it is best to go back to basic strategic knowledge because once individuals graduate from school they leave the fundamental tools and lessons behind them because of the fast-paced business

world. Society needs to catch up to the new entrepreneurial frameworks in building connections.

- 3) **Promotion**: You have to promote people. A great promotional strategy is through contests and not a competition. People like to win contests. Most contests do not require a purchase because the idea is to promote your brand and put your logo and name in front of the public. Your return will come through the hard-selling marketing campaign. Competitions will not work well, however, because competition is about the individual and not the public good. Other types of promotion include,
 - (i) *Social media:* website, Facebook, Twitter, etc. and other forms of social networking;
 - (ii) *Mail ordering marketing:* sending out collateral materials about your products or services to customers who either opted in to receive information about you as well as new customers;
 - (iii) Walk-in customers: Take heed to 50% of what customers say, and the other 50% is what your workers say to them. Focus on your Point-of-Sale and end cap marketing for those impulse purchases. In addition, try to find strategies to promote your customers with product giveaways;
 - (iv) Customer referrals and incentives program: Provide incentives such as free items for a certain number of purchases or referrals for a fixed time period; and
 - (v) Cause-driven e-commerce: You must attach a cause to whatever you are promoting in order to drive sales in the public sector. Having a

passionate cause drives revenue. If you go after money you lose it, but if you go after passion you earn more.

5. The Secret of Public Sector Innovation: Innovation is actually a new method or idea. It also involves a new product usually in the technological arena designed to help save energy or renewing products. In the Commonwealth there will be a need for a new type of innovation. As you view the Commonwealth as a thought, also envision a picture of the Garden of Eden as the plan or device to move the strategy along. See also "A Gardener Innovator's Guide to Innovating in Organizations," by Eleanor D. Glor.

We have no choice but to be innovative because the Commonwealth strategy is different so the method or strategy must be different. We have tried other strategies before yet they are stopping innovation.

Why do we need to innovate in public sectors? Innovation is necessary because we have to apply new ideas to new frameworks in order to solve problems. Deuteronomy 8:18 tells us that God has given us the ability to get wealth. "Ability" in this instance means schemes, ideas, or a plan. By utilizing this new innovative structure we are saving energy as we are managing the skillful workmanship of diverse individuals because one person cannot do this by himself. A good example of public sector innovation can be seen in the story of Joseph. Joseph was called to go to Egypt which was a public sector landscape operating under the old economic system. Egypt was in recession and the country needed some type of innovative plan to shift the then current operations. Joseph was thrown into a pit by

his jealous brothers. The pit actually turned out to be an irrigation system which represented his assignment since he was called to fix the irrigation problem to bring about change. In other words, Joseph used a new framework with different innovation to get things done. This is similar to what Elijah did when he prayed for rain and a hand formed in the sky like a cloud, and it rained. The rain solved the famine crisis. Elijah was able to pray and use a new framework of doing things to solve a major economic crisis. Consider these drivers when you seek to innovate in the public sector:

- 1) Policy changes If you are going to use the new framework, you must have policy changes. The Kingdom of God operates differently from democracy. For example, democracy says everyone has an opinion; the Kingdom says you have free will. Democracy is concerned with ownership, while the Kingdom says you own nothing but have access to everything that belongs to God. Leaders must change their way of thinking—out with the old policies and in with the new.
- 2) Changing citizens' expectations- Going back to the example of Joseph, he was coming from two different kingdoms that eventually clashed. As a result of this, the expectation of Egypt's citizens were changed; Pharaoh's expectations changed. Daniel's arrival in Babylon also changed the citizens' expectations. Jesus' traveling into different territories performing miracles had the same effect. Likewise, the Commonwealth's different economic framework's departure from capitalism invokes a new thought process that will also change the people's expectations by bringing a new plan to the forefront.

- This new plan utilizes the imagery of the rainforest with the new Commonwealth thought to create a powerful picture.
- 3) Building a high performance service- Since the Commonwealth is based on collaboration and sharing, every team member must be capable of defining the initiatives and creativity needed to motivate people to work together collectively. This new season is about efficient and effective teamwork to build a high performance service. As a team leader you will be required to adopt the following mindset:
 - Appreciate the collaborative intelligence of teamwork;
 - Believe diversity is the cornerstone of creativity;
 - 3) View power as a circuit of sharing and not as a fortress; and
 - 4) Accept team leadership as a role to serve the team for public good.

If you are fortunate enough to have highly skilled individuals who are extremely goal-focused then you are likely to achieve superior business results based on this high performance team's output. A few characteristics of the Commonwealth's high performance teams include:

- 1) Understanding that the Commonwealth is the common purpose or goal;
- 2) All team members agree to a clear function;
- 3) Team members understand team leadership;
- 4) Efficient processes;
- 5) Symbiotic relationships (equally beneficial);

and

6) Excellent communication amongst team members.

Lastly, in order to provide a superior service, leaders should focus on a customer centric strategy; positioning the customer at the center of everything being done on his behalf. In order to build a high performance service 50% of your information and strategy should come from third parties outside your organization, while the other 50% should come from within. Learning from your past seminars and other events about what works and what doesn't is helpful, however, it will never be enough. As you lead your team to build your customer centric strategy keep in mind that you are 1) Connecting brands, people, missions, and purpose; and 2) Answering the Five W's: Who, What, Where, When, Why, as well as How. As you seek answers, know that the "Who" is culture; "What" is vision; "When" are you going to do it; "How" is your mission and strategy. Once you and your team answer these questions you will be headed toward building a successful company.

4) Technology changes - Information Technology (IT) is the critical innovative ingredient for change. Technology helps us to change the way we think and operate. When God spoke to the prophet Habakkuk about writing the vision, He uses the word "it" several times to let us know that the vision is not just for Habakkuk but it is for everyone who reads it and runs with it.

Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he

may run who reads **it**. **3** For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end **it** will speak, and **it** will not lie. Though **it** tarries, wait for **it**; Because **it** will surely come, **It** will not tarry."

-Hab. 2:2-3

Whenever I think about this scripture, the "it" always grabs me because I view the "it" as the Information Technology (IT) as we use it today. IT is something that will help us change things as it has changed the way the world does business and communicates on a daily basis. IT innovation happens through idea generation. When we look at the Garden of Eden there are so many ideas coming together generating and breeding to make more ideas. Similarly, in a Commonwealth sharing economy ideas are generating and mixing so there is a re-creating of purpose over and over. Thus, innovation is hiding the source.

Idea generation is real. I read a lot of books when I was younger. The more books I read the more I realized that a new product or new book was born because the ideas from different writers birthed new innovative ideas in my spirit. However, you will never be able to find the source of where the new ideas came from because it does not belong to one person in particular. Again, like the Commonwealth, when everyone shares, new ideas come to the forefront that does not belong to anybody—it just came from that innovation. *Innovation works when everything shares*. When people work together ideas flow freely and innovation occurs naturally through sharing. In a sense, the metropolis of New York City is a Commonwealth as there are many different

cultures working together to keep productivity and innovation thriving. The World Trade Center was strategically placed in New York because of the numerous cultures breeding so much innovation to benefit the rest of the world.

6. The Secret of Political Innovation: Political innovation is the way people's lives are arranged and the way we take care of God's world. Today, regardless of whether you realize it, your life is arranged in a capitalistic structure. This secret is the development of a new political system that has public policies which will be implemented when the Commonwealth is developed. We need political innovation that is calling for a sharing model that has a different type of interaction. The old model was designed to compete, whereas the new model requires a new way of thinking to share and grow—you cannot build old memories on new ideas. The challenge for politicians and the church will be to look at people and place their talents strategically in their communities to help others. The political capitalistic model is the wrong picture to show people if we hope to create a better socio-economic future.

7. The Secret of Collaboration and Social Networks:

When people are working together socially they can create critical mass. Do you realize that once you put in more than 10,000 hours of a task you build a space that labels you an expert at your craft? In the rainforest, critical mass can be reached very quickly. Similarly, from a community perspective, when you realize the social networking benefits of cooperative collaboration, then meeting critical mass is a no-brainer. Different professions can successfully work together: mechanic and school teacher; psychologist and lawyer; store owner and physician. By contrast, if you are

working to achieve critical mass in a capitalistic model, it may take you twice as long or longer to reach expert level.

Collaboration as Service: I imagine you would be hard-pressed to find someone who has not participated in some form of Multi-level Marketing and Network Marketing ("MLM"). The purpose and true vision of MLM is social networking collaboration as in a Commonwealth. It is the social interaction of people coming together to sell products and services to make money. Most MLMs are global which brings people from different cultures working together because they have a common product or service and common goals and objectives.

As you have seen, these seven secrets require a high level of sharing, collaboration and innovation to be successful. This new Commonwealth thought-process involves a major transformation of your old way of thinking and doing business. Of course it will be difficult to grasp a new thought in the beginning. Most people don't know about vibratory communication. When you say something over and over again, you build a vibratory frequency in your brain. This frequency is really tissue that begins to respond to what you say so that you can believe it. Vibratory communication is a major part of our lives. It connects your mind to your body and then to your physical reality. Start meditating on these seven secrets today so that they become the driving factors to your leadership and business growth the way God intended.

GROWTH NUTRIENT #3

Understanding these seven secrets and implementing them into your business model and leadership style will give you a head-start in adopting the Commonwealth framework to see growth; 1) Management of Energy; 2) Adaptive Leadership; 3) Negotiation; 4) Strategic Management in Public Sector; 5) Public Sector Innovation; 6) Political Innovation and 7) Collaboration and Social Networks.

CHAPTER FOUR

THE COMMONWEALTH Choice: Seeing the Forest

WANTED

Seeking individuals who embrace cooperation and team-work to grow economically and spiritually.

In its purest form, a Commonwealth creates a culture of sharing.

THE rainforest is a cultural marketplace that provides a clear picture of Commonwealth governance as the earliest illustration of creative collaboration. The Amazon, for example, represents more than half of the earth's rainforests and comprises the largest, species-rich tropical rainforest in the world. Rainforests have unmatched biodiversity as one in ten known species in the world are its inhabitants.

When you operate under Commonwealth principles you are engaging in a process similar to the ecosystem method of plants and trees interacting to produce more commodities in your business and community dealings. This is the ideal relationship in the Kingdom, and it is in this landscape that overlaps with our earthly realm. The rainforest gives us a blueprint to act upon in an economy with no

competitive labor market as everything is designed to perfectly interact with each other.

A rainforest is synergistic. Synergy is when a group, or resources, are combined to create or produce a better advantage or end product. All of the elements within the rainforest live together in harmony, like a family. The breath of God is on every tree, flower, raindrop, animal, and bird. That same pure and righteous breath of God is still upon us today; but unfortunately, we allow other stale breaths to compete with God's. The sole purpose of those other negative forces is to corrupt and try to separate you from your Creator.

The rainforest demonstrates a pro-social reference that leads to a higher level of cooperation. Despite differences, commodities cooperate on similar levels that benefit each living thing. Why can't we as humans begin to cooperate on higher levels in order to grow into another level of cooperation? I believe we can and we should in order to see our full potential as Kingdom citizens.

Commonwealth is the offspring of power.

3 Secrets to Wealth From the Rainforest

Nothing is wasted in the rainforest. All materials are recycled from one level to the next. By analogy, as humans none of your gifts and talents should be wasted. They can be re-utilized by the next team of collaborators. There exists a pro-social level of cooperation and everyone benefits from each other. Such an incentive is advantageous to you because with everyone working together no one will get burned-out and feel that the solutions are resting solely upon his or her shoulders. If you truly want to get ahead in life and in your business, look to these three economic principles of the rainforest and begin to move forward:

1. Earned Income – This analogy is similar to employees working a traditional 9-5 job. Everything in the rainforest

- works together and "earns income," for example, producing wood, coffee, cocoa and medicine to benefit society.
- **2. Passive Income** This is income received over a regular basis with little effort required to maintain it. The rainforest provides "residual income" from its unique environment where everything is interdependent on the other via its complex ecosystem of continuous cooperation and sharing.
- **3. Portfolio Income** Income from investments, dividends, capital gains, and royalties only come from people working together. Portfolio income has the DNA of both a rainforest and a Commonwealth due to their secret of collaboration. You cannot receive royalties unless someone is buying your product.

There are so many lessons to be learned about social interaction and the human experience if you pay close attention to the rainforest.

Sharing and working together as a team will always produce better results than individual efforts.

If you don't share you will lose. It is almost like rewriting the way you think. Your thoughts have to change in a creative way. Just imagine the possibilities of people with different skills and backgrounds coming together to share so that industries and communities can grow. When you renew your mind and transform everything you know about capitalism and competition, you will see these individualistic forces in a different perspective.

A Commonwealth is a political thought.

In order to help you understand this new concept, it is critical to view the Commonwealth as a thought. It was originally a

thought by the ancient Greeks as a political theory. Politics is the way our lives are arranged, and the way we take care of God's world. In the Old Testament, we see that Moses had a major problem on his hands because the community was growing quickly and there was more diversity. Moses had to speak a thousand fold blessing over the people so he needed to know many of the seven secrets to business efficiency mentioned previously. Moses needed to get the community to interact so that they could share and learn from each other to continue to develop, rather than compete. Again, this new Commonwealth thought module will be the blueprint for Kingdom leaders to understand. You need to know the thought-life of the Commonwealth principles in order to take back the seven economic systems, also known as the seven mountains. Thoughts can be expressed through the following seven dimensions that affect and often overlap each other:

- 1) Expressions
- 2) Realities
- 3) Reasoning
- 4) Perception
- 5) Image
- 6) Awareness
- 7) Intuitiveness

Consider these examples:

What is the Reality of the Commonwealth? No one owns anything.

What is the Reasoning of the Commonwealth? Everyone shares and accesses from each other.

What is the Perception of the Commonwealth? Everyone is equal with 100% access.

What is the Image of the Commonwealth? The Garden of Eden; the rainforest.

The Commonwealth is the lost coin in the womb of Israel.

In Eph. 2:12 the Apostle Paul speaks about those who were separated from Christ and no longer citizens of the Commonwealth of Israel. Like the Garden of Eden, the Commonwealth of Israel has a similar structure. I use this analogy to help provide a picture of the landscape. Israel is actually the womb^[2] or a territory and the Commonwealth is a possession as well as a thought. The land of Israel has been blessed and given to Abraham in order that he prosper and generations prosper. Both the Garden of Eden and the Commonwealth of Israel have different locations within their regions. In addition, the Garden of Eden is different from Eden itself. So for example, the Garden is like California and Eden is like Sacramento. Thus, when Adam and Eve were kicked out of the Garden they were kicked out of a particular portion of it. Everything that is legislated comes from the capital of that location—like a capital factory. Eden was where the glory was as many commodities flowed in its rivers with gold, onyx, and oil, in an environment where everything was sharing, and working in collaboration. This is the earliest economic model we have ever seen. The Commonwealth is like a capital factory of economic systems as a way to bless its people, which is an offspring of the territory of Israel. We can look to this economic survival strategy and build it anywhere.

I also want to point out in Zech. 8:22 tells us that in times of failing economies people would go back to Jerusalem and plead for God's blessings and favor. So you see, they were literally going back to the economic model in the womb that was blessed by God in the territory of Israel—not a specific person.

Consider:

What is the Awareness of the Commonwealth? It works like a network with everyone sharing.

What is the Intuitiveness of the Commonwealth? It always wants to be in collaboration.

DECODING COMMONWEALTH STRATEGIES

Many of you may have missed the key relationship between John the Revelator and the Apostle Paul. In Rev. 2, John has a vision about an angel and the angel is writing a letter to the Church of Ephesus. Both John and Paul are speaking about Ephesus, however, the difference is that Paul is actually there. John is writing a revelation in spirit to Paul.

Paul tells us in Eph. 2:12 that the Commonwealth is a strategy that has been birthed out of Israel. We see that he is speaking from his own personal experiences in Ephesus which is the capital of Asia. His location has significance in that the capital is the place where all deals are taking place, and strategies are being created and implemented. Thus, Israel is more of a system that represents the Kingdom of God which in a sense is the place that produces behaviors, patterns and principles on the highest level of the law—the Holy of Holies.

What is the difference between a strategy[3] and a system? As mentioned, a system represents Kingdom which produces behaviors and patterns. Strategy is how we are going to tackle a problem. It is a plan or action or policy designed to achieve a major aim; a master plan to succeed. Paul gives us a strategy in 2 Cor. 10:4-5:

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

There are always other thoughts roaming around in your mind that are fighting against the thoughts of God. If you are going to take back any of the seven economic systems your strategy must be Kingdom-birthed. The weapons are not carnal; they are from a different place and they involve your strategy:

Strategy #1: What direction are you going to take? Strategy #2: What will your pattern look like? Strategy #3: What perspective will you take?

The Commonwealth is Paul's apostolic strategy to operate in the Kingdom.

Mustard Seed Strategy

As we have said, the mustard seed is very powerful and is known to be a farmer's worst nightmare. It starts off small, yet the minute it germinates it spreads and its roots are so long and wide it overtakes any garden, which creates a management problem for farmers. One seed can grow to six feet tall and then it blooms flowers with thousands of other seeds inside it. When the wind blows, it colonizes and the seeds fly in the air and lands several miles away only to grow taller and stronger. This tiny seed decodes for us that is has a whole community of human warriors inside it, demonstrating how the Kingdom of Heaven should operate by spreading and growing. The mustard seed is beneficial to the other vegetables in the garden by providing shade and sharing its nutrients with other trees and vegetation as well as branches for birds in the field to rest upon. Make no mistake, the mustard seed is very aggressive: And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force (Matt. 11:12). This scripture gives

us a full picture of how we are planted on this Earth and how we should not be afraid to share and network to get the word of God out to the community. You are one small seed with the potential to multiply, recreate and touch everything in your midst.

Seed of Abraham Strategy

Abraham entered into a covenant with God and God promised that his seed was going to be like dust of the earth and spread rapidly. It started with one lowly man—one seed, who moved on faith to become the father of nations. Even Moses had to look at what Abraham's seed had done in scattering and multiplying and sharing as a community to the extent that the said "May the Lord bless you a thousand times more." In other words, since Abraham already embraced the faith as a mustard seed his thousand fold blessing had the ability to recreate a community—an army. Now this one seed has matured and does not look the same anymore. It has grown into a nation of people.

The Net Strategy

In all of Jesus' parables He was encouraging us to use our imagination. He tells us in Matthew 13:47, that "the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish." This Kingdom parable is helping us understand how to connect with the seven economic mountains. Everything in the Kingdom of Heaven is spiritual and since most of us don't understand those things that we cannot see, He gives us a net in the natural to decode the spiritual meaning. This new spiritual reality is going to develop your imagination by giving you a flashlight to expand your consciousness to assist you in taking back the seven economic mountains. Also, John 21:11, Peter drug the net to the bottom of the ocean and when the net was raised there were 153 different species of fish. Again, using your imagination to see the spiritual aspect of this great catch,

Jesus was demonstrating the sharing model of diversity which is the cornerstone of creativity; like a community coming together. This is the original vision of network marketing—the "net" is the network. If you don't have a network of different people, your objectives and strategy will remain stagnant.

Overall we see the principles of sharing and recreation in the parables of the mustard seed, Abraham's seed and the net, which are all critical to your understanding of the Commonwealth as a net thought.

Harvest of Nations

The Commonwealth strategy is the key to unlocking the harvest of nations.

As I look at the Commonwealth as it relates to the seven continents I envision a clear picture of nations that provides direction and our proper missional movement. Our role is really about the harvesting of nations—not souls. If you focus on the harvest of nations you will see that it needs a Commonwealth strategy to help individuals fulfill their mission of going into the world and making disciples of nations.

How does the Commonwealth strategy help us do this? Harvest is very important. Mustard seed spreads very vast and overtakes the garden. When you are making disciples of nations you are colonizing and being excited about going into all parts of the world. The Commonwealth strategy is going to help administratively and interactively bring people together with the thoughts of sharing and unity. You will be recruiting soldiers and will need many people to work as a team; like everyone being on one accord in Acts 2.

GROWTH NUTRIENT #4

In order to step out as a Commonwealth advocate, your shift to the Commonwealth thought-module will allow you to take back the seven economic systems that control lives every day. By meditating on the strategies to decoding the Commonwealth, you will see how one seed is the catalyst to growth and interaction to producing more.

CHAPTER FIVE

CAPITALISM'S CURSE

WANTED

Innovative thought-leaders to imagine a world economic system beyond capitalism.

Capitalism falls under the god of money and it has led to all types of social problems worldwide.

ERRIAM-WEBSTER'S Dictionary defines capitalism as "an economic system characterized by private or corporate ownership of capital goods, by investments that are determined by private decision, and by prices, production, and the distribution of goods that are determined mainly by competition in a free market." As I mentioned previously, a capitalist mindset is necessary in a new enterprise and has a great deal of advantages. I would add that although capitalism spurs creativity and entrepreneurship, capitalism is motivated by profit—and often times by greed. 1Tim. 6:10 reminds us that the love of money is the root of all evil. Capitalism falls under the god of money and it has led to all types of social problems worldwide.

"Competition is the mother of all viruses."

- Berny Dohrmann, Founder, CEO Space

Over the years I have met with several family business owners around the world. I have often commended them for taking the first step of sharing, however, I cautioned them not to keep it solely in the family because others are depending on them to be successful. A family business represents the Commonwealth. The head of the business must realize the urgency of training others on strategies and other key aspects of business operations, employee management, and marketing so that the company can grow into an eventual franchise. Such a movement can change a small country's entire economy.

I had a conversation with a business leader of a sporting goods company. He was competing with another company for clients and was frustrated. He asked me how my new Commonwealth strategy could help his situation because he was not going to share *anything* with his competition. "They're stealing my clients!" He complained. I told him that competition is needed at the ground-level to get a business started as it:

- Keeps you focused on your goals;
- Helps you understand your market;
- Rids you of complacency;
- Forces you to innovate and change; and
- Teaches you what works and what doesn't.

But as your business grows you can move out of the competition model because most competition is based on fear. Many companies who compete are afraid that their product and brand identity are not well-positioned to differentiate them from their competitors. I explained to him about the importance of being a market follower in the Commonwealth. Instead of competing, he needed to find out his own strategic positioning and see how his position

is diverse from his competition. I also asked him to consider his social mission and think of all the things that he cares about that his competitor does not care about. Once he defines these differences he can strategically position himself to share with his competition and speed up his residuals. By continuing to work on his own to "crush" his competition would end up being a prolonged fruitless exercise. Eventually, he would see less results because he will never acquire the individual "nutrients" to keep his business running successfully. This family-shared business leader was grateful for my advice and ready to go back and begin his analysis.

Another perspective on choosing collaboration over competition was utilized by InterAction, an organization striving to eliminate poverty, and uphold human rights. One of their primary sources of revenue is based on donations. Yet over the years the donations have decreased. Each year they hold meetings with world leaders to determine how best to meet the needs of the people and for the past few years they have consistently chosen to pool all of the funds and split them evenly. Many of the organizations representatives say that the key to their success is working together to address crucial needs of the poor. In addition, Canada is leading the world in sharing and pooling resources of offices, supplies, and clothing. In Vancouver, the majority of residents drive shared cars and they have tool libraries in their backyards to provide gardening space for each other.

On the other hand, I have asked myself "Why are only a certain few people getting wealthy from this capitalist structure?" The answer is that there is a competitive model that is destroying and slowing down the creative collaboration because of the capitalistic pyramid system. That is why individuals in MLM business models experience a lot of fighting and jealousy because the pyramid is motivated by greed. The capitalist spirit gets into the river of the collaborative effect and people find themselves competing and become discouraged.

At the end of the day you should not be afraid to share ideas with your competitors. There is nothing new under the sun (Eccl.

1:9). Each of you can learn from the other and equally divide your products and/or services that are most important to your bottom line. As you continue along this new-found Commonwealth path, you will clearly see that capitalist competitive models will only stifle your destiny.

"A fortress is a mistake."

-Robert Greene

If you want to know the most effective way to cure capitalism, approach it from a Kingdom standpoint of equality. In a capitalistic environment, a group of oligarchs^[4] or one man is usurping about 75% of the output will of the people in a society. Unfortunately the people never get a return on their output. I will show you that wealth is the product of labor as the workers are producing the wealth for others. Visualize a pyramid of the capitalist system:

Money Bag (*Ultimate Goal*)
National & State Leaders (*We Rule You*)
Military (*We Control & Protect You*)
Business Leaders (*We Think For You*)
Church, Middle & Lower Class (*We Work for You*)

Karl Marx wrote about how the structure of the capitalist system created obstacles for workers to realize their human potential. Marx further discussed the alienation of workers from their labor because they are detached from it as the product of their labor belongs to the capitalist. In a Commonwealth, workers will be on top as their use value is far more valuable than their exchange value. Committed, diligent laborers working as a team are the key to the longevity of any successful enterprise.

Commercial societies create prosperity by harnessing our natural impulses.

In a capitalist landscape labor is contradicted because labor comes from use value which is the most valuable entity where the ideas come from. The consciousness has changed as the laborer is deemed as the lowest and least important part of the production process. It is how the leaders in a capitalist economy developed a false imagination by believing that its system is more powerful than the laborer. In a Commonwealth the laborer is the one who creates the factories and infrastructure for everything that is developed. Having money, power and a multitude of possessions isolates you from the synergy of sharing and helping others. In a post capitalist economy the real power is in the sharing that represents nature. Nature contradicts a capitalist economy. The key by-product in nature is sharing and cooperation like in the Commonwealth. At the end of the day you will see that power is good, but the real power is in sharing and the more you share the more influence you will have.

Here is an example of capitalism at its best:

On a deserted island Sam is shipwrecked. He has to feed, clothe and shelter himself. As a handy person, Sam is able to salvage tools from the shipwreck. When Sam created the tools they became the sweat equity of his labor. Along comes Jeff who is also shipwrecked. Sam rents his tools to Jeff and then Sam asks Jeff to work for him. Jeff agrees. Sam is profiting off the entire relationship. There is an equality problem here and Sam is cheating Jeff.

This is a common example of how many people get ahead in life. Sam lacks a moral conscious. He should have said to Jeff, "I can show you how to make your own hatchet so you don't have to rent it from me. But you can work for me." This allows Jeff to make his own sweat equity and be a laborer at the same time. You have just witnessed how the capitalists have been making money in blockbusters. Look at the recession in the 1930s when FDR was President of the U.S., FDR was approached by the socialists, communists groups, and

labor groups. These groups were suffering hardships themselves and they implored FDR to go to the wealthy people and ask them to do something to turn the economy around. FDR approached the wealthy for money. Fifty percent of the oligarchs agreed to loan him the money and fifty percent did not. Each percentage was Democrat and Republican.

Money was spread throughout the economy for the citizens. Social Security, healthcare and other work benefits were created. Several years later, the U.S. hit another recession in 1980. Capitalists came in and dumped money into certain areas of the country for industry development. The working class and the poor suffered. It took a few years to recover. Just as they were recovering, 10 years later another recession hit again. Then another. The capitalists threw their hats in the race again. Before the working class and poor could see any profit a couple of recessions hit again. America is having economic problems now because of capitalism. So you see, capitalism is undeniably failing and the Commonwealth is the answer.

Post Capitalist Imagination

"We've got to find an alternative political economy to how capitalism works."

- David Harvey, Economist & Marxist Geographer

David Harvey came up with idea of the importance of post capitalist imagination. He is looking at it from the lens of what comes after capitalism. I am more concerned about what this idea looks like from both a developmental and spiritual ideological standpoint. I am challenging myself and others to create the necessary imagination to make it work. Let's look at:

 How is money used now? Money is tied directly to the market mechanisms in our capitalist economy so it will

continue to be manipulated by the ones who designed it. Today, capital is the master and people are its servant.

2. How is money used in a Commonwealth? Money will not be tied to market mechanisms but rather it will be under the influence of society and take us back to the proper protocol in the Bible. God gave Adam dominion over all commodities: birds, water, nature, etc. Adam represents our strategic positioning in society. Kingdom citizens will have the right strategic positioning over money to ensure it is not being manipulated in the market; the citizens of society will determine together how it is spent. The paradigm will shift and citizens will be the master and capital will be the servant. There is going to be a reformulation of money in the imagination.

We need imagination in order to look to a reference bigger than ourselves.

In developing a post capitalist imagination we must understand the importance of imagination. Using imagination helps us to express truths and is very different from fantasy. Why have imaginations failed us? I believe that since imaginations are contrary to nature that people deem them as not being real or as unimportant. Additionally, most imaginations fail because they are one-sided—people only imagine something to be good or bad. If you try to imagine an economy that is not here yet once the capitalist economy is abolished and the Commonwealth rises to the top, you must understand that it has to be dialectical; a balance between good and bad.

Whenever the bible mentions the church or Israel it speaks of them as female. Ephesians 2:12 tells us,

that at the time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no home and without God in the world.

Using our imagination to view these relationships in terms of a female reproductive system, we see:

- 1. Israel represents the bride which is a womb to fertilize things;
- The Commonwealth is the spiritual economic landscape with the administrative protocol designed to manage our households and economy; and
- The Kingdom is the dominant sperm that injects its culture, customs, laws and its concepts into the Commonwealth.

The Bible tells us that the Kingdom of God is not of this world (John 18:36). Since capitalism continues to fail, the spiritual economic landscape of the Commonwealth is receiving its marching orders from the Kingdom, which is not of this world.

Jesus gave us ways of understanding how to develop our imaginations when He spoke in parables to help build our imaginations as Kingdom citizens. It is His insider language to us so that we can understand His encoded ideas from the spiritual world. He always revealed something that is known and then something unknown.

Building your imagination means you are transferring Kingdom.

The language of a Kingdom is a parable. It is the language that God has provided to help us communicate in this world where the dimensions of thought (realities, reasoning, perception, awareness, image, etc.) try to shape our way of thinking. Parables convey heavenly meanings with an earthly understanding. For example, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed. Heaven is spiritual and the mustard seed is natural.

So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea' and it would obey you."

-Luke 17:6

Why a mustard seed? The Apostles wanted to prepare us to build our imaginations because faith this huge needs to be developed in each of us. Matthew 17:20 tells us that this small seed can move mountains. Faith is one of the more interesting imaginations that you need to have to operate on earth to transfer the inheritance of Kingdom and the thoughts, realities, and perceptions of it. A mustard seed has so much more in it than a mountain and can grow and spread quickly, and influence and empower everything it touches—like a community. This small seed actually has a village inside it with different livestock, plants, and trees.

Why has the mustard seeds power been hidden from you? A mustard seed has more influence on the inside of it, but it has been hidden from a lot of people because their imaginations have not yet been developed through faith to understand the image of how it works. I was speaking with a woman who had her daughters' tuition bill from Harvard for over \$60,000. She had \$500 in her hand towards the bill. I explained to her that the \$500 was the small mustard seed, yet she needed to use her imagination to transfer the Kingdom of God to come into her life and remove that tuition mountain. Once her \$500 seed is sown in faith, it will spread several times more than the \$60,000. She said to me, "How did you get there? That's some type of imagination."

I replied, "Faith requires us to have an image." "Why?"

"Because Paul says in Phil. 4:8 that we should think on things that are lovely, kind and of good report. When we do this it helps our faith produce more of the substance of things hoped for in the face of lying realities that we experience in our life every day." I am not sure if she was convinced, but I believed she received the understanding.

I recall another conversation with a young lady who told me about her powerful dream.

"Dr. Johnson, I was an evangelist standing in a facility speaking to over 50,000 people. I was performing miracles, healing, and then I woke up. What does that mean?"

"The same way Abraham had visions where his faith required an image, is the same way the messengers brought you an image about how powerful you were, your impact on the crowd, and the amount of people you were praying for. Now you have to move in faith in order to see exactly how the vision will come to pass."

If we do not understand the images produced by our faith, we will not be able to move in the Earth. Faith requires both a confession and an image, such as Abraham who was living in the earthly realm. Abraham moved by faith and left his home to go to a land where he did not know where he was going (Heb. 11:8). Along his journey God told him to look to the sky and begin to count the stars which were his spiritual census. Of course there were too many stars to count, yet this was an exercise by God to build his imagination so he could transfer the Kingdom of God on Earth through his faith. Abraham realized the stars in Heaven were endless, invisible realities, which demonstrated to him that this is what my faith looks like. He knew if he was going to transfer the Kingdom of God not only did his faith have to be endless, but his spirit and hope in things unseen had to be endless as well.

There is evidence that other men and women in the Bible had faith that required an image. Sarah for example did not believe she and Abraham could conceive a child at their old ages of 90 and 100 respectively. God told her to have faith. God sent three messengers to Abraham and told him that Sarah would bear a son. Within that year she bore a son, Isaac. Also, Zechariah prayed for a son and he did not believe it was possible due to his old age. However, God sent the angel Gabriel to inform him that his wife Elizabeth would bear

him a son named John. Your faith needs a spiritual image that comes through dreams or a vision.

Faith is used to transfer Kingdom because you need a vast imagination.

God also provided Abraham with another image or imagination when He told him that his sons, daughters and his descendants will be like the dust of the Earth. As Abraham used his imagination to transfer the wealth of what God was saying he realized that he would have to spend eternity trying to count every grain of sand. Is this the level of faith that is required? It appears so. Heaven is using that image to help you transfer a reality of the thoughts and perceptions of a grain of sand to the earthly realm. Therefore, as you strive to perfect your faith walk, understand that it has been transfected or influenced by the Godly imagination that you have seen. Endless, invisible, above and beyond your imagination, is the type of faith you need to experience supernatural realities.

If you can master the first parable of the seed growing in the field and study them in the order He presents, then you will be successful at imagining a government that is not of this world. The field is the world economy and the seed is Kingdom citizens. In that imagination there is a balance; a human side, a seed and we are the children in the Kingdom. The field is the economic womb that is going to produce something. As Kingdom citizens you are supposed to be able to overthrow the world economy. By now you should know its laws, its concepts, and its government and how everything works in the world so that when you walk into a courtroom, which is a social field, you can plant your seed in that economic landscape that does not know God and overthrow it and watch your seed grow. This is how you acquire Kingdom with imagination. Imagination is real—like a child having a balanced meal so he will develop and grow.

"Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions."

- Albert Einstein

Kingdom deals with a concept and "con" means "with" and "cept" means "form." The Kingdom of God is spoken in form. Another type of form is called "decept" which comes from "deception." Deception is a form from the kingdom of satan that wants to interfere with God's Kingdom form.

Do you realize that one of the largest markets in the world is the fantasy market? From Disney to Halloween, video games, and college and professional sports, the wicked has instituted its thought process into what we see and purchase. The wealth of the wicked is stored up for the righteous (Prov. 13:22). The world is in a season of being rebalanced at this time simply because capitalism destroyed your imagination. The playing field is one-sided and has manipulated you into believing that you have lost your imagination to dream.

Now that you are seeing the deceptive capitalistic model collapse, it is time to dispossess it and understand where we are going, while being brave enough to follow the Kingdom direction that is already here with us. You must keep in mind that the Kingdom is "pre^[5]," not "post^[6]." The same conditions exist over and over again. Yet when you develop your imagination you will have revelations that will arrive from ideas unborn to time. Again, whoever uncovers the parables will be sustained by His imagination.

The First Spiritual Capitalist

Jacob Fugger (1459 – 1525) is considered the first spiritual capitalist. Fugger, a German had an estimated net worth about \$75 million when he died in 1525. Imagine how much that would be in twenty-first century terms? In comparison, one of America's wealthiest men, John D. Rockefeller, was worth approximately \$900

million in the 1930s. Fugger made tons of money when Archduke Sigismund gave his dukedom over to the Holy Roman Emperor, Maximilian I. Maximilian sought Fugger's help in managing money so Fugger loaned him money in 1495 to repay an army that fought in the conflict with France and Italy. In essence, Fugger bought the Roman Catholic Church. Down through the years since Fugger's time, spiritual capitalism has evolved into thousands of denominations with various types of leaders. This idea of covering is a capitalist spirit. It is a hierarchy scheme that was passed down through the Roman Catholic Church, and there is nothing spiritual about it. The capitalists through protectionism rule everything.

Have you ever noticed that the more money you make, the more bills you have? Let me explain how capitalism has become spiritualized. You see something you want and you can't think of anything else so your "want" overpowers your thoughts to the point that you push Kingdom thoughts aside. To satisfy your want you pull out your credit card. You're not thinking about the fact that you only make a thousand dollars a month, which adequately covers your needs. Capitalism has been spiritualized as you have replaced the balance of godly work and income with an unbalanced desire paid for with funds not yet earned. This negative system infects your good intentions and quarantines your thought process.

When you focus on becoming the master of your money it will begin to serve you. God is eager to give you all the resources you need to fulfill your purpose and your destiny. When you get your priorities in line with His will, everything will fall into place.

Within each of us is not just a natural commodity but a spiritual commodity with a global appeal that is of great value.

The commodity in us is spiritual. Our spirit is our attitude, which the Spirit of God can manipulate and mold. Spirituality is a living system, it is a mindset. There is a spiritual commodity inside us ready to supply the markets.

By influencing people who are not like us, Jesus is saying that the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, but the violent take by force (see Matthew 11:12). We need to understand what that force is, because we may be speaking with people who are not yet compatible with Kingdom principles. Truthfully, Kingdom citizens are not called to talk to righteous people. If you think you are called to speak to righteous people, you are spiritually unemployed. Jesus says the way we influence, colonize, infect^[7], transplant^[8], and invade social fields that have different groupings and mindsets that are not in alignment with Kingdom principles, is to call those people our companions. We must expose ourselves to people who do not look like us and who don't believe in the same things. So, therefore, we have to take matters by force. This is the animal instinct that leaders need to have.

The King anoints our heads for leadership, He crowns our heads, and our minds to accept His revealed truth. Kingdom governments must tear down fortresses of evil and transplant God's truth and influence within those hostile environments. Force is the capacity to intentionally affect another's body or interest another's will. God makes us lie down in green pastures—greened by our decision to become part of the landscape. When the King is making leaders, He makes us lie down in His presence, for there is peace yet strength, comfort, and power.

Class Distinctions

Poverty is really the isolation of community.

In addition, universal alienation is another type of capitalistic structure. Speaking the language of a democrat, republican, left, right, or tea party cannot solve the economic problems of today. Many politicians speak of the effect of things gone awry. I prefer to speak about the cause rather than the effect. God is the efficient cause. The Kingdom of God which is the Source of everything—it

is the fertilizer. The seed cannot grow by itself. God is saying this is how My economy works. Let Me show you how it works and during one of His teachings He takes the two loaves of bread and feeds five thousand.

The concept of universal alienation disconnects, disjoints, disenfranchises and displaces people working as a group. When you study the anthropology of this you see that people become sick when they cannot work in communities. Alienation began when capitalists came and dwindled the seller's use value and got cheap labor. Once sellers made money they began alienating one another which created social power and social class. More and more money was stored for social power and a privileged class was produced. Then the community experienced disenfranchisement and division as poverty crept in and left the people feeling hopeless. This is why from a psychological perspective when people are separated from family and friends a spirit of rejection and abandonment comes upon them.

Once in a poverty stricken community, the residents act with a disdain for life and begin to turn on one another which translates into a lack of social order. Then the next phase people experience is a pathological illnesses. This is because the God of money has broken up the classes into privileged and poor while the middle class has gradually disappeared. Due to these class distinctions, we see that poverty has isolated communities for generations and the cycle continues to worsen.

GROWTH NUTRIENT #5

There was a place for capitalism in the past. Now it's time to create new imaginations where money, greed and self-interest are not the driving force of the economy or your personal life. Imagine a world where there are no class distinctions based on your bank account and every citizen has adequate food, clothing, and shelter, as they spend their energy using their gifts and talents for the betterment of their communities.

CHAPTER SIX

THE MARKETPLACE

WANTED

Believers proclaiming victory as they encounter a Third Heaven experience.

The Kingdom of God is like children playing in the marketplace.
-Matt. 11:16

As Kingdom citizens your assignment is to create uncontested space in the marketplace. Kingdom is synonymous to culture, state, or system. Therefore the Kingdom of God being likened to a marketplace is showing us how to develop and build a marketplace to deploy and release the Kingdom movement within our organization. The marketplace is like the rainforest in its diversity with so many people selling different commodities. Merchants work in the marketplace and everyone has a space. Since people are in such close proximity to each other their space is considered contested. When Jesus states in the parable that the Kingdom is like children playing in the marketplace where one is calling out different names to the other, He is also saying in this parable that there needs to be mutual understanding and cooperation in our dealings with each other.

The cornerstone of creativity is the cornerstone of diversity.

Uncontested space becomes a new brand. Think about when you go to the mall and see different high-end shoes: Versace, Ferragamo, and Gucci all sell the same things but they are diverse. Each one created uncontested space and that space gives them new demands. The main idea or product is to produce commodities. All of these companies have carved their own niche. If they didn't have an identity nor celebrate diversity, then they would be a group of people doing the same thing in a contested space with little growth or loyal following.

Playing in the marketplace makes the capitalistic competitive model irrelevant. By doing more of the things we love we can remove all of the barricades that separate us from the crowd. Designers like Gucci and Versace can take one idea like a shoe or a purse and share the idea in thousands of different spaces. Most people shopping today are not buying just one brand. The fact that these manufacturers take the same items and make it in different colors, patterns, and textures, to attract diverse consumers demonstrates that there are enough high-end consumers to keep the money flowing in the pot. Competition in this instance is irrelevant and the Commonwealth sharing model is an effective alternative.

THE CHURCH: THE NEW MARKETPLACE[9]

We are souls that have been designed to transmit the economy of God.

The Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God are often used interchangeably. However, their meanings are different, yet compliment each other. The Kingdom of Heaven is in the marketplace and speaks to the spiritual idea of God's economy in Heaven. It is the visionary aspect of what God wants us to know. The marketplace is really a societal construct of the seven economic mountains which will be discussed later. The Commonwealth on the other hand, is the practical, administrative mirroring of the Kingdom of Heaven

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on earth. It is also the logical, natural and practical way that the rainforest shares in the Commonwealth. The rainforests' ecosystem also provides us with a glimpse of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Every time the Kingdom of Heaven is mentioned in the parables it has to do with commodities: seed, pearl, coin, or a net, for example. See Matt. 13. The net also refers to networking and shows the diversity of fish. The Kingdom of Heaven is really what we *possess*; this is what is suffering violently. The commodities mentioned in the Bible are being taken away by oligarchs and monarchs and the economy is suffering violence because the wrong people own it. The Kingdom of God is what you *profess*. What are you professing? Is it His system?

Picture the church as the new marketplace with a diverse group of people. There is one idea of sharing. As you embrace the diversity of the congregation and rally around sharing your thoughts with your fellow Believers. The church is really the new economy for God's spiritual landscape. You are the "Ecclesia;" the people who He designed who understands His Kingdom. God is calling on you to mirror what the Kingdom of Heaven landscape looks like here on Earth. What are we building? We should be building the Kingdom and not the church. The church has already been established. The church was established for the administrative organization and assembly of people as well as those merchants that have been given skills to be placed in the seven economic systems. But if we see the church as people who come to just praise God and not to be deployed as merchants, then we don't have the right image. Thus, we will overrate the idea of church which leaves people with the wrong perception and expression of it.

Another important characteristic of the marketplace is that it is comprised of the seven mountainous thought-life principles that will influence the assembly of people. Imagine you are attending a conference and there are booths set up that deal with media, education, business, religion, arts and entertainment, etc. which all touch every aspect of your life and the economy. Then consider the people

who have paid to attend your conference. These participants and/or members need to be mobilized because they are part of the church. In essence the participants are merchants who bring certain skills and occupations to their space. These merchants will be networking and recreating the Commonwealth movement over and over again, like an evolving sphere. You will be shaping a new arena for generations to come.

The Bible shows us the spiritual and natural side of those chosen to lead the people. Many of those chosen were merchants in the natural; they had skillful occupations to serve and help humanity. See a few examples below:

Individual	Spiritual Call	Natural Call	System Fit
Joseph	Prophet	Economic Forecaster	Govt./Law; Business
Deborah	Prophetess	Magistrate	Govt./Law
Daniel	Prophet	Prime Minister	Govt./Law; Business
Matthew	Apostle	Tax Collector	Govt./Law; Business
Luke	Apostle	Doctor	Business; Family
Paul	Apostle	Tentmaker	Business
Peter	Apostle	Fisherman	Business

Table 1

As you see, the common thread these leaders possessed was that God created two sides in them; spiritual call and a natural call. Both sides were needed in order to deploy them to the growing population THE MARKETPLACE 93

by placing them in the right position to create a movement to take over areas.

Whenever Jesus wanted to explain something to the disciples or to the people, He spoke in parables. In the parables of Matthew 13, Jesus interacted with individuals in the same marketplace. Again, He showed us that the Kingdom is like a merchant, a pearl, two children playing, and two farmers sowing seed. Everything in the marketplace had to do with a commodity. Commodities are raw materials that are a key part of the economy because they can be bought and sold. Such buying and selling demonstrates natural interactions and creates relationships. Remember, only Kingdom citizens can understand and operate in the Kingdom marketplace.

The Kingdom is saying that the church is supposed to be playing in the marketplace—in the agora within the seven societal constructs that control economies: arts and entertainment, business, education, family, government, media and religion. This space also consists of a chosen assembly of people. The space you are occupying in the marketplace is also a sphere which speaks to your influence.

Finally, the marketplace is a social field, a collection of independent activities, pressures, influence, and fluctuating concerns. Every social field needs Kingdom citizens to create brand-new worlds. When godly leaders walk in their identity with power, they understand their landscape, the condition of their hearts, and how the value of the pearl within continues to increase. These types of leaders cause things to happen. However, those leaders who do not understand their power only react to things. Leaders exude a force, like the force of gravity that they can use for good or evil. Begin to analyze channels that affect your landscape and change society for His glory. After all, Kingdom citizens exist out of the Christ's nature.

Fruitfulness

As Jesus left His supernatural home in Heaven and came to earth as a member of humankind, the very first commandment given by

Him was "be fruitful and multiply." You need to share the fruit of your spirituality by multiplying the Kingdom. The first commandment given to Adam was to ensure the Kingdom would flourish upon the earth. We are all Adams. Another word for Adam is earth. We all have a piece of earth, a territory on the inside that needs to be unearthed so that our unique, individual treasure within us can be used for God's glory in His Kingdom.

Today, there are individuals who are perplexed on every side and in deep despair because their landscape has changed and the conventional ways of living don't work anymore. Many of you in the world are facing a season in which traditional economics, politics, societal norms, and religions are unrecognizable. Violence worldwide has become unbridled and leaders are unsure how to cope. If we don't take this seriously and begin operating in a Kingdom system of government there is no telling how many generations will succumb to chaos.

Invading Mountains

Throughout the Bible, whenever prophets came onto the scene a shift took place. When Joseph went to Egypt, the labor force shifted. When Elijah showed up to deal with the prophets of Baal the economy shifted. The landscape of that economic season was tormented by tall mountains of cosmetic economies. Mount Carmel was a fortress—a stronghold.

Elijah went against the corrupt mountains. He spoke a word, and there was a crash in the economy because he was presenting a new Spirit. He fed a new headship to the markets. He had been granted the strength of galloping horses to oppose mountains and balance both the landscape and the playing field. After Elijah finished, he found Elisha plowing with twelve yoke of oxen (1 Kings 19:19).

Elisha realized that the landscape had to change because it was in its present condition due to a wrong spirit. Although Elijah spoke a word and destroyed the cosmetic economic environment, there THE MARKETPLACE 95

was more to be done. In Elisha, Elijah found someone who had to re-dig, reform, and restore the landscape. The spirit of the marketers and individuals controlling the markets and the governments were occupying it contrary to God's will. As long as the landscape had been infected by the wrong spirit, the landscape would continue to operate negatively. Therefore, Elisha asked for double the blessing, the anointing, that Elijah had from God (2 Kings 2:9) because he knew what he was up against.

It is clear that the landscapes of governments are shifting. There is a generation that is sick and tired of being sick and tired. It is time to rise up. We are Elisha's—people who are plowing the landscapes with twelve yoke of oxen. You should be setting pathways to shift the condition of people around the world. How? As long as the landscape is being controlled by puppet masters whose spirits are not of God, you will continue to live in chaos. You can, and must, shift the landscape by educating lost people who do not have the ability to discern that they are special and important to God in His Kingdom, under their own landscape.

Ask yourself these questions:

- What happens when you are in the landscape and the landscape is a fortress to you?
- What happens when you are called to be part of the landscape and then the landscape has to be leveled?
- What happens when you are faced with evil in an infested, malignant landscape?

Answer: Speak a word with the power of a thousand galloping Clydesdales and with a sense of urgency so others know you fear the Lord.

As a leader, I am here to tell you that you must go back to the original state of nature like in the rainforest. Go back to doing what your Holy Spirit-inspired inner-self has told you to do. Resist your human nature. Instead, yield to the nature of God's love and

faithfulness so you can be a key player in the Kingdom. What can you do to eradicate or lessen the myriad of problems with the world today? Even with all of the advances in technology, transportation, and communication, people are hungering, unemployed, yearning for freedom, fighting battles over land, religion, and arguing over philosophies that can never be won through typical worldly means. If we learned to solve these challenges through Godly means, it would change the face of every nation.

GROWTH NUTRIENT #6

God is pro-business; pro-multiplication. He implemented His economic landscape before Earth's creation. Whenever He speaks in parables it deals with commodities, people or objects. Everyone is diverse in the knowledge and experiences they bring to the table. Enter into His Kingdom marketplace to grow your business and your church.

CHAPTER SEVEN

SEVEN ECONOMIC Systems: The Commons

WANTED

Change agents to implement Commonwealth cures to capitalism.

ANY governments are talking about expanding the Commons, yet the problem is that they do not understand its spiritual landscape. Unfortunately, they are only touching the natural landscape which is ineffective. The Bible tells us not to forget about the Commonwealth of Israel; the spiritual economic landscape. I visualize it as a female womb submitting herself to the Kingdom, which is the dominant male ruler (Eph. 2:11-21) (Eph. 3: 5 & 6). Upon further study, I realized that I can compare the womb and the seven mountains to three models: (i) driver in a car, (ii) a vehicle, and (iii) boxes of products inside the vehicle. This picture is also similar to the economic Mark of the Beast (666) in Revelations. Then the beast represents the driver who can influence the woman, his wife is the woman, and the seven systems are actually present in the vehicle being transported to a certain place. Now, the driver is driving the idea of the economy like a messenger carrying something to influence others. Looking at this picture with a Kingdom lens the driver represents the Kingdom of God (God himself), the vehicle is the Commonwealth, which is the economic model that is going to transport the thoughts of the Kingdom to influence the seven systems.

Capitalism is a big landscape with small pockets of people trying to expand the commons. Its gravity is coming from the force of greed. The current compound interest rate is shouldered on the lower class. My fear is that if we don't go to the strongest reference that is bigger than ourselves which is the spiritual landscape in Heaven's economy, then we will be sucked into the vicious cycle of the capitalistic landscape. Ultimately, this earthly system of ownership, greed, and self-interest will cause worlds to collapse. Leaders must view capitalism as a culture with a strong gravitational pull which will require a spiritual force to counteract it to change the landscape. This is going to be the next fight. The person who can explain the spiritual landscape of the Commonwealth and the economic force to invade the landscape of capitalism will be the biggest "celebrity" on Earth.

Arrogance is a weed that grows on a dunghill.

Your life cannot be controlled by a greedy capitalistic spirit where many of the kings of this Earth have placed their weight on almost every economy. Have you noticed how quickly just a few changes by one individual forces nations to go into recession? It's time for you to create playing fields on your own landscape. When you add your weight to the scale, the economies that you are part of will not experience inflation. Increasing your weight on the scales of your landscape will allow you to experience more, not less.

No place is boring if you have had a good night's sleep and have a pocket filled with unexposed film.

Today you need to view yourself as an individual who is carrying unexposed dreams, unexposed favor, and unexposed resources. As you expose opportunities and commodities to the world around

you, you will add value to who you are. I don't believe any place or time is boring because I choose to be part of the landscape. I am not part of the problem, I am part of the solution. I know in my pocket there is unexposed film of potential. Like a camera loaded with film and ready to capture a moment in time, you are loaded with dreams and goals and possibilities. All of which need to be captured and then exposed so that the picture becomes clear to you and all those around you.

Most people think they know who you are, but they don't. As you begin to move into your unique place in God's Kingdom you will become part of the His desired landscape. You will see your life transform into a great work of God's art. In this season, the next move of God is going to be in the marketplace. The marketplace is a combination of these seven systems that are interrelated. These systems are also microcosms (small worlds or social groupings) working simultaneously. They are the original source and idea of an economy. Jesus said that we are to go into all the world and preach the word to everyone (Mark 16:15). So it stands to reason that the marketplace is the place to recruit disciples. That is why He is sending you to different social groups—lawyers, businesspeople, athletes, accountants, journalists, etc. However, regardless of your cultural background, genetically unrelated people can successfully work together via cooperation and teamwork, like in the rainforest to produce substantial results.

CORRUPT THOUGHTS

You may not be aware of it, but these seven systems are operating in constant motion under a capitalist landscape that is dividing people and the world. All of the laws and customs of a democracy are designed to control the seven systems. These seven economies are covered by a system of government that is not part of the Kingdom. However, once you understand how they can be implemented into a Commonwealth system, you will see how they all have a DNA

to share. All seven "mind-molders" have been designed to produce interaction. Interaction has a lot to do with understanding the rainforest. Interaction is about you, me and making everyone in the room part of the plan. These seven thought-center templates are 1) Arts & Entertainment, 2) Business, 3) Education, 4) Family, 5) Government (Law), 6) Media and 7) Religion.

We have been influenced by these systems from the top head. Daniel always had visions with heads which means headship and its governing rulers of the political systems. As long as the wrong headships are over these systems we have an obligation to go back to the generational records like a property tax attorney to see who acquired them. Even though we see the woman's head over these seven systems in Revelations, we know that she is not the headship to the Kingdom. Under the woman, the wrong thoughts, realities and perception would be released. The Kingdom is the headship. It is God's laws, His sovereignty, His sperm, and his culture released into the womb which is the economic landscape that births its laws. The laws have to be incubated and they will be administered in the Kingdom. They will come out of the womb like veins flowing through the people from the seven mountains.

In order to take back these seven mountains the first thing that we need to do is to raise up people and place them in the right position. Our thoughts have been corrupt for so long that there has to be a period of quarantining them. The number one dominant thought that we need to know and understand is the Commonwealth. It is what we are building and fighting for. Think of the Commonwealth as our survival plan; our armor of thought. When King David was at Hebron, he did not tell his soldiers that he was going to take back the mountain (2 Sam. 6:5). The first thing he did was gather intelligence and mobilize his men. Therefore, you also need to organize your diverse team, strategize your interactive model, and properly administer it. This is the same picture David is showing us; get your thoughts right, unite, network and start sharing.

The key ingredient in the seven system analysis is interaction.

The Garden of Eden represented God's structure of interaction. Let's look at the four rivers: Pishon, Gihon, Hiddekel, and Euphrates all carrying gold, silver, and onyx streams of income. They all run into the Tigris and collide in the center of Jerusalem where new business needs are created. Next, we can look at the interaction of the two trees. The first tree was the Tree of Life which represents a male Christ. The second tree, Knowledge of Good and Evil, is a female tree that symbolizes Eve's womb. Thus, you see there were male and female plants which are the correct social structure of life. Male plants do not produce fruit like female plants. God used Eve's womb to inject and download his DNA to fertilize, colonize, and transmit it into the world so you can create your landscape on Earth.

Paul is telling us in Ephesians (6:11) to put on the whole armor of God. As mentioned, consider the Commonwealth as your thought armor to shield the thoughts of individuals who seek to take back the mountains. Like the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:1 when everyone was on one accord. There were 19 nations of diverse languages and cultures, speaking and understanding each other. The Commonwealth is the right thought-shield which will allow people from all over to successfully work together.

God's sharing and interaction model using the seven economies were designed to operate in the Commonwealth. Right now I believe these seven economies are operating in the wrong direction. I have been called to bring these seven systems to light that are controlling the minds of people. Once they are in the hands of the right people, they are going to shape their reality, expressions, perception, awareness, etc.

In Revelations, John is showing us a vision with the mind of God. It is before Genesis and John wants us to see it through the eyes of Jesus. The vision uses the religious symbolism of a Jezebel spirit sitting over seven mountains. The number seven is very powerful here because it can refer to cultures, dimensions of well-being to people, organizations and churches. This woman is a foreign entity that is controlling the seven economies mentioned earlier: Arts and

Entertainment, Business, Education, Family, Government (Law), Media and Religion. The woman is mimicking the things that belong to Kingdom citizens. More important, these seven economies aligns with the fact that there are seven nations and continents in our world today. John's vision in Revelations is a true picture for the templates of warfare. He is letting us know that the spirit over the seven mountains is influencing us and we have to take these systems back and restore them in the Kingdom. Each continent is the home of a strong mountain. These mountains are located in the areas of where civilization first began in the triangle between Turkey, Russia and Pakistan. This is the same location where satan resided there when he was kicked out of Heaven. This area has a strong religious spirit in its center.

When we speak about civilization we go back to the first government in the Tower of Babel called The Gate of the Gods where satan needed an economy to accomplish his goals. If you are going to take back the seven systems, you will need a true understanding of the Commonwealth because when most leaders speak about these systems or mountains they are doing so with a capitalist mindset. This is erroneous because the systems were designed by God via collaboration and a shared rainforest-like environment.

Everything original comes from God's Kingdom. Anything working under a different economy will operate in division and universal alienation. I challenge you to take these seven systems and empty them into a barren landscape. Once you do it, you will have an economy that is ready for hyper-growth. Keep these handy as they are the real templates for warfare:

1) ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Nothing brings a more diverse group of people together like the arena of arts and entertainment, which includes the sub-categories of music and sports. Arts and entertainment can transform the thoughts and actions of millions of people simultaneously. Sports is probably the best example of the most global interactive unification model. One sporting event like the Super Bowl or World Cup can bring together individuals from all ages, culture, race and socioeconomic class.

Today sports is viewed in a competitive light as opposed to a game of challenge during Biblical times. Competition represents division which is a string to the Kingdom of Satan. Sports teams are fighting and arguing about who is better, who has more money or accolades, which destroys how people develop. However, the sports system in the Kingdom introduces entertainment for social development. In Hebrew 12:1 Paul spoke about the many clouds of witnesses; the great leaders of the faith like Abraham, Sarah, Joseph, and Joshua. These leaders have died and gone on to Heaven and are cheering us on as if we are running this race in a track and field stadium. Paul is saying yes you can all make it as onlookers from the bleachers are shouting words of encouragement. The excitement in the atmosphere causes those who have not spoken to each other in years to be on one accord. He is also reminding you that every day you are being challenged but don't give up because you can press, push, and fight the good fight of faith (Phil. 3:14). Whenever he speaks about pressing toward the mark he is speaking about challenging you so you can grow and develop like Joseph. Joseph evaluated himself in the pit. He then challenged himself personally from the pit, to prison, to Pharaoh's house. Once there he challenged the nation and became a great leader of Egypt. At the end of the day, God intended for you to be challenged in order to help you grow spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Competition will ultimately lead to division, thus separating people rather than building each other up and sharing as in the Kingdom.

2) BUSINESS

Now more than ever we should heed to the Biblical warnings of the signs of the times (1 Chron. 12:32). God gave Joseph a vision to the upcoming famine. Joseph listened to His voice and prepared by setting aside seven years of resources. Today, greed and competition has put the financial markets around the world in turmoil. Competition rules! One big company rises up while their leaders sit back and watch another fall—with no regard to the devastation of the other. There is no camaraderie. The word "competition" never appears in the Bible which tells you that our current system should have never been based on competition. Instead, we should be comrades. The capitalist mindset has been ingrained in us to believe that the more money we make the better off we will be. This is a false premise and lack of security as many rich people have millions in debt. As a Kingdom citizen, one of the greatest powers you possess over lost souls is unity. There is strength in unity (Acts 1 & 2). Throughout the Bible we are instructed to be on one accord, to be like-minded with no division. Do not succumb to operating your business with a competitive strategy because others are doing it. In the Commonwealth you will see that competition is irrelevant, yet your business is likely to grow a hundred times faster with sharing and collaboration.

Remember that the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

- Deut. 8:18

Throughout the Bible we see that God is pro-business. In God's economy you are either a laborer or an owner. In Genesis 1 He tells us to be fruitful and multiply. God desires for you to utilize your gifts and talents to bear fruit. Adam and Eve were given the land in the Garden of Eden to grow and cultivate it. We later see in Matthew (20: 1-16) He admonishes employers to treat their employees fairly in the parable of the workers in the vineyard. God has a special blessing for owners because owners can reach more people with their workers. Remain focused on the Kingdom and God will always provide solutions and answers to help you lead a better, more productive life. He knows everything about you and

your business before you even think it. Trust Him, walk upright, and your business will flourish.

Incentives

All of the entities in the rainforest come together and create tons of commodities, however, some of the incentives are not distributed back equally. Of course, some entities are stronger than others which poses an inequality problem at the outset. If all of the employees come together at same time and create commodities the residuals will influence and empower each of them so they can work together on a new level. We did not do this in socialism because we used other people's money and the money ran out. We are not doing this in capitalism because the incentives are designed for the exclusive 75% group who are taking the workers' output. Workers get frustrated and cannot go to the next level as they see no need for sharing and cooperation. If this happened in the rainforest the commodities would die because the nutrients created are not coming back and being recycled.

Capitalism has created the wrong incentives, but with cooperation, collaboration, and creative governance of the Commonwealth we can reinvest the incentives back into the employees; the people who made the organization powerful. What type of incentives does the rainforest use to become so prosperous? It is the same model of reinvestment. If I have 500 people and they raise 500 commodities I have to reinvest because there are different levels of collaboration. In turn, if the leaders do not redistribute what was raised, the people will not be able to govern and die in that unfulfilled place.

I recall a radio conversation with a host who was a Karl Marx theorist and he argued that my Commonwealth system was nothing more than a regurgitation of the failed Socialist system. He called it Socialism because I said in a Commonwealth everyone is equal. He said the equality side of my Commonwealth is the dark side and that is what's going on in China.

The Socialism that he was speaking about that failed was not

pure socialism. Yes, it had everyone being equal working together, however it did not give incentives. Socialism without incentive is a planned humanist political strategy where a man created a lie. All of the "extra" went to the government. The Chinese have mastered working together as a team. Pure socialism trains people to work together. The more people work together and share they grow and economic behavior results. If we look at pure socialism we can learn from the rainforest. Everything is sharing and working together and there is an incentive to socialize. The rainforest incentives are commodities for us to breathe, live, eat, and make money. Everything we see is because the rainforest is sharing.

Unfortunately, the Chinese economy is suffering now. They have learned how to socialize yet they flee China to look for jobs in other countries. The Chinese have no problem living together like in military-style barracks or adapting to 15 people living in a studio apartment. Chinese socialism provided a good foundation for strong family businesses and work ethic. As "Commoners" I want to extract the good aspect of socialism and capitalism and do away with the bad aspects. With a Commoner mindset I look at capitalism and say the incentives are good, but getting rid of individuality and competition is key. I look at socialism and say mix in the creativity of the workforce and sharing and "cook" it and now we have the ingredients of a Commonwealth; incentive plus human sharing and working as a team. It's a new stew.

I have asked myself, "Why are the Chinese so good in business?" The answer is that they realize the first and most important thing is how people share. It is the foundation of their work ethic. Now all they want is incentive, so they want capitalism. The good thing is that their sharing is so strong that capitalism cannot intrude on it and divide them; it only makes them stronger.

Another pro-business aspect can be seen in Matt. 8:28. When Jesus came off the boat after the storm on the island He ran into two demon possessed boys. This island was involved in the business of importing and exporting. The demon possessed boys are territorial

spirits that want to stop people from passing through them to get to the livestock of 2000 pigs. Jesus confronts them because the people were complaining that they could not get past the boys to get to their pigs. In essence, the boys represented a spiritual financial abortion as they were stopping people from getting what they needed to make money.

Jesus approaches them and the demon said "What business do you have with us?" This shows that the demonic agencies knew that they were controlling business. These demons were intelligent and probably said to themselves, this guy is a king from a different territory and he has an invisible thought. They realized that Jesus' thought was to bring His way of business on the island and to remove their demonic mountain of business. Even though the territory was under their control, they knew Jesus' power and they did not want to leave, so they asked Him if they could dwell someplace else. So Jesus let the demonic spirit go into the pigs and they all ran over the cliff. Now Jesus was able to set up a new mountain of business that was representative of the Kingdom.

In addition, on Paul's journey through Ephesus he encountered business leaders who wanted to kill him because they complained he was stopping them from making money. These leaders were silversmiths who made silver shrines for the goddess Diana. This was their only means of income, and it was lucrative. Paul had turned away people from the silversmith business by saying that there can be no gods which are made with hands. The people worshipped Diana and after Paul's words there was confusion and unrest. They wanted to throw Paul in jail because he was from a different place with a different way of doing business.

3) EDUCATION

When we consider the mountain of Education we are speaking about two things: knowledge and wisdom. It is helpful if you can picture two rivers running together with knowledge being the accumulation of facts while wisdom is the application of such facts. Jesus gives us the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven to access all that He has for us.

Education creates culture

Education is a cultural influence upon society that fosters social control. I believe education is a secret curriculum based on values, principles and attributes. All of which are not mentioned in the marketing or other collateral materials when institutions are promoting their history, course offerings, and student success stories. It is a hidden, subliminal culture intended to preserve status quo that you become exposed to as an insider only. Recently, a young woman at Harvard encouraged her fellow classmates to create a play as a photo blog for their Tumblr account to promote "I Too, Am Harvard." This play was written to speak out against the elite Caucasian structural prejudice on campus. The play's title was taken from the renowned African-American poet Langston Hughes' "I Too, Sing America." In the photos, students are holding up signs which relate to a personal experience of cultural insensitivity. Each photo represented a time they felt isolated or treated as part of another class while on campus. Harvard's administrators embraced the campaign and have formed committees to address the students' needs. Similarly, historically black institutions create the same problem when non-blacks enroll in their schools. If the institution is controlled by a black person, there are principles and attitudes of black power. This is a real problem. That is why the need to take back the education mountain is so important. We need to get rid of the competitive social interest in favor of a collaborative social interest.

We need Kingdom-minded people controlling the educational systems. As we have seen, if we have the wrong people taking over the mountain of education then the spirits of the people controlling it will impose their cultural ways of thinking, their values and their attitudes. They will also recruit others to coerce and conform

into their values. Higher educational institutions operating within this secret curriculum have an exclusive culture; only a certain elite group of people can afford this college and in order to attend, we will dictate how you will look, talk and act. Once you are here we will recruit you into our economic cycles and provide jobs and other networking opportunities that are not otherwise available. We will teach you how to conform and if you don't conform you will be kicked out. In addition, education develops types of personal demeanors. For example, a lawyer, doctor, or a musician all carry themselves in a certain way so that onlookers will suspect that they are one of these positions. Why is this? Because they have been educationally programmed to adapt to behaviors that correspond with what they are studying.

Since education creates culture we need a collaborative social interest of institutional owners who are not just from one race. We need owners and leaders from different nations who are collaboratively sharing their social agendas from the top down. In this way, the social interest from each different cultural background can all come together which will benefit students from all parts of the world. As these leaders' principles, values and attitudes trickle down, culturally diverse students should feel comfortable in an environment where the culture is not one of privilege, inequality, or racism.

From a spiritual standpoint, if we look to Eph. 4:11 we see that God has given us apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. All of these five positions involve teamwork as the goal is to get all five offices to come together. Unfortunately, many churches are still operating in an individualistic, competitive model and their five-fold ministries are stagnant. Once the leaders in the offices of these ministries gain complete knowledge and understanding of collaborative social interests and the Scriptures desire for them to share, individual and church growth are likely to flourish.

4) FAMILY

There are many walls but not enough bridges.

Under capitalism we have a lot of relational transgressions in the family and kin-folk are not coming together. Let's look at Joseph's brothers who were jealous of him. Why did they throw him in the pit? Because his dad Jacob gave him an expensive coat that represented favor, governance and stewardship. Joseph's story shows that people, even family, will do anything for money. Thus, we see families being destroyed and falling into transgression and division because of money.

Division and greed does not just happen in the family but also occurs when the capitalist come in and pit the rich against the poor. When one person gets more it creates an unleveled playing field and negative emotions create controversy. Now envy creeps in, then jealousy, and even murder. This is how a capitalistic society can destroy the family. Not only immediate family, but people who you interact with on a regular basis. There needs to be more bridges because they connect communities and cause people to grow in an organic way.

5) GOVERNMENT/LAW

The government influenced by the woman in Revelations is a democracy. Under God's rule it is a Kingdom government. If we are going to take back the mountain of government we must understand the democratic mountains that are controlling the system of government right now; a government where opinionism rules the day. A Kingdom government is different in principles and behaviors. Revelations tells us that the kingdoms of the world shall become the Kingdoms of our God. For every Godly kingdom there is a demonic system fighting against it.

When we take back the government mountain of democracy and opinionism we will replace it with "free will." The free will concept hit home when I thought about a friend who needed a kidney transplant. The doctors gave her all of the pre-programmed laws about their qualifications and the hospital liability, as well as the success rate. Now, she had the freedom to choose whether to go through with the surgery. Neither she nor her family could sue the hospital if something went awry. Thankfully, her operation was a success. This scenario is what a Kingdom government thought looks like. It is a better model because God is giving us all of the laws and how to abide by them. If you choose to obey the laws you will be fine. However, if you disobey the laws, then you will pay a steep price, but He is not stopping you.

If we look at the prophet Daniel who was called to take back the government of Babylon. Daniel's thoughts were entirely different from King Nebuchadnezzar. His assignment was to commit treason by transplanting and overthrowing the present government. Not only was Daniel a prophet, he was also a prime minister. Daniel's thoughts were clashing with the Babylonian system because the Kingdom of God contradicts what is going on. Similarly, we can examine the story of Jesus preaching in the synagogues. As long as He was conforming to what the religious Pharisees believed He was OK in their eyes. But as soon as He started preaching around the city in different places and stopped going to the synagogue then Caesar wanted to know what He was up to. One of Caesar's men got back to him and said, "Master, this guy is saying the same thing you are saying, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven." Caesar was saying, "Caesar's kingdom will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven." Thus, Caesar locked Jesus up for high treason. This is where the conflict comes; two different kings from two different territories saying the same thing. This is the beginning of the template of warfare.

6) MEDIA

This powerful system controls your thoughts as well. Media is the first system God used in Genesis as a way for man to communicate.

If there was no communication then man would not be able to respond to God. Today, we see that the capitalist media is not positioned under its proper and organic Kingdom structure. The media is suffering violence because it is under a democratic government. It is moving like a capitalist economy and being used to bring division and destroy the lives of many people—all for ratings and profit. The media was supposed to be used as a communication vehicle to build our society to its potential and to uplift people.

The sensationalization and invasion of the private lives of public figures and celebrities' misfortunes and mistakes are dragged through the mud on display for the world to see. CourtTV, YouTube and smartphones are capturing personal tragedies to destroy, malign and create division, and class racism, amongst other things. It has gotten to the point where your thoughts are designed around your interest in people's failure because it is what the media spews at you daily. The minute a person makes a mistake, crucify him, divide his family and make sure he loses his job! You should realize that these seven systems are controlled by the laws and customs of democracy, which automatically shift them from a Commonwealth into the capitalist democratic framework.

From a Biblical perspective we know that Daniel went to the window and prayed to God three times a day. Kings spoke terrible about him because he was not praying to a God of Babel. One Babel god was Persia ("to delay") and the other god was meaties ("the media"). As you know, prayer is a medium of communication. King Nebuchadnezzar executed a document that shut down the meaties for 21 days. It takes 21 days for a habit or thought to change. Who controls our thoughts? The media! Kings are administrators for their territory; administrating their thoughts. Then, in 21 days that spirit was broken by Daniel interceding. Daniel's intercession is a clear picture of the mountain of media. Another word for "media" is "mediator." In Hebrew Christ is our mediator; our intermediary between us and God. A simple picture of mediation can be seen in the Tabernacle when Moses was in the inner court and the

altar was in the outer court. The altar operates as a media since it is in-between the outer court and Holy of Holies where Christ intercedes on our behalf. Daniel's intercessory prayer was a political fight for media that we still have today.

Your destiny can be delayed if you do not have the right level of communication in your life. If you want to become someone powerful you need a great media platform to get your thoughts out to the masses.

Image & Likeness

God created us in His own image and likeness (Gen. 1:27). One of the biggest problems we have is that we do not know how to create our own image. We have let the powerful people who control the media create our image for us. The more rich and powerful a person is, that is who everyone wants to emulate. The media introduces you to hypnotic suggestion and subliminal programming daily. Under a Commonwealth, the media will be designed to uplift and accelerate people by demonstrating the importance and benefits of sharing.

When tragic or controversial things happen in society, the media should begin conversations like:

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"What did we learn from this?"
"How can we look at the bigger picture?"
"How can we come together?"
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In a Commonwealth, we can examine the gifts and talents of individuals to see how we can provide music and entertainment to allow people to come together to socialize and have intelligent conversation. We will decrease the entertainment that features negative images of killing, violence, or destruction of families. Instead, the entertainment will be focused on teaching people how to build their companies and society with success stories and images of individuals cooperating and sharing.

Self-Culture

Do not allow people to purchase your self-culture.

Your culture is really who you are. When Jesus came to the disciples He said, "Who do men say that I am?" They replied, some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; others Jeremiah or one of the prophets. Then He asked, "Who do you say that I am?" One person got it right. "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God" (Matt. 16:13-20). The majority of the people did not know who He was. It shows that people can be with you on a regular basis and really not know who you are.

We need to get what the self wants to the glory of God.

Self-culture is backed by God's power to enable you to become the person He intended you to be. If you do not know who you are as an individual, then the force that backs your self-interest is void. As you look to operate like a Commonwealth, you can thoroughly evaluate how to deal with gender biases, as well as racial and cultural differences to bring together a strong, diverse workforce.

Your God-focused self-culture will contradict the popular capitalistic system that is based on greed. Rather than a "What can I do for you?" attitude, many capitalists have a "What's in it for me?" attitude. As believers, you need to focus on a greater and deeper self-culture, that will overtake a selfish capitalistic spirit. You have been made in the image of Christ, thus you are more than what people see on the outside. Unlock your hidden nature that the Lord wants to use to spread His Kingdom characteristics throughout the world. Do your part. He will not put more on you than you can bear (1 Cor. 10:13).

Once people are aware of your culture or your identity they may try to take advantage of you. Your identity is like your brand—similar to the Mercedes brand. That is why some people chose

Mercedes over Honda. Once you truly understand your identity you will not allow people to purchase your self-culture. Your next step is to recreate yourself in order to grow. Don't get discouraged if your leadership ability is buried under the culture of where you are from. Nazareth where Jesus was from was a ghetto. People said nothing good could come out of Nazareth. Therefore, you should know that if you are from a bad area yet favor is on your life, your environment will not bury your leadership destiny. Do you realize that God created man twice? Once in is His spirit, image and likeness, then again from the dust. Recreate yourself today.

You may not have realized that Joseph's bones were also buried in the desert of dry bones that Ezekiel prophesied to. Also, Joseph was in prison (buried leadership) and he used his talents to help people identify the strategic framework of their businesses. Philosopher Abraham Kaplan stated that the unlived life is worth examining.

"The unlived life does not mean going with the flow, but going on and on because there is nowhere to go."

Abraham Kaplan

Examining the unlived life is important because it is a place where your leadership is being held prisoner because you have set it aside and stopped examining it for far too long. Jacob is an example of a Biblical figure whose life was "unlived" and filled with struggles until he allowed God to lead his life. Jacob's name refers to con artist or schemer. He was born holding his brother Esau's heel. After Jacob wrestled with God all night God touched his hip and Jacob walked with a limp. However, he was a changed man on the inside and God changed his name to Israel which refers to the church (Gen. 32:28). Jacob's limp is a reminder to depend on God for all things.

7) RELIGION

When we look at the thought of religion in the Book of Revelations under the woman we see that religion is man's frustration to find the truth. There are two major problems in the world: religion and government. Religion is number one because it has the symptoms of division and confusion which are always found in the kingdom of satan. Thus, everywhere you go everyone is divided against themselves in religion. Currently, religious groups are sprouting around the world based on celebrity status. Not only are people worshipping celebrities, they are joining organizations that celebrities have joined which are not based on Biblical doctrine. When we take back the thought of religion it should look like the one James mentions; true religion is about feeding and caring for widows and orphans (James 1:27). Religion should be about sharing and demonstrating a different spirit of community.

Identity Crisis

In Matt 16:13-20 Jesus is having a discussion with His disciples and He asks, "Who do men say that I am?" What is the identity of the "I Am?" The "I" is really Christ, the warrior. The "I" is the self-address inside of us. Paul said in Gal. 2:20 that he has been crucified with Christ who lives in him. This was a transferring of identity. Many people erroneously in their prayers bind things and use the term "I" and say "Father I bind the devil... etc." What happens is their thoughts in their conscious mistake the "I" to be themselves. Prayers do not get to Heaven without thought. So if you are praying and believe the "I" is you, then you have a major identity crisis.

As you know, some of the disciples answered Jesus by saying He was Elijah, or Jeremiah. Christ was in them and since they did not know Christ, they did not know who they were as well. Peter was the only one who got it right, and he replied "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God" (Matt. 16:16). The Greek word for "I Am" is "Anochi" which means "of purpose." Therefore, if you understand

who Christ is in you, then you will understand your purpose and destiny. Most people will never find their purpose simply because they do not know who the "I Am" represents. So when you pray and say "I am wealth," your mindset should be that Christ is being wealth through you. Once you have the right identity in your mind then you have the right awareness, perception, intuition, etc. that is aligned with the seven dimensions of thought.

GROWTH NUTRIENT #7

Maintain a Kingdom moral code in all that you do because you will be faced with the seven mind-molders on a daily basis. The only solution is to look to the Word to determine your actions.

CHAPTER EIGHT

DEVELOPING LEADERS

WANTED

Kingdom-minded men and women to pick up their staff and lead one community, city, state and nation at a time

The answers to today's socio-economic challenges cannot only come from the higher-up. We need leaders of all ranks distributed throughout the world to effect change in their homes, churches, communities and workplace.

HEN our Creator said to follow Him, it meant to be jointheirs; to assist Him in business. Unfortunately, the original meaning has been destroyed in the more common hierarchal position models which give the impression that you are not "assisting" me, but you are beneath me. God is feeding a new headship into the world and is offering a new governmental structure that requires you to be adaptive leaders in order to thrive in your ever-changing environment. Envision a picture of your new internal and external landscape with the Kingdom as the foundation and the Commonwealth as the economic structure. Leadership is meant to fill in the void in people's lives with spiritual truth—as with Christ. You may live in a democracy that has various written laws, but a democratic

government cannot control your place in God's family since you exist out of His nature.

Whatever governments are in place you must abide by them extrinsically. However, intrinsically the Kingdom of God in you is growing and developing, and your spiritual nature will be released. Such perfect freedom will give you the clarity to move toward establishing His Kingdom here on Earth.

SIX LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Creating your landscape is the secret to your leadership development. In order to be an effective leader in the Kingdom, you must learn how to manage the economy which is the ground-well for the Commonwealth. Just as the rainforest, society and the economy changes all the time, so you too must quickly adapt to change, regardless of your title in order to be an efficient leader.

Here are six leadership skill sets to succeed in your new landscape:

1. Interaction: In a Commonwealth, everyone works together as a team sharing for one common goal. As you move toward your Commonwealth understanding you will quickly realize that capitalistic self-interest will lead to a lack of productivity and creativity. To a certain extent, technology can be a detriment to the new Commonwealth model of working together. Today, robots have replaced people. If you consider your daily socialization and interaction on any and all things wireless, you fail to realize that you are missing out on necessary face-to-face human interaction. Admit it, your kids are playing video games and watching YouTube, while you're updating Facebook and Twitter. These technological distractions are limiting your interpersonal communication and directly interfering with the management of your household; your bills are overdue; your kids are disobedient; and you are more stressed with

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- life than ever before. As a new leader, make a commitment to take a break from social media to personally interact with your family, colleagues, and friends. You will see how beneficial one-on-one communication can turn negative or challenging situations around.
- 2. Stewardship: As co-leaders, you must become good stewards to manage the economy. If we work together to manage our households, the church, and our businesses, we can feed off each other's energy to understand how we all benefit from one another. Yes, we are all different, but we can work and be successful and interact just like millions of Leggo's.
- 3. Access: Private ownership has no place in the Commonwealth model. As a new leader, you will learn how to access things in the economy as opposed to striving to possess them. Your access will allow you to increase at a rapid rate, more powerful than the man-made compounded interest rate. You will see how one can grow a thousand, two can grow two thousand, and so forthlike in the Bible. I want you to think back to 2008 when the economy was doing well. The use value was recordbreaking. Then as 2009 began to roll in the exchange value plummeted and private ownership suffered. The often celebrated ideology of self-interest, greed and competition lead to financial problems that the global economy continues to wrestle with. In the Commonwealth, you will see an increase in everything you put your hands to because your new economic leadership behavior requires you to seek and manage referrals, and work with others.
- 4) **Harvesting:** There are several parables in the Bible about harvesting that were discussed earlier. The first is the parable of the farmer sowing the Word. As soon as some people hear the Word, satan takes it away. Still others have seed sown on rocky ground and they are joyful in hearing

the Word, but since there is no root their joy lasts a short time. While others are like seed sown among thorns, and they hear the Word but worries of life choke the Word and make it unfruitful. Nevertheless, you can still produce through the thorns and prove your greatness and capacity to lead. Finally, as Kingdom citizens, seeds sown on good soil know how to reproduce when they hear the Word. They accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty and some one hundred times.

- 5) **Spirit of Discernment:** 1 Cor. 2:10, is a spiritual gift that allows you to distinguish between the things of God and the things of satan. This is your calling to appraise the land regardless of whether it does not make sense to others or fit into a perfect carnal scenario. Your measuring rod to invade a territory is to challenge your peers by measuring each other's potential to share and utilize the gifts that you need from each other to operate in your domain.
- 6) **Harvesting Knowledge**: You will be required to have a spiritual understanding and arrangement of facts while you are invading territories and navigating this new landscape in a certain strategic order. This is a time for you to seek true revelation and not allow your knowledge to be vaporized into philosophy. A true leader invades and does not follow the rules. If you want great examples on leading people pick up, *First, Break All the Rules* by Marcus Buckingham and Curt Coffman.

Conviction

Although all of the leadership skill sets mentioned are necessary, a critical characteristic of a leader is his attitude of conviction. You must be totally persuaded that your cause is the ultimate sovereign solution; so much so that you are willing to be jailed or die for it. Your conviction has to be so strong it becomes part of your character

and you are ready to take action to see a change take place. Granted, there are tyrant-like leaders with a strong conviction that their cause is right, however, they are really focused on greed and self-interest and seek to destroy lives in the process. A true Kingdom leader empowers its followers and trains others to lead.

History demonstrates that there were great leaders who created movements based upon their convictions that the status quo for equality, freedom, and basic human rights were being violated. Leaders like Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr, and Nelson Mandela suffered greatly as they were steadfast in their convictions to "right" the many "wrongs" committed by governments against the oppressed classes. The non-violent methods used by these men are discussed further in Chapter 9 on *Love*.

Hundreds of years prior to Gandhi, there were leaders who challenged the King's courts with their dissenting intellectual views on religion, politics and the economy; all of which were a guaranteed death sentence or jail. When John Bunyan wrote The Pilgrim's Progress in 1678 from a jail cell in Bedford, he had no idea the transformation God was making in his life and the impact the book would have on the lives of others. This book continues to be one of the bestselling Christian books of all time. Bunyan relays the story of a Christian who makes his way from the world through to Heaven. He was imprisoned for twelve years for refusing to attend the traditional Church of England services and for preaching to large crowds without approval from the state. Bunyan could have been free anytime he wanted as long as he agreed to stop preaching. There was no wavering in Bunyan's belief. He was truly convinced that he was called by God to the ministry and was willing to suffer for his beliefs. The Pilgrim's Progress is a masterful legacy that has survived nearly 300 years for Christ.

Likewise, Daniel DeFoe wrote the literary classic, *Robinson Crusoe* in 1719 after he was charged with "seditious libel" for several pamphlets he wrote expressing his dissenting view on the establishment of the church and the economy. He was placed in a pillory

for three days and then jailed by Queen Anne who was on a hunt to silence any nonconformist. DeFoe eventually negotiated his freedom with high government officials and became an intelligence agent for their cause.

"If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."
- Les Brown

Prior to DeFoe, Sir Walter Raleigh penned *The History of the World* in 1628 while imprisoned in the Tower of London for 12 years. Raleigh was convicted of treason in the dethroning plot against King James. In his book, he wrote historical accuracy from a Biblical, Greek mythological, and human perspective of his commentary. King James believed the work was too critical of the present court and he had the books confiscated.

A few others worth noting were Dante who wrote *Divine Comedy* while in exile under the sentence of death, and Martin Luther who translated the Bible from Hebrew to German confined in the Castle of Waterburg. All of the men mentioned had a strong spiritual conviction that allowed them to overcome carnal fear, self-doubt, and risk-taking. Some of the greatest works in literature was birthed from their suffering and conviction to do what was right. The Commonwealth will need convicted leaders like these men and the Apostle Paul who are fully persuaded, *that neither death nor life,...shall separate us from the love of God* (Rom. 8:38-39).

Share or die.

-Dr. Showalter Johnson

In the past few years, we have become accustomed to the buzz-words signifying that the economy is suffering: Down-sizing, Right-sizing, and Workforce Adjustment are just a few. Pink slips are being handed out in droves. As a Commonwealth, leader you have to

see the bigger picture of on-going productivity and creativity with *Up-sizing*.

Increasing your workforce with a diverse team will provide a stream of creativity since everyone brings different experiences to the table. This is the space where you can have one thousand fold blessing pretty quickly when a community of people are working together. Communities are the only thing to date that gets a thousand-fold interest rate or more. When the group comes together there is an administrative interaction like in a rainforest. Where its principles are indoctrinated into the community by sharing commodities like oil, gas, and vegetables.

In my company I told my employees that I will not tell you what I need done for a whole month, nor provide any type of instruction. By doing this, I was invoking a new level of diversity and accountability. I was not surprised at all when their level of productivity increased in one month and their creativity skyrocketed. One can put a thousand to flight, two can put ten thousand, and so on. This experiment works and I encourage all leaders to try it.

Failed Leadership

The media tracks individuals and groups while jockeying with other outlets to expose some form of corruption on a daily basis. Corruption comes from the imagination of ungodly people who are only interested in advancing themselves. From politicians, to accountants, to preachers of the gospel, rampant abuses of power and infidelity have been uncovered. Even missionaries and philanthropic groups have been known to hide millions of dollars for their own enrichment. As Kingdom citizens coming together, you have to remain true to your Godly agenda. You need to develop a people-focused culture so that you can position what God has entrusted you with so that everyone can become "access portals" for each other.

Tackling with Force

Your ability as a leader to persuade the media is going to be very important in this season because the media's influence penetrates every corner of every issue in society. As a Kingdom citizen you have to tackle issues with force because it is vitally important that the Kingdom and Commonwealth be established simultaneously worldwide. Facing issues by force does not mean abusing or mistreating people; it means speaking frankly, and often, about your beliefs. What you have to take by force are the non-flesh and blood princes and principalities that have acquired your dominion. Since the social, economic, educational, legal, and medical fields are part of God's Kingdom, the world will become a place of true equal opportunity and freedom for all when everyone understands and adapts to their roles.

The Kingdom must be exposed throughout every marketplace. Kingdom citizens are in this world but you are not of this world. God has placed you in the exact location at the exact time to make a difference in others' lives by sharing His grace and mercy with them. God's timing is always right. Jesus came into the world at the precise time to bring His Kingdom to Earth as it is in Heaven. While here, He associated with "strange people," who were unlike Him, and who believed in many different gods and customs that held them captive. Your companions and associates may be strange people as well. You may work or study in an environment that is hostile to God and His Word, but that's why you must take control of your environment with force; be violent against whatever spirit is ruling against the one true will of operating in the Kingdom for God's people.

The Invasion

In order to influence landscapes you have to invade them.

Jesus broke the rule when He rose from death's grip three days after He was crucified. He created an atmosphere of life where there

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was only death. He created joy where there was only mourning, and hope where there was only despair. Whenever Jesus spoke, He created an atmosphere that unshackled all who heard Him—all who realized the truth and magnitude of His words. Listen to His voice and know when He is speaking to the innate leader in you.

You were born with a desire to be rulers and kings. It is not bad for you to want to have power. Everyone has a natural desire to control or to be in charge, and once that is viewed and measured correctly, there is nothing wrong with it. You have been placed into this world that is a different system from the Kingdom. It is a land-scape that is not compatible with your language or your culture, so you will see that there will be a rebellion—a colonization. By colonizing the landscape you are influencing a different idea of leadership with different laws and customs. We saw this happen in the British Empire—a man-made monarchy kingdom. Keep in mind that there is some DNA in the British kingdom that is in God's Kingdom such as invading and taking over territories, but God, not Queen Elizabeth, owns everything in the Kingdom.

The clearest type of kingdom is seen the British Commonwealth. When the Queen of England says, "Welcome to the House of the Commons," she is referring to the management of the economics of her household in a man-made monarchy. Despite the fact that the United Kingdom is a Commonwealth and everyone is supposed to be equal, there has been a seepage of man-made philosophies of power and money that is tied to Wall Street. Money was not shared the way it was intended, and the Commons lost its true ideology. The British monarchy is really a fallen Commonwealth that has strayed away from the Kingdom.

Over the years I have taught students and world leaders around the globe. I was teaching a class of students in the U.S. Virgin Islands on creating their world. I started by saying to them that in order to lead you must invade and influence. No leader came into a place and led a revolution without overthrowing it. Leading means crossing the threshold and walking into new territory. Machiavelli is credited with saying the "ends justify the means." He also said that violence may be necessary for the successful stabilization of power and introducing new ideas. People often resist change because it is unfamiliar and takes them out of their comfort zone. If you don't embrace change you will never grow.

On another occasion I was teaching in St. Croix and I told my students about three different types of people:

- 1. People who are part of the problem,
- 2. People who are part of the solution, or
- 3. People who are part of the landscape.

Beware of people who appear to be solving solutions as they are the real ones who created the problem. These Individuals look like heroes with the ultimate answer. Consider this:

- (i) Who chose inflation at a compound interest at 3%?
- (ii) Who created the mathematical equation for pie squared?

The answer to these questions is "Man." Someone chose that formula and created this problem and the person who created the problem is the one who is ultimately credited with finding the solution. Therefore, it is really a misnomer to say you are part of the solution when you created the problem in the first place.

A Hog's Paradise

The true value of land is the idea of the culture.

What most people know about the Bahamas are the sun, sand and turquoise beaches. Years of catchy jingles and slogans like "It's Better in the Bahamas" caught on. By contrast, what many people don't know is that in the late 1950s an American, Huntington Hartford, purchased Hog Island in the Bahamas from a Swedish businessman. Hog Island got its name because it was dilapidated, filled

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with pigs, and utterly a sight for sore eyes. Hartford saw something completely different than what others saw. Immediately after Hartford purchased Hog Island, he renamed it Paradise Island, and a beautiful exotic landscape was created. What was the true value of the land? It certainly was not the pigs everyone saw. Instead, the true value was attached to idea of the Bahamian culture of sun, sand, and sea. Simultaneously, the real use value was the land.

There are many stories of natural developers like Hartford going into places like Hog Island and seeing the potential of the land. Similarly, people look at you externally and only see who they think you are and do not see your potential. Only you know the true value in yourself to develop into this beautiful paradise landscape for others to visit. As a leader, you will be called upon to see things differently and develop foreign lands, and cultures into one cohesive picture.

Baha Mar

Land is always the first wealth—even in the Bible. The Baha Mar Megaresort located on Cable Beach in the Bahamas is approximately 11 miles from Paradise Island. The Atlantis Resort on Paradise Island was the vision of Sol Kerzner. He saw potential that the previous owner and entertainer, Merv Griffin had not envisioned. Seeking to return Paradise Island to a true paradise, Kerzner began his transformation to create the mythical City of Atlantis from 1994-1998. The Atlantis has enjoyed decades of success, and up until recently had relatively no competition. That is until Sarkis Izmirlian came along.

The Baha Mar is another prime example of how one person, Sarkis Izmirlian, exerted true leadership and created his own land-scape by invading territory. Izmirlian came in with the idea to build a resort to rival the most popular tourist attraction on the island, Atlantis. He literally rearranged the landscape before everyone's eyes. It has been a long road to get to where he is today with over ten years of delays and financial issues. Nonetheless, by the end of

2015, the \$3.5 billion dollar project will be complete with 3, 450 rooms, casinos, and condos. Before his idea took on a life of its own, the landscape of the soon to be renovated site consisted of banks, a police station, homes and several shops. The minute Izmirlian signed the deal with the Bahamian government, the entire landscape was changed. He created his own landscape because he was able to control it. The banks, police station, and several shops were relocated to different streets. Coconut trees and other tropical plants were moved. The original routes to well-known hotels were shut down and the economy was completely shifted. Many businesses lost customers because of the rerouted traffic. People's direction changed, and their consciousness changed as the reality of their island changed. Grass and parking lots, have been replaced with people jogging over scenic wooden bridges.

Izmirlian knew how valuable the Bahamian land was and he used it to advertise the benefits of owning an exclusive property in the Bahamas. The true value of the idea of the land is hidden within its culture of sun, sand, and sea. The PR and Marketing team of Baha Mar created print advertisements and television commercials inviting people to invest in the properties on the "Bahamian Riviera" years before they were built. Shareholders began investing right away and sufficient capital was raised to begin construction.

Chinese investors financed the project which lead to a Chinese construction company performing the contracting. Thousands of Chinese workers who constructed the project lived in a complex built exclusively for them. The landscape in their area and surrounding areas had signs in Chinese. Baha Mar has offered nearly 8,000 Bahamians jobs. The company has created schools to train young people to work at all levels for the organization. *These guys thought of everything!*

Atlantis and Baha Mar are corporate groups that have been placed into an economic landscape. Each person in the group is not seen as an individual as they all have a role in making the end product successful. Every transaction that is taking place from Baha

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Mar to Atlantis to a hotel in Panama, is growing at a compound 3.5% interest rate. My goal is to convince these companies to stop focusing on each other as competitors. They need to see themselves for their own individuality in the corporate personhood arena so they can come up with ways to align strategically. At the end of the day when neither of them are at the table they are still paying taxes on all of the transactions.

WIN-WIN

Negotiation means business is getting done.

Participating in a Commonwealth economy means that you will become a key player in negotiating change. There are several types of negotiation styles and techniques and it is important to find one that strikes a balance with your desire to achieve a favorable outcome as well as God's desire for you to advance His Kingdom. Since you will be interacting with individuals who are different from you, you must be able to walk into a discussion with a mindset that it is possible for you to get what you want while giving the other person what he wants. This type of win-win negotiation strategy was first espoused in the early 1980s classic book, *Getting to Yes*, by Roger Fisher and William Ury as part of the Harvard Negotiation Project.

In *Getting to Yes*, the authors' premise was that people go into negotiations labeling themselves as either hard or soft based on a certain set of principles. They suggest that the first thing to do is to separate the person from the problem in order to let go of egos and emotions that will cloud your understanding of the other party's position. In the Kingdom, there is no room for large egos as everyone is equal and operating from God's level playing field to transform that knowledge and experience into your own landscape.

I believe the most intriguing part of Fisher and Ury's analysis is that the same steps they offer as it relates to collaboration, sharing, asking lots of questions, and brainstorming to achieve mutual gain, mirrors the Kingdom's way of doing business. The more interest you take in getting to know and understand the culture of the other side, the better your chances of reaching agreement sooner.

Efficient Communication

There is no denying that technology has changed the way we do everything. From the pulpit to the board rooms leaders are turning to technology to reach more people and open the lines of communication. Pastors are using iPads to deliver sermons while corporate leaders are using internet meeting software and other technology to communicate with employees and organizations around the world. Communication appears to be moving at rapid speed. Everything is instant. Especially in the world of social media.

If you own a business, having a presence in the world of social media is critical. Years ago a web site was enough. Today, you not only need a web site, but one that is consumer interactive and receives live feeds from various news, and organizational outlets each day. Technology has created new areas of study and jobs while eliminating thousands of jobs that required in-person interaction.

Today you can potentially communicate with millions of people at the stroke of a key. You can connect with people who have your same interests, occupation, religion, and political views. The downside to communicating electronically is that people are losing the skill-set of communicating face-to-face. I have seen people meet for lunch or dinner and both parties interact with their phones and other electronic devices during the entire encounter. What was the point? Other downsides to social media are the security risk of hackers accessing your accounts and personal information to impersonate you in a negative manner. Also, the fact that your opinion or other method of expression is on display for the world to see, you must guard what you put there as your actions may cause repercussions in the future. A rule of thumb; think before you type.

Facebook: A New Country

Interaction does not always happen naturally even among tight-knit groups of individuals.

Yes, Facebook is a country! They have over 900 million users. How is it that this young guy created this interactive system to get people to communicate and share in a way that changed the world? He has more users than the population in America. We are supposed to build a kingdom not a church. Mark Zuckerberg is operating off the laws and customs of the Kingdom. He is very successful because he built into FB the seven mind-molders. I don't believe he knows that these mind-molders are realities bigger than where he is from.

FB is emulating the economy of a Commonwealth because it is turning people to one another. Everyone equal. Everyone does the work themselves. They are using use value not exchange value. People may argue that Google's financial model is better, but my point is that the media model is good and Zuckerberg can develop it because he already has all seven—neither Google, Twitter or LinkedIn have it. The problem with LinkedIn is that they exclude the regular guy. It is a social network for professional business people. FB reaches all generations and ethnicities. Interaction must be taught and practiced in order for everyone to come together as one.

GROWTH NUTRIENT # 8

Leading in the Commonwealth requires mastering leadership skills such as Interaction, Harvesting, and Stewardship. Yet, standing up for your beliefs and having a conviction to take action to see your cause implemented is key. You have to invade and take over territories with a spiritual force.

CHAPTER NINE

LOVE IS GIVING

WANTED

True lovers of God who desire to spread His love according to His Kingdom principles.

Love is the only thing that will stop the Armageddon going on in lives worldwide.

In 1 Cor. 13:1-3 the Apostle Paul tells us that all of the spiritual gifts are useless if you do not have love. He likens himself to a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal which demonstrates the necessary interaction between you and me to show love. God's Kingdom will rescue the basic value of human beings with love. The true balance of the worldwide political, economic, and religious pendulum must be love if the world is to survive.

God's love is unconditional. It is because of His expansive love that you and I have the gift of salvation. He gave his only Son to demonstrate the depth of a Father's love for His Son to save the world (John 3:16). Many Christian books delve into the different meanings of love which are often meaningless because I don't believe there is a definition in any language that can fully provide a human understanding of God's love for you. The love that John describes

in this Scripture is an intimate relationship of affection and sacrifice which is truly difficult to put in words.

Gifts are discovered, fruits are developed.

- Dr. Showalter Johnson

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

Fruits need to be developed. Visualize a garden with planted seeds. The seeds need to be cultivated to grow. Many people want the gift but the fruit has to be harnessed which speaks to your character development, requiring discipline and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23 provides us with the Fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Do you realize that you can fake certain Fruits of the Spirit? Temperance, kindness, and peace, for example, however you cannot fake self-control. Where is love in a capitalist economy? Where is kindness and goodness? None of these fruits are found in capitalism. Capitalism is connected to the market and it is the market mechanism to consume everything around it. Capitalism can cause various types of social problems like crime, hatred and even physical problems such as depression.

Capitalism is trying to bring love, a nonmarket value, into the market. The middle class and the poor are the greatest consumers. Everything now has a price and is considered a commodity. A manifestation of love is to give, yet capitalism wants to contradict the giving concept. We will continue to have more socio-economic problems until we get this right.

Love—The First Spiritual Principle

Love is a balance of accountability and autonomy.

Love is a fruit. Like fruit, love takes time to fully develop. Likewise, the mind has to be cultivated, watered and exposed to sunlight

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to enjoy the full development of fruitful Kingdom thinking. Love cannot be capitalized, however there is a position of love in a capitalist economy. It has authentic, pure values. The pendulum is moving back and forth, but when the Kingdom system takes over, the domino effect will occur around the world. The loveless status quo will be knocked off balance.

You must submit to what God considers the "the greatest of these"—love. Love for God, ourselves, and others. As hard as we may try, unconditional love comes only from the Almighty. Our human failings taint our love with unhappy past experiences, grudges, unforgiveness, and a host of other feelings and emotions. Not so with God. His love is complete and eternal. Nothing can separate you from Him or His love.

Love Movements

Movements begin when passionate leaders emerge. Leaders who are more concerned for others than self. Although they may be part of other religions, they should be consumed with the greatest message of the Kingdom within—love. The force of love transcends religion and anyone spreading this good news will have a large following. The only way you can get the Kingdom to overthrow the spirit of religion that continues to impersonate His character is to understand that love can annihilate all world religions.

Joseph is an excellent example of living love. On more than one occasion, he revealed spiritual dreams that projected a future reality. He spoke from the spiritual reality that was within him, and eventually, in God's timing, it was physically manifested. Often during his life he faced cruelty and injustice, but he never retaliated with violence. Rather, he forgave, worked and looked to the Lord, and presented himself worthy of God's mercy and grace—no matter what the circumstances.

Love produces change, brings balance, energy, harmony, community, and unity.

Also, Daniel's love for God was constant regardless of his trials. He spoke a different mindset message from the traditional Babylonians. Daniel's natural reality landed him in a den full of hungry lions that did not devour him. Rather, his spiritual reality overpowered his natural reality. This is similar to what Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela accomplished. These three great leaders used the nonmarket value of love to change and influence their environment. I am calling on you to reach out into the sphere of spiritual humanity and model a spiritual reality that spills over into a physical, natural world that other people will want to be part of.

Love is a therapeutic approach to war or conflict.

-Dr. Showalter Johnson

Leo Tolstoy, author of *The Kingdom of God Is Within You* (first published in Germany in 1894) is considered a love change agent. Tolstoy was a Christian anarchist from Russia. Christian anarchism is a movement in political theory and political thought; it is the belief that there is only one Source of authority to which all Christians are ultimately answerable. I too believe that my political theories and thoughts represent that Christ is the only authority who abides over all of us.

Tolstoy argued that the non-violent application of the law of love in the form of protest, strike, and other forms of peaceful resistance were the only alternative to violent revolution. Tolstoy espoused Kingdom principles. Non-violent resistance was a major part of Tolstoy's view of Christianity. The Sermon on the Mount was a message about turning the other cheek, and this is what Tolstoy taught Gandhi—a new reality. Tolstoy argued that only through the

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principles of love could the Indian people be free from British rule. Gandhi believed it and so did his followers.

Tolstoy touched the heart of Gandhi through his book, and Gandhi used those teachings to create a non-violent movement. Mahatma Gandhi was known as the Father of India's Independence Movement. Early in his life he was committed to bringing justice to oppressed people in South Africa and to freeing India from British rule through non-violent means. Gandhi went up against the capitalists and said we are going to fight them with love, peacefulness, and kindness-nonmarket values. Gandhi changed the environment by introducing love.

Nelson Mandela was a national liberator for South Africans and racially oppressed people around the globe. He fought against apartheid and won by partnering with the then current leaders of the country. Mandela's weapons of choice were longsuffering, patience, and self-control, all nonmarket values. He served 27 years in prison fighting for underserved people. True value happened when he entered the prison and remained there fighting against the capitalist mindset of racism and greed. Mandela used dissimilar weapons than those used by other leaders which led to his ultimate freedom for himself and the people of Africa. Mandela's value was more powerful than the capitalist society.

Martin Luther King Jr., another love change agent, was the national face of the Civil Rights cause in the 1950s and 1960s. He played an integral role in ending segregation of African- Americans in the South and other areas in the United States. He too used nonmarket values to preach about loving our brothers and sisters of all races. He fought capitalism and racism with the same tools of love and patience. All of these "love" leaders realized the importance of using these Fruits of the Spirit because the capitalist market would continue to devour and consume them leading to even greater socio-economic problems. These great leaders examined their own lives which was a painful exercise but it helped them be truthful

to themselves and their cause. Gandhi, King and Mandela lived from within their spiritual beings that focused on helping people by loving them.

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- (Romans 8:38-39).

Love for us is divine nature, and nature without love is a forest fire.

The Kingdom of God is a beating heart within the Earth. When Christ came to Earth, He set a rhythm for the movement of the Spirit. Life on Earth will become a forest fire if you do not make love your priority. Love is the only thing that will stop the Armageddon going on in lives worldwide. Only love can touch the hearts of men and women.

You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked

-(Psalm 97:10).

He gave you a force to strategically empower you to advance in life. You are not designed to be like anyone else; nor are you called to be homogeneous or standardized. Homogeneous causes competition. Force is only produced by opposites. The human aspect of living spiritually within the Kingdom requires a true commitment to seeing life through God's perspective, which is with a lens of love.

Love produces change, brings balance, energy, harmony, community, and unity.

-Dr. Showalter Johnson

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Once upon a time is now upon us. This is a strategic time to model a new reality in a world that is not compatible with God's reality. It is a new consciousness, a new government. My spiritual journey has me moving toward Christian anarchism. I want to take Leo Tolstoy's Kingdom principles even further—and it may involve violence. The violence will come from within as citizens rid themselves of evil, selfishness and hatred. You will need to model a greater reality in order to keep the love flowing. Continually cultivate, and dig up the ugliness within and toss it aside, for there is Kingdom business to be done.

Love makes any age golden.

-Dr. Showalter Johnson

The morning sacrifice is you, and the evening sacrifice is God. The Kingdom cannot be released unless you sacrifice yourself in the morning. You have to use violence to destroy the seeds of flesh that want to germinate in you and distract you from the path God has already planned for you. God says He will come and pour Himself out in the presence of others and they will know Him. You will see breakthroughs and prophecies manifested like never before.

SOCIETAL RELATIONSHIPS

Any conversation about love and humanity must include the relationships within that sphere. A builder first needs a blueprint. Students need books. Believers need to seek His Kingdom. By doing so, we know how to communicate, relate to others, and live according to His Word.

Communication is important. Every good and healthy relationship is one in which people communicate honestly. Constructive communication and exchange of thoughts are the first level in relationships. It is vital that you make people feel comfortable in our

presence and that they know you sincerely care about them. Your future depends on it.

Many people mistakenly begin relationships by asking "What do you want from me?" This is a dangerous question to ask someone. "What do you want?" is a command. A questions such as this opens the door for the devil. Especially in love because our relationships are domestically pressured. I have heard women say, "There are no good men left today." That is not the true problem. The problem is that most women are looking for relationships with a "want" mindset rather than a "need" mindset. "What do you want from me?" will be the question that controls the relationship. If you are seeking a lasting and Godly relationship you should be asking:

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"What do you need?"
"What needs can we meet together?"
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The key difference between a "need" mindset and a "want" mindset is that a "need" mindset makes you the master, while a "want" mindset makes you the servant. Your "need" should be something that helps sustain you. Your "want" is something that you may have seen others with. You may "want" a rich, famous, and attractive spouse, but that "want" of yours may have nothing to do with what you "need" to fulfill your purpose in life. Instead, it may be the greedy side of capitalism and a warped sense of the "American Dream" that is causing you to see the world unrealistically. Evaluate your relationships to ensure that you are not walking in a "want" mentality. Even though you may be in debt over your head or trying to build your business network at church, ridding yourself of an unrighteous "need" mindset is a big step forward.

There are many types of societal relationships within humankind. We need to understand different types of relationships to recognize how beneficial or destructive they are:

1) Opportunistic - When someone benefits from you

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without injury to themselves. This is the type of relationship such as employer- employee. Employers and leaders take the opportunity to employ people to accomplish their goals. As long as the employers are fair to compensate, this relationship is successful for all involved.

2) Symbiotic – Both persons share a mutual benefit or dependence on the other and sometimes one person is not benefited by the relationship. Two types of symbiotic relationships are (i) Parasitic - a one-sided relationship where one person is benefiting at the expense of another; and (ii) Mutualistic - very close relationship where both parties benefit.

In order to be a party at the table in this new Commonwealth, you have to embrace the spirit of love to bring about productive dialogue and change.

STUMBLING BLOCKS

There is no limit as to what can be accomplished in the Kingdom with everyone cooperating, sharing and pooling whatever resources they have. By nature we all have various perspectives on life based on our upbringing and culture, so it may be a difficult task for you to jump on board with the Commons mindset. Our own personalities may get in the way in the beginning, however, look at them as temporary stumbling blocks. Once you recognize them you can begin to counter them with your new Kingdom mindset. God has given you the victory over every negative personality trait known to man.

The Ego Problem

The ego is the greatest con artist. It shifts the focus of what the real internal problem is to something external. Most people do not realize they have been conned by their ego. Real warfare needs to take place within you. Your ego tricks you into thinking that you are not causing the problem. Instead, your ego tells you you're wonderful.

An external enemy is waging war against the Kingdom inside you. When God speaks, the universe will respond to support you. He can express Himself through you. Do not allow anyone to con you into becoming someone you are not. He says, "I AM THAT I AM" (see Exodus 3:14). That is why the world is trying to mimic and imitate what is inside you—trying to be the "I am" of who the I AM is in you.

God is looking for people who will declare a thing in the midst of their ego. Satan hides between egos. Pain hides behind the ego, which is hiding behind pride. When Jacob found himself wrestling with an angel he sacrificed himself. The angel asked, "'What is your name?' He said, 'Jacob.'" When Jacob said his name, it was changed to Israel (see Genesis 32:27-28). The I Am was embedded, and the universe responded. Jacob decreed I Am in the midst of his ego.

You must go into the Kingdom of Heaven yourself. Do not let anyone keep you out. Neither the devil nor the ego can create things. You must say to yourself, "I am who God wants me to be. In that statement, the "I" is spiritual, it is a person—but the "am" is a name. The Almighty and great I Am will release the details of who you are. God shifted His Kingdom address within you to show you who and what you are fighting. Moreover, the "I" tells the mind what to do.

Narcissism

What does it mean to be narcissistic? Narcissism is a personality disorder. It is an overestimation of a person's own appearance and abilities. I also believe that it shows up when your personal desires are placed before your needs. In the story of the swan and the scorpion the scorpion asked the swan for a ride across the pond. The swan said, "No, if I give you a ride, you will bite me and I will die." So the scorpion said, "No, I promise I won't bite you. I just

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need to get to the other side. And besides, you are much too beautiful to bite." After some back and forth between the two, the swan finally agreed to give the scorpion a ride across the pond. Before they reached the other side, the scorpion bit the swan. As the swan was dying, it asked, "Why did you bite me?" The scorpion replied, "That is what I do."

The moral of the story is that the swan was flattered by the scorpion's deceitful compliment and agreed to a proposition that brought certain death. Narcissism traps many people in this modern age of self-indulgence and self-gratification. Rather than dying to self as the Bible commands, we glorify self. In fact, we can be on fire for God and still lose focus, like the great prophet Elijah who was overwhelmed by Jezebel (see 1 Kings 19:1-3). The Jezebel spirit promotes self over God. It's time for you to put your needs before wants, and seek divine order of divine flow. Seek first the Kingdom only then will everything you ever need be added.

Integrity

Paul told the Roman church that people didn't glorify God and were vain and foolish. We must pull down every thought or imagination that exalts itself above the knowledge of Christ.

...they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

(Romans 1:20-22 KJV)

When you get your heart right with God, righteousness, morals, and good character will be part of your identity and personality. You cannot have a righteousness lifestyle if your values are not upheld daily. Every decision you make must be based on God's principles. Consider an example of a construction project. You purchased a pillar that is guaranteed to withstand 5,000 pounds, yet you use it and it breaks! The manufacturer of the pillar has no integrity.

This same principle can be applied to personal integrity. When a person says they will do something, others should be able to depend on it being done. If someone prays to be forgiven, that person needs to also forgive. Because we have Christ living in us, integrity also lives in us, and the universe responds to it, enabling us to follow through with our promises.

Many people, Believers alike, have been so beat up in life that they cannot feel love or see their self-worth. Their desires have been mismanaged and cause them to either manage or dictate the value and resources of other people rather than getting themselves right with God. A vital concept in advancing in the Kingdom is solving moral and ethical problems by getting people in touch with their inner spiritual world. Think about:

- When was the last time you made a decision based on God's Word for your particular issue?
- 2) Do you make ethical decisions regarding the financial management of your household?
- 3) Do you make moral choices regarding what you watch on television or at the movies?
- 4) Do you meditate on God's Word daily?

Take a step back and reevaluate your relationship with God if you have never thought about these questions and cannot answer all of them in the affirmative.

The Envy Challenge

Many people have an envy problem—even Believers. Envy is wanting what somebody else has. It causes you to be resentful or unhappy because you want someone else's success, good fortune, qualities, or possessions. There is no room for envy in the Kingdom. When you know that God is going to give you all that you need according to the riches in His glory, you have absolutely no reason to be envious.

GROWTH NUTRIENT #9

Love is the most important Fruit of the Spirit. It can be used as a nonmarket weapon to produce change. Use love when you are faced with challenges that are beyond your natural abilities. Since God is love, He will be in the midst of the situation and work things out for your good. Don't let negativity or negative spirits become stumbling blocks to your preordained favorable future.

CHAPTER TEN

THE GOVERNMENT WITHIN YOU

WANTED

Bold Kingdom citizens taking a stand for God and operating uprightly in all of their dealings.

WHEN you make the necessary internal spiritual connection and come to the realization that you are an individual government, you will eventually change your landscape into one that has balanced scales. A balanced landscape means that you understand how to access the Kingdom. The first step begins the moment you truly believe that you are a joint-heir to His Kingdom. There will be an equal opportunity for every individual and nation in the Kingdom.

It's time to dig new wells of miracles. As a Believer, you must add your weight to the scales that have been controlled too long by only a few wealthy individuals. Don't be afraid to inject your Godgiven gifts and talents into the world's playing field. It is imperative that you believe you can make a positive difference for people in every nation—especially in this season of chaos and economic uncertainty.

Facing the Truth

You have control over your future because you can control your present.

Your future that is now being planned is not here yet because it is being planned by your present. Think about your current environment and circumstances and you will realize that your present is planning your future for you. What conditions are you facing now? What would you like to change?

A major problem for most people is figuring out how to correct errors in their thinking. The only way to correct errors is to convince yourself of the truth, pertaining to what you want to see manifested. That *thing* that subconsciously comes to your spirit, which you are afraid to say aloud. Of course everyone wants to see good things manifesting in their lives. Truth will never cause you to desire something to be manifested that is not part of your destiny or assignment.

It is said that truth is the first casualty of war. Many times a lie is more comfortable to embrace because you accept it as truth. When a person confides in you, you naturally accept what is said as truth. You have an innate desire to believe people, so when a person lies to you, it may take a long time to realize the lie. Once the truth is revealed you must correct the error in your thinking by rejecting the lie.

Truth is not always logical because it is a spirit. That is why, when most people are faced with truth, the first thing they say is that they have to pray about it or go on a fast. If what they heard was a comfortable lie, it keeps them within their comfort zones and they will accept it as truth. That is why the Word says *those who worship God must worship Him in spirit and in truth*, (John 4:24).

Change is the only constant in life. So if you are going to embrace positive change as a leader in the Kingdom, you must be a transplanter. It's time for your extreme thought makeover that will begin with self. As you embrace other landscapes by starting with "I" your thoughts and actions will be more decisive and deliberate. There is no time for excuses about who you are or what you want to be. You will be clear on the role God wants you to play in the world. Replacing your words to "I" is the only way your thoughts can change. It allows you to correct any errors and convince yourself of the truth of what you would like to see manifested in your life.

Both "truth" and "I" are spiritual. "I" is who *I am*. However, what people think of you is different, which creates a chaos of contradiction of who *I* think I am. So when you walk into work each day, your co-workers think one thing about you, but there is a different side to you that God is developing. What has been designed by God will be governed and guided by His truth. Once you convince yourself of your spiritual "I" truth, you will see the *thing*—health, promotion, or family reconciliation manifesting. It will be uninhibited so that nothing or no one can stop it. When thoughts are changed, they are the property of those who entertain them.

Practicing self-truth ensures you a forward-motion lifestyle. Convincing yourself that there are corrections you need to make in your thought pattern keeps you from experiencing failure. Having a positive self-culture allows you to easily transplant yourself into a different environment, whether within your workplace, community, or around the globe.

Pay attention to the present because your future is being controlled by it. Things are being done on a subconscious level that you cannot see. The subconscious personality is like a magnet that attracts mental and physical substances to itself. Begin to change your "I" thoughts. You don't have to tell anyone. Your subconscious knows it already.

Internalization

As you continue the journey towards preparing for your Kingdom assignment, there are a few more concepts to comprehend,

such as "internalization." A person who internalizes understands that they can endure any storm. The storm represents the external world; things that are happening on the outside. Most of the time, these "storms" in life can quickly overwhelm you if you focus totally on its size or sound. As you internalize you unconsciously allow a situation to become part of your nature. What this does is show you how small the problem actually is and you can begin to solve it by putting it in its rightful perspective. When Jesus was in the boat sleeping and a storm rushed in, He slept peacefully as the storm worsened.

As you get deeper revelation you will discover that the Kingdom is a spiritual, geographical location. Within the Kingdom there are different time zones, controlled by God, and different modes of revelation that you enter into. For instance, the storm is happening outside, but Christ is sleeping. In His time and space, He realizes there is no danger. You have to begin to live in the geography and timing of the Kingdom. Timing is everything!

Unfortunately, many leaders are not teaching you how to endure life's struggles. Not only do you need to be taught how to survive troubles, but also how to pursue your dreams in the midst of trouble. Many of you are locked into survival mode and are too busy to pursue your destiny. Moses was a survivor. Joshua was a pursuer. In this season get out of survival mode and pursue your God-given goals.

You are not called to accept the external things of life. You are called to digest the internal things inside so you can then manifest the solution. What is inside of you is bigger than what is going on around you. Your reaction to external circumstances is a great predictor of how you are going to handle life's storms. Allow Him to work through you as each day brings its own joys, heartaches, victories, and disappointments. When storms approach and you are directly in the eye of the storm, depend on Christ who lives in you. You will no longer have to prove yourself to people, or fear

tomorrow. You were called to have faith in the One who loves you beyond comprehension.

Now that you have learned to internalize, you can begin to model new realities. As a bona-fide Kingdom citizen, you are prepared to take over whatever the enemy gives up, or runs away from as you make your presence known in the marketplace and in all of your endeavors. You have entered into a formative age when the prophetic word is shifting the consciousness of nations. Get ready to walk into a season where prophets speak to mountains and those mountains are suddenly removed!

Your Measure of Rule

Every person has books, inventions, witty and creative ideas inside of them. For unbelievers, their potential may never be fulfilled nor are they likely to ever reach their destiny. The problem for Believers is that we are not always seeking and praying. We cannot discover, we can only be uncovered. If we want to discover who we are, we have to uncover our pearl. We have to unearth it and seek God.

Right now in the body of Christ there are people walking around without any competence to rule by giving up their *exousia* (power or choice). Your exousia is the delegated influence and power that God has given to every Believer. Everyone has a delegated influence, force, and competency. The competency and force of your measure of rule is connected to a social group of people. This delegated influence has been given to you to touch the people in your community.

Believers worldwide need to regain their *exousia*. They must believe in the power that God gave them to be His ambassadors on earth and within their circle of influence. We are all members of the army of God, His workmanship—you are a valuable member of the Kingdom.

Sphere of Supernatural Humanity

As I have said several times, the Kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17:21). It has a specific address. Looking externally for answers disconnects you from the reality of its location. When you do so, you look with fallen eyes, and you cannot express the Kingdom that way. Observing with your eyes is an external reality that has nothing to do with your inner, spiritual purpose and destiny. The Kingdom does not come by observation. Looking for the Kingdom outside yourself introduces you to both the physical reality and "fantasy," which is a false reality. Surprisingly, many people think that looking inside is fantasy, but when you are spiritually in touch with the Holy Spirit, God's truth is revealed and it's as real as it gets!

Imitating God

Imitation starts on the inside, emulation starts outside. The world without God controls the world within so then emulation occurs in the flesh.

Perfect worship is desiring God at the same time He is desiring you—which is all the time.

The desires you have for God should imitate the desires He has for you. His desire is to give you the desires of your heart according to the riches of His glory. As you seek His Kingdom, you grow in various ways—spiritually, emotionally, relationally, and even financially. Growth is reciprocal in action, which means that whenever you grow and learn, you are being set up to receive and mature. Whenever you spend time seeking you are receiving as well. Many people are preoccupied and fail to seek, so they never receive and continuously walk around in lack. Spending time seeking will allow you to reap more than you can imagine. Consider these Scriptures that make it very clear that God wants us to approach Him with our requests:

Until now you have **ask**ed nothing in My name. **Ask**, and you will **receive**, that your joy may be full (John 16:24).

For everyone who **ask**s **receive**s, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened (Matt. 7:8).

And whatever things you **ask** in prayer, believing, you will **receive** (Matt. 21:22).

Those who are not seeking, are the same as those who are not being. Those who are not developing are equivalent to those who are always worrying about tomorrow. God says do not worry about tomorrow because He is in control of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Seeking and trusting Him is never a waste of time.

When you watch someone else's clock, you stop watching your own.

As your own government, you have to be cognizant of your time. You must realize how important every moment of every day is when you are traveling toward your goal. Often times you will have to be selfish with your time because you want to spend your time wisely—just as wisely as you steward your finances. When you watch someone else's clock, you stop watching yours. That means you have to stay out of other people's personal drama so you have time to concentrate on becoming who God wants you to be. His plans and timing are perfect and the sooner you get on His team, the better.

Whenever you are down on yourself, think of Joseph. If ever there was a person who could have thrown years of pity parties, it was Joseph. First, Joseph's own brothers were fiercely jealous of him and wanted to kill him. Having somewhat of a guilty conscious they decided to toss him into a pit with no water, thinking he would eventually die. When that didn't work, they sold him to into slavery

and then broke their father's heart telling him that Joseph was eaten by an evil beast. Along his journey he was wrongly accused of rape by his boss' wife and thrown into prison.

There was no complaining or bitterness in Joseph because he never stopped thinking for himself and leaning on God. He understood his value in the Kingdom. He knew that the Lord was with him through it all. He was faithful to God and lived a righteous, moral, and ethical life of integrity and confidence—even when no one was looking or listening. In God's ultimate, perfect plan, Joseph was strategically placed to save the lives of many—including the brothers who betrayed him. Joseph knew that God makes us the head and not the tail, and puts us above and not beneath. We are the cause that produces positive effects. Other than Jesus, Joseph is the ultimate role model.

GROWTH NUTRIENT #10

You were created in His image and likeness. You must accept His truth as your truth in order to succeed in the Kingdom. The more you take on His characteristics the sooner you will see positive change in your life on all levels. This is not a season of sitting back and watching from the stands. Operating under the new Commonwealth of the Kingdom means that you are being productive: in your speech, in your work, in your prayer, and in using your gifts.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

THE KINGDOM WILL STAND

WANTED

Kingdom citizens who are steadfast in implementing the Commonwealth thought strategy today!

God's rule is now aligned with His economy; the Kingdom Commonwealth has arrived!

A few years ago I spoke at a powerful church in Chicago. After the service I met several businessmen whom the pastor felt I should network with. I went to the home of one of the businessmen and he owned 26 cars. There were five or six cars that were the same make, model, and year. "Why are those Mercedes the same color and year?" I asked. "Well I have a lot of diplomats coming into town and I have my own cars to drive them around." As we continued talking he asked for my business card. I reached into my jacket pocket to retrieve the card and realized I left my cards inside my briefcase of the black Mercedes we arrived in.

"I need to get my cards from the car."

"OK!" He pressed the button for the garage to open. I stood

there trying to calculate which Mercedes we came in since they were all black.

"Which car did I come in?"

"Dr. Johnson, go out and open the door to the first black car."

I said to myself, *OK. I have to master the habit of order*. I cannot recall which car we came in; first, second or third. He saw me standing there so he repeated,

"Dr. Johnson, when you come out of this door open the car with the first door."

The word "first" is operative so I opened the door to the first black Mercedes and my bag was on the seat. I gave him my business card and we had a great meeting. The scenario of this story took me back to the scripture that says, Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you (Matt. 6:33) . I said to myself, he said to seek first the black Mercedes because there were other Mercedes present. This is the same thing that Jesus is saying; there are other kingdoms and He wanted us to seek first His Kingdom.

There is an order to Matt. 6:33. The Kingdom of God is what we profess. It is the place where Christ lives. Think along the lines of a child in grades 1-4. The first grade is important because it is where you learned the foundational academics like reading and math to take you to the next level in life. Seeking first the Kingdom is like the first grade which is the most important step for growth. The Kingdom of God teaches us about the laws of His government and how it operates. Once I grasped the "seeking first" concept, I moved on and began studying other kingdoms that were different from His Kingdom which taught me even more about operating in the world. Now I was mature enough to move up to the second grade as a son. My next promotion was to the third grade where I fully understood Jesus' words in Matt. 12:25, "...a Kingdom divided against itself will not stand..." Many people do not know that there are other kingdoms as the kingdom of satan rules their thoughts and operates in 1) confusion; 2) deception; and 3) division. Most people think they

can bind the devil or strongman. The strongman is really a thought; that's why Jesus knew their thoughts.

Jesus completed His fast of 40 days and 40 nights and He went into the land and encountered a devil spirit. The devil took him on a high mountain to look down on all the other kingdoms and said, "All these things I will give to you, if you bow down and worship me" (Matt. 4:9). This kingdom is the last grade and Jesus told the devil He would not bow down to him because He is the ruler of this world.

God's Kingdom

Humankind has designed various governments and economic landscapes that have survived for hundreds of years. Today's governments and systems within those governments have become so complex, and at times perverted, it can be very difficult to find the truth. Your job is to begin to pierce your nature and become saturated in the character of who you are in Christ until every government created by humankind is put down and the Kingdom is raised up in a Godly, Commonwealth economy.

As you have seen, the Kingdom has preprogrammed ideas, laws and customs manifested by nature. The majority of my ideas and principles of government have been drawn from conclusions in nature. Man-made governments, lakes and other non-natural environments destroys the well-being of humans. It is impossible to be happy if you are importing mental structures that have not been designed by the Creator of the universe. If you want a 100-fold incentive, look to the Kingdom's economic landscape of the Commonwealth, which is his wife, and life's challenges will operate smoothly.

Before any government or system existed, there was the Kingdom of God. It's time to begin to envision the Kingdom operating as a Commonwealth, and see the development of resources—land, water, metals, oil, lumber, precious gems, and people. God gave Moses land flowing with milk and honey. He gave the Abraham generations

of families. He gave Solomon wisdom and Mary the Christ-child. These are just a few of the numerous blessings He bestowed upon His children beginning with Adam and Eve. Our God is a giving God. But receiving from God is only part of the equation. He wants us to use what we receive to advance His Kingdom for His glory. We are to have dominion over the land and develop it, enrich it, and share our blessings with others. We are to raise our families to honor and worship Him. God gave us power to live in the here and now, and provided us with the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. With those keys, we are to develop and establish His Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven (See Matt 6: 10-11).

Jesus, our King, descended from people who had common struggles—a coward, an adulterer, and liars, are a few of the personality and character failures within His family tree. Nonetheless, He went on to fulfill His destiny. Let this be a lesson for you—no matter what your generational history, you can and should do great things for God. His DNA is the only one that counts when determining your success in life.

The power to operate freely in the Kingdom comes from God. The real power in American government is not President Obama as he does not make all of the decisions. He is the dot in the center of wheel. The real power is wielded by those holding positions in Congress, the Senate, the Judiciary and the governors and mayors across the country. All of these individuals are the force around the power. This analogy is similar to a hurricane. The eye of the hurricane is in the center which is the leader of the force. However, you cannot feel the eye, you can only feel the effects of the force around the eye which carries the strength. We can take this one step closer to home with Christ in the center. Of course we can't see Him, but we can feel His ambassadors around Him. Finally, from a Biblical perspective we can look at Joseph. Joseph was from the Kingdom of God but he was not the head power—it was Pharaoh. Joseph was the real force in Pharaoh's dot of power. I have often asked myself why would God send these kings from His country that do not operate

like the other monarchs? The Holy Spirit revealed this answer: *God shows accountability and equality. That is why he says "follow me."*

God is carving a new place for you in the wilds of a new frontier. It doesn't matter what governmental leaders you vote for, because their system is failing. Kingdoms divided will not be able to stand.

Why will divided kingdoms and cities and houses fall? Because chaos is the opposite of unity. Too many leaders are making laws and doing things for selfish gain. You are called to be unifiers, not dividers. Your purpose for being here at this time is to unify the world by establishing His Kingdom on earth. When you see the kingdoms of this world crashing down and the streets filled with angry citizens, this is the time for a Kingdom government ruled by your spiritual self; owning your intrinsic value, leading out of your measure, and seeking so that your sphere of influence is widened.

By contrast, man-made economic landscapes such as Communism, Democracy, Socialism, and Capitalism will continue to struggle if they do not begin the shift towards cooperation, sharing and incentives. Communism restricts individual freedom; democracy is based on majority decision-making; socialism restricts individual ownership; and capitalism is profit-motivated. I strongly believe the Kingdom has the answer to the world's social and economic woes.

I often view the Communist form of government like a relationship between a man and his Socialist wife. When they come together during political intimacy, a child called "Incentive" is born. As the first parable of the sower demonstrates, this type of union is likely to produce 30-fold results. Communism provides less incentive because man has to export his own mental and psychological structures that are not aligned with the universe or the rainforest. Once man interferes with the ecosystem, the natural processes that were designed to enhance the environment are stifled. For example, my office in Sandy Port Bahamas imported sand, salt water, trees and other man-made materials to make the surroundings look beautiful; nothing is natural. Anything artificial or infused with chemicals slows down nature.

Early Evil Government

Pharoah represents evil governments in the world spewing injustice.

Ezekiel was given a vision from God about Pharaoh. Pharaoh in the Old Testament is the foreshadowing of a government that would harshly inflict people with suffering and take away their identity. Pharaoh represents evil governments in the world spewing injustice. Government has always been a principle of nature. Ezekiel mentions the trees in the Garden of Eden, and asks "which of the trees in Eden will you then be likened in glory and greatness?" Will you be likened to the tree of knowledge of good and evil? God was giving Ezekiel a metaphorical picture of humankind and evil. He says the tree is likened unto a man. The tree is a principle of nature. Therefore, the greatest principle of government will come from inside you. They can try to change your name, but they cannot change what you are thinking.

The evil government Ezekiel foreshadowed still exists to subdue and control the people. At the end of the day he wants us to know that the Kingdom is the only way out of the mess in this world. His vision tells us what to do when men have created governments, purchased your culture and thinking. These same men has created various systems over the years to make you lose your true Godordained identity.

Ezekiel states that before we can awaken the lion within, we have to awaken the righteous mindset within. Before we can awaken our authentic selves within, we have to awaken and stand for our belief in Almighty God. We must be willing to fight for whatever God says is true, but we must have His vision—because without vision people perish (Prov. 29:18). Without vision your attitude is lost in some complex government that has been established for the good of only a few. You may become bewildered by the causes and curses of the few. You will have to help them overcome attitudes so deep, under layers of unfinished business, rejection, regret and misfortune.

God said through Ezekiel, "A great eagle with large wings and long pinions, full of feathers of various colors, came to Lebanon and took from the cedar the highest branch." An eagle is a majestic bird, and again the tree is a principle of nature. Visions are the hidden nature of God. You must be open to receiving them as they are part of your spiritual nature in order to walk with God to have the truth revealed to you.

Oligarchs & Monarchs

I am not crazy when I say I love oligarchs but I don't like oligarchy. Nor do like the monarchs, but I love them as people. We must expand our knowledge and know that as Kingdom citizens we are called to love everyone—even our enemy. I don't love how monarchs rule because they are not accountable to anyone. They follow some of the guidelines of the Kingdom as mentioned previously, but since it is man-made, greed and self-interest carry over into certain areas which usually creates struggles and strife for the people.

I don't like oligarchy but I like David Rockefeller, a well-known oligarch. The Rockefeller blueprint demonstrates how one man tore down the entire infrastructure in Iran in order to build it back up. Rockefeller sought investors and built up the Iranian currency based on the value he placed on their money. I like how Rockefeller took his idea and created his own landscape in a foreign territory.

We need to adopt a Rockefeller attitude and enter the landscape of capitalism with a similar force by tearing it down, destroying it, and then reevaluating it to place our own value on it. This is why I enjoy watching oligarchs in action because they are using a concept of the Kingdom—fighting commercial territories. Rockefeller was using spiritual principles and I am not sure if he was even aware of it.

In addition, many people have visual images of the term kingdom as a picture of a king that is presiding over a country.

Right now Queen Elizabeth is controlling the British monarchy and everyone around the world is familiar with the daily affairs of the British Royal family. That's not the type of kingdom I am speaking about. Instead, I want to embellish upon the monarchy kings we see in the Bible like Saul and Pharaoh. The majority of the kings in the Bible were from a different country—which meant they were from a different Kingdom from God. All except for David.

We knew there was an anointing on David's life when he was a boy and took out Goliath with a sling-shot. David became King after Saul and Jonathan are killed. He is connected to the throne via the tribe of Judah, a direct descendant to Jesus. David's entrance into the Kingdom was a shifting of kings from the surrounding regions that really operated as capitalists. These prior kings used the working class and the poor people to get what they needed accomplished. The kings' job was to deceive and cause class warfare, which was seen with Pharaoh and others as they brought about inequality and recession.

David is really a king that represents the Commonwealth economy of God. Everything he does shows that he represents the laws and customs of the Kingdom. Goliath however, represents a different landscape. We think of David as small and Goliath as much bigger with more influence. David's victory over Goliath represents how one individual can superimpose and invade a large landscape. David's picture is one of a king invading a territory and overthrowing its rulers to establish God's city.

Teachings on a Kingdom's Commonwealth represent a divine institution that was designed to prevent economic clashes. Everything in life has a cycle like the rainforest. There are divine cycles of prosperity in the bible such as the 49-50 years of Jubilee. This is a prophetic economic cycle. The world is still recovering from the economic crisis in 2008. It is important to realize that there are things that slow down economic cycles of prosperity. Entities like Fractional Reserve Banking, credit cards, mortgage balloons, and

anything that creates excess is toxic. These toxic entities are designed to slow down the cycle of Jubilee.

Consider this:

- 1) Are there things that we are doing today in our capitalist society as political leaders which are toxic and cancerous to the economic cycles that are hard-wired into the universe?
- 2) Are there leaders that we must be delivered from that are creating so many different technologies to destroy or slow the economic cycles down?

This last question is synonymous to human intervention in the rainforest when a man cuts down trees. The economic cycle that designed the incentives from the rainforest is cut short. It robs reptiles of their skin which has hundreds of pounds of more morphine than humans. Everything in the rainforest is cooperating and working for a higher public good. The plants, vegetables, medicines, nutrients, oil and gas are all commodities that we need to survive. Again, make sure that you are not contributing to the slowing down of our economic cycles and destroying commodities. Utilizing the Commonwealth analysis, we learn the principles of the rainforest which requires us to remain true to our natural foundation. We cannot allow countries to create excessive taxes, credit cards, and superficial financial transactions.

It's almost like money is being recycled on a different level to a different exchange rate that is taking us to another level of capitalism all over again. You need to look to a reference bigger than yourselves. Bigger than your friends. For centuries we have elected politicians to solve our economic problems. Such a practice has to end because these are the same people who came from our schools, our homes, our churches, our jobs, and our families. They are part of the

humanistic reference. How can we use them to solve the economic problems? How can we use them when they can only use a human reference? Our problems are beyond human. You cannot use the same reference anymore. For example: If an astronaut flies out of the earth realm and into space to compose a new music CD then he is no longer using the reference of earth to create music. He finds a new inspiration in space somewhere in Heaven, which is a sovereign reference.

At the end of the day we should not close this conversation and run back to capitalism as though capitalism is the only vehicle we can use in our society. There are two competing systems: 1) the goat nation (capitalist) and 2) the sheep nation (Kingdom). The goat represents a democracy of the spirit of Greece which was originally controlled by monarchs. Before it was a democracy it was a republic. The "Leftist" mindset comes from the spirit of Greece. Even though we are using kings and monarchs which is not the picture of God's Kingdom, the Bible says we look through a mirror that is dim. I believe the monarchs have a dim and grim picture of what God's Kingdom is like but, they don't have a clear version of God's accountability structure. Even if we were to use a king or a Kingdom structure with a kingdom society on right and a democratic society with presidents on the left, you will see that the Kingdom structure works best. Why? Because a king owns the source of everything in the landscape. So logically he is really not going to steal from himself. Whereas a president or prime minister will try to get as much as he can before his time in office runs out. That's why at the end of an individual's democratic term, it is common to see a higher level of corruption.

In addition, under the Athenian democracy, there were two types of people that were not able to vote—women and slaves. This inequality trend continues in philosophical terms on various levels at universities and around the world with a hidden curriculum. Yes women can vote today, but there is evidence that they are not being paid the same as men for the same job. Many women are treated as

insubordinates on the job and in political office, and in churches. At the end of the day, I cast my vote for the right terrain, the sheep nation. Sheep go into their flock and see security. There is sharing and no fighting as sheep are comfortable being in community with each other. It is a nation that follows the patterns of the Kingdom and demonstrates how true equality can be developed. The sheep and goat can intermingle like the wheat and tare, however at one point they will have to be separated. It will be a major problem for the world if we maintain democracy on the Left, and an opposing Kingdom system on the Right. We have seen that the Left is not working, so it is time to move toward the right via God's Kingdom. The sheep will win because they are secure in their diversity.

GROWTH NUTRIENT #11

Every kingdom divided against itself will not stand. The Commonwealth Kingdom is the only economic system designed and implemented by God. Therefore, its seamless, perfect interaction is constantly working to produce growth in terms of commodities and people.

CHAPTER TWELVE

GREENING THE Landscape: I am ready to go green!

WANTED

Commonwealth gardeners who are eager to go green by taking swift and deliberate action to spread the good news of the Kingdom.

"Adam where are you?"

REENING the landscape involves your spirit. The condition of your spirit is reflected in the abundance or the lack of fruit evident in your life. Your mind is an art gallery full of beautiful landscapes just waiting for you to become part of the exhibit. But for years your mind has been locked up in holy abstraction. The only one who can understand the abstractness that you see is God.

I am ready to green the landscape of God's Kingdom. My pockets are filled with unexposed development and favor. Validations and credentials are written on paper, but God's favor is spiritual and eternal. Gifts can be discovered, but fruits can only be developed. If you are in the garden walking with God, you are developing the

fruit of the Spirit. You are beginning to develop your unique way of thinking, being and planting seeds.

God placed Adam and Eve as part of the landscape. He told them, "You are part of My architecture. You are part of My Garden. Develop it! Green the landscape; add more color and life to it. You are being transformed from sheep that need to be shepherded, to horses that are strong and on the move. Landscapes are everchanging, deliberate and aggressive. Being part of the landscape means you have been called to create worlds. Likewise, you have to become intentional and manage your energy in your speech as you know that death and life are in the power of your tongue. Therefore, when you are painting the picture of your personal landscape, what you say becomes a powerful part of the scenery. Now you can create pockets of realities that will increase His Kingdom for His glory. You are going to define the new arena and whatever you have been thinking and speaking will create a brand-new reality.

One of the steps to cultivating your landscape is to begin to ask questions—realizing that good questions are never really answered. Life's questions are not bolts to be tightened into a place, but seeds to be planted to greening your landscape of ideas. You will soon realize that when you ask yourself a question, more questions arise, which lead you to deeper and substantial thinking. Gradually you will see that you are thinking for yourself.

In the Garden of Eden, the most important landscape question was, "Adam, where are you?" Your King is asking you the same question.

Are you part of the landscape?
Are you tending to His garden?
Are you allowing yourself to be planted so you can bear fruit?

God gave Abraham land that he had never seen before. He has the same plans for you. He is going to prosper you in all of your ways. Where are you, Adam?

I am in the garden, Lord. I'm in the painting.

Do not pick from that tree. I need you to stay in the garden and develop the landscape of your human heart and potential so that you can find My Kingdom. I liken My Kingdom to a hidden pearl, like unexposed film just waiting to be seen for its beauty. Allow God to bring you closer to Himself.

Ideas are a nuclear string of acids, packaged by meaning, carried out by knowledge.

The Kingdom is not secondary to the government, corporations or anything else you can conceive. God is first in all things. The architecture and the landscape go hand-in-hand in conjunction with the gardening. From the landscape and the landscape from the gardening. Once you have become part of the landscape, don't allow anything to deter you. You are part of His kingdom and now you have the power to expose God's glory.

Whenever we feed the markets with who we are—who God is—the land beneath us shifts. Whenever the markets crash from greed, the land also shifts. Rather than running away or becoming afraid, you must create something that will feed your headship and your spirit. Feeding the landscape not only greens it, it draws an audience. That audience needs to hear about the Kingdom. God equips His own with the words, strength, and knowledge that settles deep into the spirit of those who love Him. You have God's favor right now. Learning how to use that favor for the betterment of all is the key to living out your destiny.

Maturation

When man and woman were placed into the Garden of Eden, they were added as special elements to the already-perfect landscape. After the fall, gardening and landscaping had to be developed by humankind so they could learn how to cultivate and maintain the Garden for generations. Many of you, after a fall, do not want to be developed, nor do you want to learn how to cultivate the circumstance. Some of you would rather not develop your landscape into a place of beauty and comfort as God intended. Instead, you prefer to remain in an unproductive and infertile environment waiting for others to hold a pity party on your behalf.

Maturing spiritually is about developing your potential, it's about nurturing the righteousness within. As you examine the land-scape of your heart, what condition is it in? What shape is your spirit in? If your landscape needs gardening, if your heart needs some tender loving care, then go to the Master Gardener. He is ever ready to help you prune and water and add support to the areas that need to be tended to. With the aid of the Holy Spirit, you can mature into a handsome and gorgeous landscape that will change the face of the globe.

Commit to developing all of the talents, skills, dreams, and goals that are part of who you are. Paint yourself into every picture, cultivate every whim that comes from God, and follow through every vision imagined.

GROWTH NUTRIENT #12

Do not allow anyone to take away your ability to be part of the landscape—whether the landscape is one of business, educational, financial, relational, or wherever you are needed in society. God is preparing your spirit to be a part of His Kingdom so all you need to do is be receptive to His new architecture.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

IT'S YOURS For the taking

OD provides the framework of how you can effectively take back the seven-system mountains which will put you in alignment with the Kingdom's economic framework. Once you take it back, what are you trying to put on top of it? Keep in mind that you are not rebuilding a church, you are building a Kingdom!

Samuel anointed Saul to go to the Philistines in the mountainous hills of the Lord which was a stronghold. Saul was supposed to take it back, but he failed. Then King David came along and he took back the Kingdom and expanded it 100-fold. David was able to accomplish his goal because he was more than a king; he was a priest, a prophet and a warrior, which allowed him to reach more people. Saul was a King and only handled administrative duties. If you want a clear picture of what has to be built on top of the mountains, it is the restoration of the Tabernacle of David to reach the world.

In the end, your mission as a Kingdom citizen is not going after souls—it is going after nations. Remember, if you are going to operate in the Kingdom's Commonwealth economy and take back these seven systems you need to know the culture of the inhabitants and their landscape. Kingdoms are never for individuals. Instead, they are always dealing with systems or nations of people.

Your job is to go into the world and make disciples of nations.

Your perspective has to change about winning souls. Taking over nations requires a wholesale thought process. Conversely, thinking about individual souls is a retail process. In order to carry out your assignment and take these systems back you need people with diverse skillsets like priests, prophets, teachers and other leaders. With this blend of people you will have a shared Kingdom economy that will surpass the world's economy because of sharing, collaboration, and diversity. Like the rainforests ecosystem of sharing and recycling, you too can adapt to your new Commonwealth environment and utilize your talents to collaborate and enrich your life and grow your business.

FOUND

Two billion Kingdom citizens colliding and clashing together to create new ideas, products and goals to enhance their Commonwealth human experience.

NOTES

- The Greek word for "energy" is "work."
- The Greek word for "Womb" is "Matrix". A matrix is a network connecting many things.
- The Greek word for "Strategy" is "Strategia" which means a plan.
- Greek word for "Oligarch" is "Oligarkhia" which means few; to rule or command. It is also a form of power; a small group of individuals at the top controlling a system.
- "Pre" previous or before.
- "Post" behind or after, later or subsequent to.
- "Infect" by transformation, i.e. a mustard seed drops into a garden and infects everything in its periphery. It spreads and infects by transformation.
- "Transplant" by moving or transferring something to another place. Similar conceptually to uprooting a plant and planting it somewhere else.
- The Greek word for "Marketplace" is "Agora" which means a gathering place or assembly. The Agora was a center for athletes, artists, spiritual and political life of the city.

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