

Kingdom communication.

Introduction.

I would have titled this message (and then it would have had a different emphasis) “How to experience financial breakthrough” a couple of years ago but the Lord has been busy in me.

Kingdom origin.

Right from the origin of man God intended for man to rule on earth for Him. Jesus came to restore the Kingdom of God, His rulership on earth. Remember that we are not the focus, the most important is the rulership of God, our King. We are vital to the execution of this original plan of God. We are the process. In other words His Kingdom comes in our lives, personally and then we exercise dominion on His behalf. Remember the Lord doesn't use subjects to populate His Kingdom He uses family.

Just about the whole ministry of Jesus was involved in giving, persuading, warning, reorienting man towards the Kingdom of God. The greatest opposition to the Kingdom of God is not the devil, he has been defeated, it is not false religion, it is the humanistic, self centeredness at the core of every individual.

Jesus said the kingdom is like yeast that influences the whole dough or like a seed that grows and then eventually gives shelter to others. If the potential of the seed can be subverted then all is lost. Jesus' whole ministry was to address this issue.

Jesus' attempt to warn man.

Matt 6 ¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where **your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are bad, your whole body

will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! ²⁴

“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

³³ **But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

When we engage with the Lord for our own purpose there is not much the Lord can entrust us with. He needs to know that we have a new priority in our lives, His Kingdom. His priority. Once this happens there are consequences that we automatically become beneficiaries of:

- 1 We don't need to guard our possessions.
- 2 A new peace comes upon our lives, no need to worry.
- 3 We get onto the provisions list of the Lord.
- 4 Our lives take on a new value – the Kingdom.
- 5 Our heart's affection changes.

Every person I have married has said to me, "Pastor, we are madly in love and want to spend the rest of our days together". Sadly this often changes after a few weeks, months or even years, why? We take ourselves into the marriage. We cannot just take our good intentions. The problem with our relationship with the King of kings is exactly the same. Our emotions and feelings are fickle, only an unshakable faith in the King of glory will win through to the end.

God is calling us to have a militant attitude, it is His Kingdom. It takes, like a marriage discipline, obedience, commitment, single mindedness, humility, courage, faith, perseverance, no lazy people will enter

The profile of a self centred man – remember, this is the enemy no1.

A rich man comes to Jesus and says: Lord "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus' discourse with this young man started about his own holiness. Jesus spoke to him about the commandments that related to his own condition, v 20 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'" Jesus didn't even mention 1to3 He went straight to 4 to10 He didn't mention the first 2 because these were the heart of the issue - ³ "You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. Exodus 20

Why did Jesus do this? The last 7 commandments deal with behaviour, which is important but the issues of life flow out of the first 3.

Luke 18 ²⁴ Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter **the kingdom of God!** ²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." WHY??? ²¹ For where **your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: When any Israelite sets up idols in his heart and puts a wicked stumbling block before his face and then goes to a prophet, I the LORD will answer him myself in keeping with his great idolatry. Ezekiel 14

Luke 16 ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

God wants to entrust us with true riches.

Secrets of the Kingdom. To do this we need to have a Kingdom pure ear. Kingdom pure = me out of the way, God on the throne. Kingdom first.

He wants to speak to/through us:

John 16 ⁷ But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.... ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will **guide you into all truth**. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ **He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.**

Not only personal prophesy, Kingdom prophesy.

1 Cor 14 Follow the way of love and **eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.** ² For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit. ³ But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.

Acts 19 ⁶ When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they **spoke in tongues and prophesied.** ⁷ There were about twelve men in all. ⁸ Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively **about the kingdom of God.**