



# GOD'S INSTRUMENTS

FOR WINNING IN THE MARKETPLACE

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“You are My battle-ax and weapons of war: For with you I will break the nation in pieces; With you I will destroy kingdoms;” Jeremiah 51:20

In the scripture above we see a bold statement by the Lord concerning His children and our role in His agenda. God Himself describes us as battle axes and weapons of war. But the Bible also tells us in Ephesians 6 that the battle we’re fighting isn’t with flesh and blood which means we are spiritual battle axes. Knowing that God has made us His battle axes, weapons to be used to advance His will and His kingdom brings up a few questions:

- ? Who or what are we coming against in the battle?
- ? How are we to function as God’s battle axe in the marketplace?
- ? What is the purpose of the battle?
- ? What does winning the battle look like from God’s perspective?

This series we are taking a deep dive into what it means for a believer to be God’s battle axe in the marketplace and why it’s a privilege for us to function in this capacity. We pray that the Holy Spirit will use this study to bring revelation and transformation as He shows us who we really are.

## Day 1

### Understanding Spiritual Dimensions

'while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal' 2 Corinthians 4:18

Life is spiritual and the spiritual influences the natural. This means that every sphere of life has both physical and spiritual dimensions and the marketplace is no different. However people are generally conditioned to focus only on the physical aspects – earning a living, paying bills, getting promoted, acquiring assets, etc. There is absolutely nothing wrong with any of these, however, as believers we do ourselves a great disservice if all we focus on is the physical. God has a much bigger picture in mind and ignorance of this can be costly.

“And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: merchandise of gold and silver...and bodies and souls of men.” Revelation 18:11-13

We spend a significant portion of our lives engaging in and with the marketplace and it's critical we understand the spiritual perspective of what we're doing daily. The Bible tells us clearly that the spiritual Babylon is a place of commerce where a variety of merchandise is traded and the merchandise includes the bodies and souls of people. This doesn't mean believers are working for the kingdom of darkness by engaging in their careers, businesses etc. However, it does mean that a believer who doesn't understand the spiritual dynamics of the marketplace may end up losing his/her identity and consequently not understand the true assignment. Beyond this, anyone focusing on the physical dimension alone will end up being shortchanged by those who understand how to navigate the spiritual.

'O Lord, I know that the path of [life of] a man is not in himself; It is not within [the limited ability of] man [even one at his best] to choose and direct his steps [in life]' Jeremiah 10:23 AMP

As the spiritual realm wields such significant influence on the natural, it tells us that whatever we see in the physical is simply the result of what was initiated in the spiritual. This understanding alone sets the tone for how believers should approach their careers/businesses, constantly testing the spirit behind the decisions made by or about them.

**Prayer:** Lord thank You for opening my eyes to the impact of the spiritual realm on my career/business. Help me to stop trying to direct my life myself and seek You first in all things so I am led and guided by You.

## Day 2

### Misplaced Identity

'Then the king instructed...bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles, young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans.' Daniel 1:3-4

When the king of Babylon invaded Israel, he specifically sought out the most talented young men to serve him. He also understood that the best way to make these young men useful to Babylon was through indoctrination into his culture and systems so they would retain their skillset but lose their original Israelite identity, to the extent that one of the first things that was done to the Israelite boys was to rename them (Dan 1:7) in order to further distance them from their original identity.

Assigning captives new names reflecting the captor's system, culture and religious form of worship was common practice in those times as part of the strategy to ensure there was no sense of connection to the original territory and enforce allegiance to the new king/country. How is this applicable to the marketplace today? Many believers go to our places of work/commerce/enterprise and get absorbed into the practices, priorities and culture of the system we're in. While natural names may not be changed, there is often a gradual change in allegiance from the things of God. Hence why for some believers God is restricted to Sunday service and on the other days of the week pretty much anything goes in the marketplace.

'But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light' I Peter 2:9

'and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father...' Revelation 1:6

When we lose our identity from God's perspective, we start evaluating ourselves and others from the perspective of the system we function in. We lay more emphasis on the titles, financial increases, promotions, expansions – all of which are good and God wants to give us – above the things that matter to God. But our identity is found in who God says we are, not what the job/society says we are. And He says we are already kings and priests, so we have a dual identity, one relating to the spiritual realm, the other to the physical, but both intertwined.

**Prayer:** Lord please remind me of who I am and whose I am. You said You have me on Your mind and You have called me specifically. Help me always remember that it's who You say I am that matters most.

### Day 3 Who's in Charge?

'For all who are allowing themselves to be led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.'  
Romans 8:14 AMP

Believers are carriers of the Holy Spirit and His residence in us isn't confined to specific time frames – He's always there. However, it's possible to have Him present and not active in our lives based on whether we submit to His leadership or not. And if the Holy Spirit isn't leading us, then by default we have submitted to another 'lord'.

'I beseech you therefore, brethren...that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God... And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...' Romans 12:1-2

It would be unrealistic to deny the influence the world systems have especially as we are confronted by them daily all the while coping with legitimate issues of life. This is why the Bible tells us that we must constantly engage in renewing our minds, so we don't misplace our priorities and reject our relationship with and leadership of the Holy Spirit. As with most relationships, a breakdown doesn't happen immediately, but typically starts with the subtle decisions we make that put our relationship with Him in the backseat as we pursue other things.

'How could you worship two gods at the same time? You will have to hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You can't worship the true God while enslaved to the god of money!' Matthew 6:24

If we consistently de-prioritize the Holy Spirit over time, we will subconsciously find ourselves yielding more to the present and physical, foregoing the spiritual and eternal. This is why Jesus warned us very strongly about who we give our devotion to. This becomes all the more dangerous because by taking our eyes off the eternal, we automatically lose sight of what the Lord would have us do in the marketplace.

**Prayer:** Lord help me prioritize my relationship with You so I stay under Your influence and guidance in all things.

## **Day 4**

### **Divine Appointments**

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you [and approved of you as My chosen instrument], And before you were born I consecrated you [to Myself as My own]; I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations' Jeremiah 1:5 AMP

God is very intentional about His agenda and equally intentional about how He intends to partner with us His children to fulfil His agenda. Jeremiah gives us an insight into how God functions – every single one of us has an assignment allocated to us. Some may be in the pulpit ministry, but majority of us will be in the marketplace and each of us has a part to play.

'You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed and placed and purposefully planted you, so that you would go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit will remain and be lasting, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name [as My representative] He may give to you.' John 15:16 AMP

The same way companies/businesses have vision and mission statements and job descriptions for their staff, God's kingdom is also very clear on its plan. Jesus makes it clear that He alone is the originator of this plan thus we're not the ones to create divine assignments for ourselves, He's the one that chose us. He tells us further that not only did He choose us, but He also appointed us to take up specific roles in His kingdom agenda. Meaning each one of us has a pre-designated role in God's agenda, no one is a mistake or an afterthought regardless of the circumstances of our birth or family/society.

Jesus goes further to place us in specific areas based on what He's gifted us to be and do in the areas of our appointment. He's so intentional that when we align with His agenda He purposefully plants us in the areas He's designated to us so we function at maximum capacity there and bear the fruit He's looking for from our lives. He created us to be His representatives in the marketplace. We're not supposed to be running helter-skelter trying to figure things out on our own. What He expects of us is to spend time with Him to understand who we are based on His plan and where/how we're to function. Let's pause to reflect on this and ask for His alignment where we may have orchestrated our own assignments.

**Prayer:** Lord, please show me who and what You have appointed me to be and do. Reveal to me where You've placed me per time, so I stay in alignment with Your plan for my life and represent You well. Where I may have missed it please bring realignment

## **Day 5**

### **God's Marketplace Agenda**

“People from many nations will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob’s God. There he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths...” Isaiah 2:3

God’s intention is for His children to saturate their respective fields of operation with His kingdom principles, practices and influence to the end that all will come to acknowledge His power and receive the gift of salvation. This is in line with the dominion mandate given in Genesis such that as believers function in the marketplace as His representatives, we step away from focusing on ourselves and intentionally focus on driving God’s agenda.

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” Matthew 6:33

We have legitimate needs for income, business/career growth, etc, however that’s not meant to be our primary objective. The goal should be to ensure when we show up, His kingdom also shows up. It means praying for our places of enterprise and bringing everyone under the influence of the Holy Spirit and His convicting power. It means setting up altars in our offices, establishments by prayer and consistently pleading the blood of Jesus over the environment and the people. It also means praying that every veil of blindness covering the people we work with is removed so the light of the gospel can shine through.

“Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe...”  
2 Corinthians 4:4

If we don’t intentionally do this, we and all that surrounds us will by default come under the influence of the prevailing powers in the environment. Even if we remain in a relationship with the Lord, those He sent us to reach will remain the same. It’s important to note that it doesn’t mean we must have loud/visible prayers in the place of work. There is no distance in the realm of the spirit. Thus not being able to pray or preach at work shouldn’t be a hindrance to fulfilling our assignments.

**Prayer:** Lord open my eyes to Your agenda and the impact You designed me to have in the areas I function. Help me stay focused on Your program at all times.

## Day 6 Advancing Territory

'So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.' Exodus 3:8

Knowing God has an agenda for the marketplace and His desire is to expand the frontiers of the kingdom here on earth, we must be mindful that in the spiritual realm there's no unclaimed territory on earth. Which means there are entities occupying the space we're meant to take up and also entities pushing to occupy the space we're currently in.

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When the Lord gave the Israelites their inheritance, the natural thought process would be to expect an inheritance free from contention. However, God gave the land to Israel even though there were already existing occupants. Enemy occupation doesn't in any way take God by surprise or even bother Him. For two main reasons, first is that He knows He has the angelic host at His disposal. Second is because He has us: you and I who He specifically designed for combat and as we work and walk with Him our victory is assured.

'You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.' I John 4:4

Following this pattern, it's reasonable to expect that there will be prevailing forces already in existence wherever we're assigned to. What those forces are or how powerful they may appear does not really matter to the Lord because He equips His children with what is required to take possession of the place first in the realm of the spirit and then in the natural.

Whenever we encounter some form of resistance in the process of taking on territory in the marketplace, it's often a signal that what we're doing is making an impact and the opposing kingdom is responding accordingly. This isn't something to be afraid of as we have confidence in the One who sent us. What's important is that we don't lose track of our role as representatives of Jesus sent to advance His kingdom principles and occupancy.

**Prayer:** Lord thank You for reminding me that I have nothing to fear because You will always back me on my assignment.



## Day 7

### Pushing Back Babylon

'And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: merchandise of gold and silver... and bodies and souls of men.'  
Revelation 18:11-13

Activity in the marketplace never ceases either spiritually or physically and so we must always be on our guard to ensure that we don't lose ground as the enemy will also try to recover lost territory where possible. Remember the main 'commodity' from the spiritual perspective is people. Therefore when we speak of territory the main focus is the souls of people and the enemy will keep checking to see if there's room to weaken both God's representatives and the souls they have won.

'When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, seeking rest but finding none. Then it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.' So it returns and finds its former home empty, swept, and in order. Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before...' Matthew 12:43-45

'Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.' 1 Peter 5:8

The enemy is always on the lookout to return to previously occupied territory, but the fact is that not all territories meet the criteria for being reclaimed. To avoid losing ground as representatives of Jesus, prioritizing our walk with Him is non-negotiable, consistently asking the Holy Spirit for help in staying highly discerning and perceptive, as He sensitizes us to the areas around us the enemy is trying to weaken.

'Turn my eyes away from vanity [all those worldly, meaningless things that distract—let Your priorities be mine], and restore me [with renewed energy] in Your ways.' Psalms 119:37

One thing we must be mindful of is that the enemy's attack will typically come in the form of distractions – an increase in the legitimate issues of life as well as strategic plantings by the enemy. Distraction is a powerful weapon because of its ability to change our priorities to the extent that we stop focusing on the real reason God placed us in our position and start focusing on other areas.

**Prayer:** Lord help me stay focused and energized so I don't lose any of the victories gained. Let my priorities always align with Yours.

## Day 8

### 5 Strategic Insights

'And the Lord said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it." Job 1:7; 2:2

One of the keys to succeeding in any battle is having an accurate understanding of your enemy's character and strategies; and as God's instruments of warfare in the marketplace we can't afford to be ignorant of either of these critical areas. In the book of Job we see interactions between Satan and the Lord in Job 1:7 and 2:2 that provide critical insight into how the enemy reasons and functions.

🔑 **Consistent and persistent:** Both scriptures show that we're dealing with a being that maintains a consistent pattern of operation. There's little variation in the method, which means we can be sure that though defeated, the enemy isn't tired. This is why Jesus admonishes us to pray always (Lk 18:1) because prayer is one of the strategic tools to ensure we don't fall prey to the enemy.'

🔑 **Intentional:** The enemy is always on the move, patrolling to see what's going on, seeking avenues for carrying out his kingdom's agenda. Likewise, we should be just as intentional about carrying out God's agenda (Matt 6:33)

🔑 **Opportunistic:** The objective of patrolling the earth is to identify and create opportunities to regain lost ground and wreak more havoc. This is why believers are to put on the whole armour (Eph 6:11-18) so that we can withstand all the strategies of the enemy.

🔑 **Observant:** The enemy noted that he couldn't touch Job because there was a hedge of protection around him (Job 1:10), which tells us that there were efforts to come against Job that weren't successful due to this hedge. Therefore, as believers we should always protect our eye/ear/heart gates so that we don't give room for the hedge around us to be broken and thereby create an opening for the enemy to attack us.

🔑 **Constrained:** Satan and his cohort aren't omnipresent and as such can't be everywhere all the time. Believers on the other hand have a significant advantage in that God is isn't bound by the constraints of space and time (Ps 139:7-16) so through His power and direction we are always several steps ahead of the enemy.

What does this information do for us? First it gives us a view of who we're dealing with and why we cannot afford to underestimate the enemy. Secondly it shows us the advantages we have because of the price Jesus paid for us and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives as we consistently enforce the victory we already have in Him.

**Prayer:** Lord help me become intentional and strategic in addressing the issues of life so I consistently overcome the wiles of the enemy.

## Day 9

### Winning with Excellence

'Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men'. Proverbs 22:29

'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16

'I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, And steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, And His dominion shall endure to the end.' Daniel 6:26

We have established that the marketplace has spiritual and physical elements and believers are God's instruments of kingdom expansion in both spheres. Which means believers must also understand how to navigate the natural sphere. One of the most powerful tools for demonstrating God's kingdom principles is through excellence and Daniel is a case study worth our review.

'Inasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation.' Daniel 5:12

'Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.' Daniel 6:3

Daniel was a very spiritual man who didn't ignore the place of prayer, study of the word and consecration. In the marketplace Daniel worked with at least 3 kings and with each one Daniel's capacity for excellence opened the door for him to demonstrate God's sovereignty and power and made each of the kings submit to God's power. Diligence as a principle is powerful because it yields results. When diligence is backed by the power of the Holy Spirit, it clearly distinguishes us from others and makes such people the ones to "go-to" for solutions.

'Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon.' Daniel 2:48

'Then Belshazzar gave the command, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a chain of gold around his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.' Daniel 5:29

'So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.' Daniel 6:28

What we will find if we truly put this into practice is that rewards others are lobbying or scheme for will follow us in the time frame that God permits.

**Prayer:** Lord help me pay the price for excellence at work and use this excellence to expand the frontiers of Your kingdom.

## Day 10

### The Holy Spirit Leverage

'From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.' 1 Chronicles 12:32

We live in a world that has been described by some as 'DVUCAD': disruptive, volatile, uncertain, complex, ambiguous and diverse. There seems to be a new problem every day, sometimes from the most unexpected areas. Amid this chaos people still need to run enterprises and ensure that they remain sustainable. As a result, the main question many leaders are asking across sectors is, "What do we do?". As believers we're not meant to be confused, rather we should be the ones pointing people in the accurate direction.

'But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.' Matthew 24:8

In Matthew 24:6-8, Jesus took time to detail what the end of the days would look like, and if we juxtapose today's world with what He said, then we see that He'd already given us advance warning of what to expect. We are certainly in dark and confusing times, but clearly none of the current or future happenings take God by surprise. And because they don't take Him by surprise, we shouldn't be caught unawares either. One of the biggest tools we have for warring in the marketplace is the foreknowledge the Holy Spirit gives us. By His working in us we have insight into the challenges and opportunities that the future holds for our sectors/businesses/careers and can therefore position accurately.

'And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.' Isaiah 11:2

'When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.' John 16:13

With the Holy Spirit in operation in our lives, He gives us the supernatural ability to know what is to come and the steps to take. This means that the more we yield to the Holy Spirit and let him mould us into becoming more like Jesus, the more insight we receive about what is to come and how to lead ourselves and others. This is to the end that we are distinguished in the marketplace and draw others to knowing our God. As important as they are, if we rely only on the natural indices for direction, we will miss the opportunity to tap into the supernatural and the leading and direction of the Holy Spirit.

**Prayer:** Lord reveal to me what is to come in my industry and show me the best course to take. Let Your wisdom, understanding and counsel distinguish me so my presence in my sector points other to You.

## Day 11

### Salting the Marketplace

'You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.' Matthew 5:13

One of the descriptions Jesus used for believers is the salt of the earth. Salt is dynamic and can be used in cooking, cleaning, for health and beauty purposes, at home or industrial levels and so much more. With salt just a little is required in proportion to the purpose it's meant to serve. All these speak to how multi-faceted and impactful we're supposed to be especially in the marketplace.

'Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.' Matthew 5:13 MSG

When the Lord positions a believer in the marketplace, that person is meant to reflect His character and principles in that area, bringing to the fore the way His kingdom operates. We must understand that whether we realize it or not, people are always watching us, observing what we do or don't do, so our actions matter. As salt, we season with love, wisdom, integrity, knowledge, self-control and so much more. Don't forget that the marketplace is a results driven environment and as such in addition to demonstrating the character of the Holy Spirit, we're also meant to be 'on top of our game', ensuring that we put in our very best regardless of what we're tasked to do.

'...But when salt loses its flavour then it's not good for anything.' Matthew 5:13

Salt in its pure form can remain useful, but there are situations that cause it to lose its 'saltiness', as such it helps to know what could make that happen. For instance when salt absorbs impurities or humidity or chemical additives are included, over time these lead to a substance that looks like salt but has lost its ability to enhance flavour. Likewise for believers, when we allow ourselves to be influenced by things the Lord said to stay away from and start absorbing the character of the marketplace rather than impacting it, over time we become just like everyone else. The most dangerous part about this is that once 'saltiness' is gone, we're no longer fulfilling God's purpose and have started executing our own agenda.

**Prayer:** Lord help me to yield to Your purifying power so I don't absorb anything that's not of You. Help me to stay connected to You and fulfil Your assignment for my life

## Day 12

### Multiplication Through Knowledge Transfer

'Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it..." Genesis 1:28

One of the Lord's strategies for winning through us is implemented when we intentionally multiply the principles of God's kingdom in the marketplace through transference of knowledge so others get the opportunity to learn from us. Teaching creates an avenue to reach those who may primarily be interested in learning how we succeed in our given task/role, etc. and acts as a platform to share about our walk with Jesus.

'And the Lord has given both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, the ability to teach their skills to others.' Exodus 35:34

'Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Matthew 28:20

God is very intentional about continuity and so if we look through the Bible we see there's always a focus on transference to others and especially the next generation. This applies in the marketplace as well. At every level and stage, we can share our experiences, learnings and skills with others with the intention of equipping them to fulfil their own God-given assignments. When we do so, we are automatically involved in the process of multiplication. It is to the extent that multiplication takes place that dominion can really be established in the marketplace.

You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. Ephesians 2:2

If we don't intentionally create such opportunities, those around us will continue to be governed by the principles of the world's systems because the devil is very actively ensuring that people don't fulfil God's purpose for their lives. This means that every role we have – regardless of the title/level – is a platform to showcase Jesus, the principles of God's kingdom and the power it carries. As we go to work today, let's do so with the mindset of utilizing the platform we have been given to expand the frontiers of God's kingdom through multiplication.

**Prayer:** Lord let my career/business showcase Your glory and help me be intentional about teaching others how to excel Your way.

## Day 13

### Appraisal Review By Jesus

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. Romans 14:12

From heaven's perspective believers in the marketplace are employees of heaven who are seconded to specific institutions/businesses/sector in the marketplace. As with any form of employment, there are expectations the employer has of the employee and the role to be performed. As such we will do well to understand what God's expectations are for our respective roles and careers.

'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16

Imagine being in a performance review with Jesus and giving an account of our current role or justifying a request for promotion/business expansion. What would success look like from His perspective? One of the first things He may ask is who sent us to this assignment – was it Him (Jhn 15:16 AMP) or did we send ourselves? If we sent ourselves then one of the first things we would have to do is repent and ask for mercy and redirection so we can become aligned to His plan.

Secondly, He may ask what fruit we are bearing – are we actively engaging the Holy Spirit for help in demonstrating His character and the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5, or are we focused more on making financial and other material gains?

Jesus would most certainly ask questions around people – who have we impacted and how effective are we at discipling those we engage in the marketplace and expanding the frontiers of His kingdom?

If indeed we accept that Jesus is the one we are accountable to, then it means He is the owner of the funds that pass through us, and we are just stewards. This further means that He's the one to dictate how the funds should be utilized. In the area of financial stewardship how faithful and generous are we in investing in His agenda and financing Kingdom projects?

Today let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us review our roles in the marketplace and bring encouragement, rebuke, counsel, direction and everything we need in order to ensure God's will is done in and through the works of our hands.

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit please search me and review my assignment in the marketplace. Help me close any gaps that exist and strengthen those areas that are being done well so the name of Jesus will be glorified through the works of my hands.

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