



Kingdom Living in Today's World

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A Mantle of Praise Ministries
Training Manual

'Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory'
Eph. 3.20-21a

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Session 1: What is Your Goal in Ministry? (...and Life)?

*'Be very careful what your goals are-
because you just might achieve them!'*

- I. Our true goal is neither authority nor power
 - A. 1 John 2:16: 'For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and _____ is not from the Father but is from the world.'
 - B. Freedom from the orphan spirit is freedom from striving and wrongful ambition
 1. *'See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are!'*
1 John 3.1
 2. *'for you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"'* Romans 8.15
- II. Our true goal is obedience unto fruitfulness
 - A. 'By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.' John 15.8
 - B. To dislodge the devil from his throne, you must first dislodge yourself from the throne of your heart!
 1. Luke 10.17-20: 'The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ¹⁸ And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'
 2. As the disciples obeyed Jesus, authority was imparted to them.

III. Renewing the mind with the mind of Christ

A. Romans 12.1-2: 'I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but *be transformed* by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

B. Jesus- the servicing King!

1. Mark 10.42-45: "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
2. Acts 20.35: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Session 2: What is Biblical Holiness?

*'If you turn at my reproof,
behold, I will pour out My spirit to you;
I will make My words known to you.'*
Proverbs 1.23

- I. **God neither knows, or has, any corruption!**
 - A. God the Father has no shadows, or variation! (James 1.17)
 - B. 'And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"' Rev.4.8
- II. **The primary desire of God for our lives is to _____ us!**
 - A. 'For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.' Romans 8:29
 1. 'it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."' 1 Peter 1.16
- III. **Biblical Holiness means 3 things:**
 - A. To embrace the _____ of Christ
 1. 'that I may gain Christ, ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of mine own, even that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith: ¹⁰ that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed unto his death' Phil. 3.8a-10
 - B. To embrace the _____ of Christ
 1. 'Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name' Psalm 86.11
 - C. To embrace _____ for your life
 1. "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." Luke 14.36
 2. "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work." John 4.34

- IV. Breaking the Lie: Holiness is more than possible!
 - A. 'His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence' 2 Peter 1.3
 - B. Realize that God has gifted us with the grace of repentance!
 - 1. 'Come now, and let us reason together, saith Jehovah: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool' Isaiah 1.18 NAS

Session 3: God's Flow of Authority!

'In an age when rebellion is championed, discernment between righteousness and unrighteousness easily becomes lost.'

- I. Understanding Kingdom Authority
 - A. The Kingdom is not a _____!
 - 1. Monarch= 'one chief'

 - B. The faith of the Roman Centurion was built on his _____ of authority

'When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶ "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." ⁷ And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." ⁸ But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹ I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹² while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³ And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment. Matthew 8.5-13

II. Kingdom Authority is both _____ and _____!

A. The fruit of honoring God's delegated authority!

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3.13-17

1. The Father's approval
2. The anointing of the Holy Spirit
3. Open Heavens

B. Examples of God's delegated authority

1. Governmental leaders and authorities- Romans 13.1-2 'Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment'
 - ✓ Exceptions: Illegitimate and Unrighteous laws and edicts
2. Pastors and Ministry leaders- Hebrews 13:17 'Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.'

- III. Discerning the spirit of _____
- A. God views continual disobedience as lawlessness
 - 1. 'Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.'
1 John 3.4

 - B. God hates lawlessness, because disobedience of Him and His ways, like cancer, breeds _____!
 - 1. 'There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death'
Proverbs 14.12 & 16.25

 - 2. 'The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers' Matthew 13.41

 - C. Religious sacrifices are no substitute for obedience to God.
 - 1. 1 Samuel 15.22-23a: 'Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry'

 - 2. "'Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'" Matthew 7.21-23

Session 4: Growing Up, Before You Grow Old!

'Most people change, but not very much'

- I. The first experience of (2453 BC) the Hebrews journeying through the wilderness when came to a place with _____:
 - A. Ex.17:6 “Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall *strike* the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.’ And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.”
 - B. He ‘worked’ the anointing’

- II. The second time, (2493 BC) over 39 years later, Moses had grown in knowing God, His ways, & His glory- he was, like God in Genesis, to merely ‘speak the anointing’.
 - A. ‘Death and Life are found in the power of the tongue. Those who love it’s fruits’ Proverbs 18.21
 1. ‘For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man’ James 3.2
 2. ‘The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks’ Luke 6.45
 - B. Numbers 20.8-11: “Take the rod; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and speak to the rock before their eyes, that it may yield its water. You shall thus bring forth water for them out of the rock and let the congregation and their beasts drink.” ¹⁰ and Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, “**Hear now, you rebels:** shall we bring water for you out of this rock?”
¹¹ Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation and their beasts drank.”

III. Moses paid a price for His _____ over contention
(Meribah)

- A. Num. 20:12 But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.”
- B. Psalm 106.32: ‘They also provoked *Him* to wrath at the waters of Meribah, So that it went hard with Moses on their account’
- C. Num.27:13: “When you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother was; ¹⁴ before their eyes at the water.” (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.)

IV. _____ is the primary will of God for your life:
Becoming conformed to the image of Christ! (Rom. 8.29)

- A. Keep your hearts as a resting place for God's Spirit
 - 1. Eph. 4:31: ‘Let all **bitterness** and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.’
 - 2. Heb. 12:15: ‘See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of **bitterness** springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled’
 - 3. Psa. 95:8: ‘Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, As in the day of Massah in the wilderness’

Session 5: Revelation Releases Authority!

'Seeing is Believing'

- I. Revelation and Authority in the Big Picture
 - A. Isaiah 6- the Messiah's prophet
 - 1. King Uzziah's death
 - 2. Revelation of Holiness
 - 3. Revelation of Majesty
 - B. Micaiah and the 400 false prophets, 1 Kings 22
 - 1. 1 Kings 22:19: 'And Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing beside Him on His right hand and on His left"'
- II. Revelation and Authority in the details
 - A. 'faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ' Romans 10.17
 - B. Authentic miracles, signs and wonders, and prophecy are first released in the spirit, and then in the natural.
 - C. Jesus did the things He saw the Father doing!
 - 1. The Miracle at the Pool of Bethesda, John 5
 - 2. The Miracle of the Lame man outside the Temple, Acts 3
 - 3. The Raising of Lazarus from the dead

III. Having Faith in God, or the _____!

A. Mark 11.12-14 & 20-25: 'On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. ¹³ And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴ And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it...

²⁰ As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹ And Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." ²² And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. ²³ Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

B. The Process of Miracles and Revelation

1. Hope fuels prayer
2. In prayer we commune with God
3. As God speaks faith is imparted
4. 'Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.' Hebrews 11.1

Session 6: Know *Your* Authority; Stay in Your Lane!

"But we will not boast beyond limits, but will boast only with regard to the area of influence God assigned to us"

-The Apostle Paul

- I. 'For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.' Romans 12.3
 - A. 'For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.' Romans 12.4-5
 - B. Humility is _____!
 1. 'Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. ²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him."²⁷ John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.'²⁹ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰ *He must increase, but I must decrease.*" John 3.25-30

2. 'Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ *For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.*"
Luke 14.7-11

C. The Sons of Kohath rebelled because they took their _____ for granted!

1. 'And Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you sons of Levi: ⁹ is it too small a thing for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself, to do service in the tabernacle of the LORD and to stand before the congregation to minister to them"'. Numbers 16:8-9

II. _____ comes from God, in His timing, and in His ways

- A. 'For not from the east or from the west and not from the wilderness comes lifting up, but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another.'
Psalm 75:6-7

B. The Life of Joseph

1. God used both rejection and imprisonment to prepare Joseph for great authority!
2. It's the finely ground incense which makes a fragrant aroma to the Lord- Leviticus 16:12-13a

- III. _____ - God desires to bring you into fulfillment even more than you desire to be fulfilled!
- A. 'Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men'.
Proverbs 22.29
- B. 'His master said to him, 'Well-done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. *Enter into the joy of your master.*'
Matthew 25:21 & 23
- IV. _____ and _____ are the currencies of the Kingdom!
- A. 'A faithful man will abound with blessings, But whoever hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.' Proverbs 28.20

