



Becoming A Kingdom Builder
Message 2: The Holy Spirit – The Director
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In Kingdom Building, it is absolutely essential that we submit to the direction and leading of the Holy Spirit.

2.1. *Those Who Do the Father's Will—Rewarded in Eternity*

It is only those who do the Father's will and not their own, who will be rewarded in eternity.

Matthew 7:21–23

²¹Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²²Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

It is possible to do many wonderful things "in His name" and yet be totally devoid of a personal relationship with Him.

It is possible to do many wonderful things "in His name" and yet be called one who practiced lawlessness.

It is possible to do many wonderful things "in His name" and yet fail to do the will of the Father.

Too often we initiate projects, programs, ministries and then tag on the name of the Lord to it, hoping that doing so would make it the will of God.

Our priority should be to know Him, to know His will, to practice righteousness and then proceed to do the works of power that He has called us to do in His name.

When we make the tree good, then the fruit will also be good.

2.2. *The Holy Spirit Reveals the Father's Will to Us on Earth*

John 16:13–15

¹³However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

The Holy Spirit speaks to us the very things that the Lord Jesus is speaking. The Father reveals it to Jesus and the Spirit speaks it to our hearts.

Romans 8:14

¹⁴For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

As sons and daughters of God, we have the privilege of being led by the Spirit of God.



Therefore, we can know the heart and mind of God. We can know the Father's will as revealed to us by the Holy Spirit.

We must understand the absolute importance of being led by the Spirit and doing things according to the Father's will.

2.3. That Born of the Flesh is Flesh and that of the Spirit is Spirit

John 3:6

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

What is of the flesh cannot be 'converted' into something of the Spirit.

Very often, we give birth to things by the energy of our flesh and hope that somehow they would become works of the Spirit. This cannot be done.

Exodus 30:22–33

²² Moreover the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³ "Also take for yourself quality spices—five hundred shekels of liquid myrrh, half as much sweet-smelling cinnamon (two hundred and fifty shekels), two hundred and fifty shekels of sweet-smelling cane, ²⁴ five hundred shekels of cassia, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil. ²⁵ And you shall make from these a holy anointing oil, an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer. It shall be a holy anointing oil. ²⁶ With it you shall anoint the tabernacle of meeting and the ark of the Testimony; ²⁷ the table and all its utensils, the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense; ²⁸ the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base. ²⁹ You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them must be holy. ³⁰ And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister to Me as priests. ³¹ "And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations. ³² It shall not be poured on man's flesh; nor shall you make any other like it, according to its composition. It is holy, and it shall be holy to you. ³³ Whoever compounds any like it, or whoever puts any of it on an outsider, shall be cut off from his people.'"

The holy anointing oil in the Old Testament is a "type and shadow" of the anointing of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.

We learn some important lessons from the Old Testament "type and shadow" of the anointing of the Holy Spirit:

- Whatever is used in the service of God must be anointed by God (Vs 26–28)
- Whatever is anointed by God becomes consecrated unto God (Vs 29,30)
- God will not anoint what is born of the flesh (Vs 32)
- God will not tolerate any imitation of the anointing (Vs 33)

God cannot anoint what is born of the flesh. What is born of the flesh is just an imitation of the true work of God. It will be "cut off" from the life, presence and anointing of God.

Galatians 4:29

²⁹ But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now.

The things that we birth of the flesh will be the very things that hinder and attempt to destroy the things that we birth of the Spirit.



Often, the greatest struggles we face are not with the devices of the enemy, but with the very things that we have birthed of the flesh.

Galatians 5:17

¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

What is of the flesh will always oppose what is of the Spirit. The counterfeit will always oppose the genuine. The false will always oppose the true. Therefore we must be careful not to give birth to what is of the flesh.

John 6:63

⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

That which is born of the flesh will not benefit people. It does not have the power to produce life.

Psalms 127:1

¹ Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

If the Lord does not build it, then what ever I build is in vain. It may look grand, great and may even receive the applause of men. But, these are the kind of buildings that Paul said are works of "wood, hay, straw." These will not be able to stand the test of fire (1 Corinthians 3:12,13).

As a Kingdom Builder, my one single-minded desire should be to do the Father's will—to give birth to things of the Spirit alone.

2.4. The Holy Spirit Reveals 'Where,' 'When' and 'How'

Acts 8:29

²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."

The Holy Spirit leading Philip to meet with the Ethiopian eunuch was so strategic. The Ethiopian was at the point where Philip could minister to Him and lead him to Jesus Christ.

Acts 10:19

¹⁹ While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you."

Acts 11:12

¹² Then the Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

It was the Holy Spirit who directed Peter to go without doubting, to meet Cornelius. This opened the door for the Gospel to be preached to the Gentiles.

Acts 13:2-4

² As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. ⁴ So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

It was the Holy Spirit who called out Barnabas and Saul into the ministry He had for them. They were "sent out by the Holy Spirit!"



Acts 16:6–10

⁶ Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. ⁷ After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. ⁸ So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. ⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

The Lord Jesus had given the Great Commission to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Yet, here we see the Holy Spirit forbidding Paul and his team from going into Asia and Bithynia to preach the Gospel, at that specific time. Instead, they were led into Macedonia.

The Holy Spirit knows exactly when, where and how we must go about doing the work of the Kingdom.

2 Corinthians 1:15–17

¹⁵ And in this confidence I intended to come to you before, that you might have a second benefit— ¹⁶ to pass by way of you to Macedonia, to come again from Macedonia to you, and be helped by you on my way to Judea. ¹⁷ Therefore, when I was planning this, did I do it lightly? Or the things I plan, do I plan according to the flesh, that with me there should be Yes, Yes, and No, No?

We need to follow Spirit-inspired planning. Even the things we plan and purpose, have to be inspired by the Holy Spirit.

2.5. The Promptings of the Spirit Come in Several Different Ways

- A quickening of the written Word
- The still small inner witness (impression)
- A flash of information in your spirit
- A knowing on the inside
- An idea or pictures that communicate the purpose of God
- Through prophecy
- Dreams and visions
- Physical manifestations
- Other ways

2.6. It is Essential to Establish an Unbreakable Communication with the Holy Spirit

It is important to establish an unbreakable communication channel with the Holy Spirit, i.e., we must know when He has spoken.

2.7. Essential to Discern the Spirit's Timing

It is also important to discern the Spirit's timing for action—whether the action has to be immediate, later, or way ahead in the future.

There are times when He says, "Go near and overtake this chariot" (Acts 8:29). This must be obeyed instantaneously without questioning, otherwise we could miss the plan of God. There are



other times when He speaks and we have the time to pray, prepare and then act on His instruction (Acts 13:1–4).

2.8. *Praying in the Spirit is Vital*

2.8.1. *Praying in the Spirit prepares my spirit to understand the purposes of God*

1 Corinthians 2:9,10,16

⁹But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” ¹⁰But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹⁶For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

It is the Holy Spirit who reveals to me the things that God has prepared for me. These might initially be a mystery to me—things that my eyes have not seen, my ears have not heard, neither have those things entered my thinking. But, it is the Holy Spirit who reveals these mysteries to me. I therefore have the mind of Christ—I know the thoughts, plans and purposes that He has in mind.

1 Corinthians 14:2

²For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

When I pray in the Spirit, I speak mysteries. It will be safe to conclude that part of these mysteries would be the things that God has prepared for me—the thoughts, plans and purposes of God for my life.

2.8.2. *Praying in the Spirit aligns my will to God's will*

Hebrews 5:7–9

⁷Who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, ⁸though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. ⁹And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

It is interesting to observe that the Scriptures state that the Lord Jesus “learned obedience” by the things He suffered. He “learned obedience”—there was an aligning of His will to the Father’s will.

We know that this happened in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Matthew 26:38,39,42

³⁸Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.”

³⁹He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” ⁴²Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.”

Prayer changes me. Prayer helps align my will to the Father’s will. In times of prayer, God works on my heart, bringing my will, desires and dreams in alignment to His will, plans and purposes.

Romans 8:26,27

²⁶Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷Now He



who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

While I can pray in my own language, God has given me a powerful Helper in prayer—the Holy Spirit Himself—who helps me pray. When I pray in tongues, I pray by the Spirit. I know that prayer originating from the Spirit is always according to the will of God. Therefore, praying in the Spirit becomes an opportune time for my will to become aligned to His will.

2.9. Giving Birth to a Work of the Spirit—Some Lessons from the ‘Mary Miracle’

2.9.1. Released into the earth at the appointed time

Genesis 3:15

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.

Galatians 4:4

⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law.

Although the coming of the “Seed” of the woman was foretold in the Garden of Eden, it was not until about 4000 years later that Christ came into this world.

The work of God is always released into the earth, in the fullness of time.

2.9.2. Released through ordinary people

Isaiah 7:14

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

When God wanted to send the Savior of the world, He did not choose a princess or a highly educated woman. Instead, He chose a little, insignificant virgin named Mary.

God is not afraid of entrusting ordinary people with the work of His eternal Kingdom.

2.9.3. Must be unadulterated—born purely of His Spirit

Luke 1:35

³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

Every work that God would release through us, must be born purely of His Spirit, untainted with the work of the flesh.

2.9.4. Might be a cause for embarrassment

Matthew 1:19

¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.



Although Mary carried in her womb the Son of God – this did bring her embarrassment.

2.9.5. *Released through normal natural processes*

1 Corinthians 15:10

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Even though the conception was a miracle, Mary had to carry the child for the full term!

2.9.6. *Might encounter closed doors until you reach God's appointed place*

Luke 2:7

⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

It is a wonder, that though the Father knew that Jesus was going to be born at that particular time, He still did not 'reserve' a room for Him in an inn. Mary and Joseph may have knocked on several inns, before arriving at the manger, where Jesus was to be born.

A closed door is not a denial that what you are about to release is a genuine work of God. A closed door could simply be God directing you to the place where He wants you to release what He is birthing through you.

2.9.7. *Has to be protected and nurtured*

Luke 2:40

⁴⁰ And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Matthew 2:12-16

¹² Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way. ¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." ¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, ¹⁵ and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." ¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.

Every work of God that we release on the earth has to be nurtured and protected.



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