

Title: A Few Businessmen in Jerusalem
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“Identify the lies of satan, understand God’s heart for the marketplace and empowering us with kingdom principles.”

Three pillars of a nation

- Education
- Government / Politic
- Business

Marketplace is the heart (pillars) of the nation. To change a nation you need to change the heart.

“Holy” problem

- “Werk vs Kerk”- Work & Church
- “Sunday Christian” phenomenon
- God anoints the Pastor but not the “Professional”

Deadly lies

- God ordained separation: church servant & marketplace ministers.
- The Church of God functions on Sundays and specifically in Buildings.
- Christians in the Marketplace are not as spiritual as those in Church.
- The primary role of businesspeople are to make money to fund church and missions etc.

Interesting situations – the Word

Mark 6:2-3

²The next Sabbath He began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, “Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?” ³Then they scoffed, “He’s just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us.” They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.

Interesting facts from the Word

- 12 disciples business men – from the Marketplace
- 4 Gospels: not scholars of the Word.
- Matt – Retired tax collector
- Luke - Medical Doctor
- John – Fisherman
- Mark –Relative of wealthy Barnabas & son of Mary, last supper room.
- Paul fund missions - business (Acts 20:33-35)
- 22 miracles = 1 in religious environment.
- First Church – Upper room: 120 + stayed.

More interesting facts from the Word

Parables – orientated to the Marketplace:

- construction (Matt. 7:24-27),
- winemaking (Luke 5:37-38),
- farming (Mark. 4:2-20),
- management (Matt. 20:1-16),
- family business (Matt. 21:28-31),
- return on investments (Matt. 25:14-30),
- future markets (Luke 12:16-21),
- harvests (Mark. 13:27-32),
- management criteria (Luke 12:35-48),
- venture capital in high risk situations (Luke 19:11-27).

Jerusalem transformed

* Church born out of prayer of MP Ministers

Acts 1:13-15

¹³When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. ¹⁴They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the believers, a group numbering about a hundred and twenty.

* Holy Spirit poured out and the anointing over the Marketplace begins

Acts 2:1-4

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy

- Church grew daily: Acts 2:47
- Sick healed: Acts 3:1-8

Street are filled with miracles:

Acts 5:15

¹⁵As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.

Surrounding cities flooded Jerusalem:

Acts 5:16.

¹⁶Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all were healed.

- Freed from prison: Acts 5:17-20
- Impacted the most powerful forum Jerusalem(Sanhedrin): Acts 5:33-39
- Thousands led to God: Acts 6:7 And the Word increased and the number of disciples multiplied.
- Jerusalem transformed in the deepest level = needs of the widows and poor met: Acts 6:1-7.

Instruction from the Word

- Reach the lost where they are – in the Marketplace!
- Business is the ministry of Heaven just as much as the business of Heaven is ministry.
- Live in accordance to your calling!

Paradigm shift to transformation

- Work is Worship!
- Adam - Genesis.
- Salomon – Ecclesiastes

Genesis 1:28

²⁸God blessed them (us) and said to them (us): "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Ecclesiastes 3:22

²²So I saw that there is nothing better for a man than to enjoy his work, because that is his lot. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him?

Enjoy your Worship!

Four key decisions to transformation

- Decide that your occupation is your ministry
- Decide to include intercession in your occupation and company
- Decide to listen to and expect the Holy Spirit in your occupation
- Get a global vision

No limit!

John 3:34b

^{34b}"for God gives the Spirit without measure."

Phillipians 4:13

¹³"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Declaration

- I acknowledge that my work is honorable and worship unto You
 - I acknowledge my workplace as a place of ministry.
 - I expect to hear Your voice concerning my day to day activities.
 - I consecrate my occupation to You.
 - I choose to transform the Marketplace by Your grace and the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - Thank you for the financial resources to do this as I prove myself faithful to Your Kingdom.
 - I declare You as the God of the marketplace.
 - And it's all for Your glory! Let your glory come.
- AMEN