



Workplace Ministry – A Partnership

Need for a Workplace Ministers

- Major barrier to Christianity's growth - "Disconnect" between Bible/Christian faith and work outside the church and home.
- No delineation between so-called "sacred" and "secular" service to the Lord
- Workplace Minister – You and I are not limited to just the faith-community environment

Importance of Workplace in New Testament

- 122 of Jesus' 132 public appearances
- 45 of 52 parables Jesus told
- 39 of 40 miracles in the book of Acts
- 54% of Jesus' reported teaching ministry arose out of issues posed by others in the scope of daily life experience.
- None of his disciples were priests.

Workplace Ministry -Partnership of Kings and Priests

- "And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." - Revelation 5:10 KJV
- "He erected the pillars in the front of the temple, one to the south and one to the north. The one to the south he named Jakin and the one to the north Boaz" (2Chron 3:15-17).
- Exodus 31 - Bezalel and Oholiab with Moses
- 1 Chron. 15:22 -27 – Kenaniah, Levite with David
- Lydia, a businesswoman in Thyatira – Europe (Acts 16)
- The Ethiopian eunuch - to Africa
- Cornelius, a Roman centurion.

Workplace Ministry -Partnership of Kings and Priests

- Kings - Business and Political leaders
- Priests - Pastors
- Perceptions –
 - workplace believers as dollar signs &
 - tools for local church ministryinstead of equipping them (Eph. 4:11-16) to use their gifts and talents to impact the workplace mission field

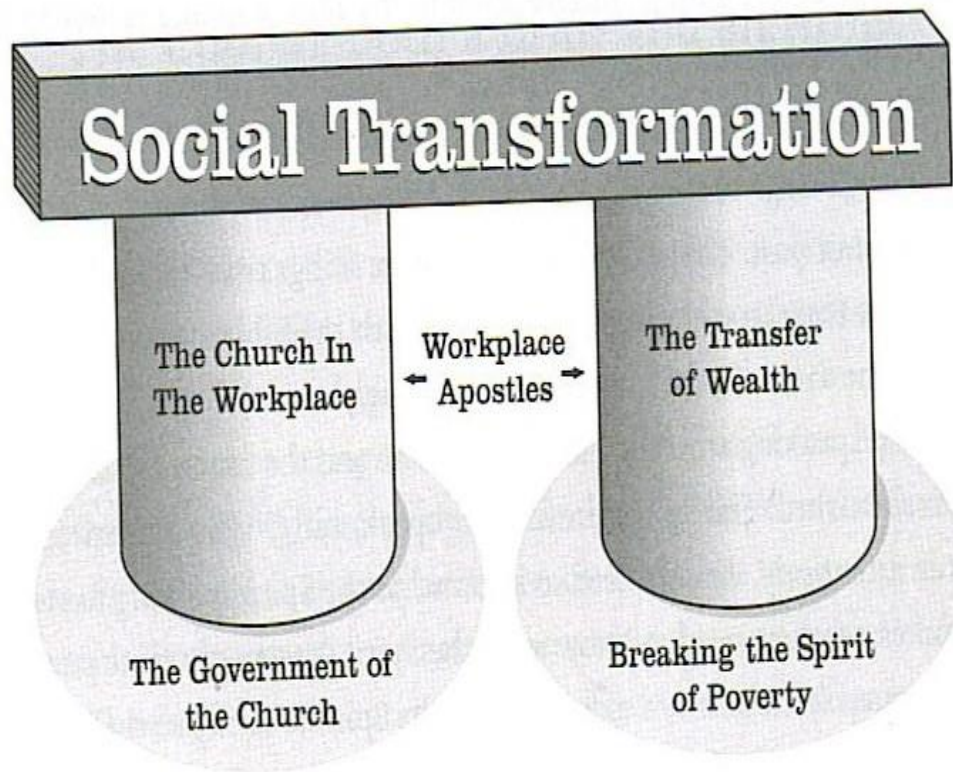
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- Workplace believers:
 - try to get pastors to operate churches like businesses
 - view the pastor as the primary ministry
- Acceptance of mutual dependency is required
- Or else we will never see the reality of revival that God wants to bring to the business community, and pastors will fail to gain an ally to fully complete the work of the Church in their community.

Transformation of Society Begins in the Workplace

- "While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there" (Acts 17:16-18).
- When we begin to equip and release those in the workplace to fulfill their godly roles in business, government, media, arts/entertainment, and education we will begin to see the idols in our cities removed.
- The marketplace is the place where there is real authority - authority that can change society. We will not see change come through pastors and prayer alone. It will come through those who are in places of power who are also in relationship with pastors and intercessors.

Faith Influences Society when it Permeates its Fabrics



7 Areas of Influence:

- Religion
- Family
- Education
- Government
- Media
- Entertainment
- Business

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