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The Kingdom of God

Minister, God Will Provide

Acts 19:8-10

The Aim: The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

Acts 19:8 “And [Paul] entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.”

- ❖ God called Paul to proclaim His kingdom, directing him through open doors and opposition.
 - ↳ There was an open door to share the Gospel for three months at the synagogue in Ephesus.
 - ↳ Paul dedicated his life to speak, reason, and persuade everyone to believe, understand, and experience the kingdom of God.
 - ↳ Opposition rose against Paul and the kingdom he proclaimed from those who continued in unbelief.
 - ↳ Despite the opposition, Paul remained steadfast, proclaiming the Gospel as the Lord gave him opportunity.
- ❖ God has called us to proclaim His kingdom.
 - ↳ Paul modeled our call and responsibility to teach God’s kingdom through truth that transforms.

Colossians 1:25-28 “...I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.”
 - ↳ Through WPCC, we are called to proclaim the kingdom of God and the truth that transforms lives.

The Disciples: Believers of the Kingdom of God

Acts 19:9 “But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus.”

- ❖ Paul’s aim, wherever God called him, was to make disciples of Christ.
 - *Colossians 1:28 “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.”*

The Provision: Supporters of the Kingdom of God

Acts 19:10 “This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord both Jews and Greeks.”

- ❖ God provides for ministry through the people who have received His kingdom.

- ✚ Paul depended on his work and the offerings of other churches to provide for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Acts 18:1-3 “After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, ³and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade.”

2 Corinthians 11:8-9a “I robbed other churches by accepting support from them in order to serve you. ⁹And when I was with you and was in need, I did not burden anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied my need.”

Philippians 4:15-16 “And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again.”

- ✚ Paul connected giving to the church with service and thanksgiving to God.

Philippians 4:17 “Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.”

2 Corinthians 9:11-12 “You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.”

- ✚ Paul taught that the church should provide for their leadership through giving.

1 Corinthians 9:14 “In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the Gospel.”

- ❖ God’s servants understood the heart of God for giving from the very beginning.

- ✚ There is correct giving and incorrect giving.

Genesis 4:2b-5 “Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering He had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.”

Genesis 14:18-20 “And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹And he blessed him and said, ‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!’ And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.”

Genesis 28:22 “And this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you.””

- ❖ The voluntary giving of the Patriarchs became formalized as God commanded it through the law.

- ✚ First fruits, tithes, and offerings were commanded for everyone under the old covenant.

Exodus 22:29 “You shall not delay to offer from the fullness of your harvest and from the outflow of your presses. The firstborn of your sons you shall give to Me.”

Leviticus 27:30 “Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord.”

❖ Our commandment under the New Covenant is clear; we are God's stewards, and we are to give generously to God for ministry, with the right attitude in our hearts. It is not an obligation!

☞ We are stewards of God's blessings.

1 Chronicles 29:14 "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You."

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 "This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful."

Luke 16:10-11 "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?"

☞ We are to give for ministry.

1 Corinthians 16:1-2 "Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. ²On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come."

☞ We are to give cheerfully as to the Lord.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."