

NO CO-MISSION WITHOUT SUB-MISSION TO THE PRIMARY MISSION

{LESSON NUMBER 1} {8/15/2010}

“RETURNING TO OUR PRIMARY MISSION”

- I. It is in my heart to say this morning, “Every miracle that we allow God to perform is a great example of carrying out the will of God on this earth.
 - A. In fact I will go so far as to say, “The performing of miracles is part of our original “calling” as human beings.
 1. That “calling” is found in Genesis 1:28 and is God’s first commission to mankind: **“Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”**
 2. These words were spoken to Adam and Eve when He “called” them to extend the boundaries of His garden to the ends of the earth.
 3. It is a beautiful, breathtaking picture of “first potential”, and it remains our co-mission (God and mans) to submit to our call and to His will.
 - B. Of course, we know that the original plan got derailed.
 1. Adam forfeited the rulership God gave him over the earth, putting humanity into slavery to the enemy.
 - a. Paul wrote in Romans 6:16: **“You are that one’s slave whom you obey..”**
 2. This failure of mankind did not stop God, He had a plan of redemption in place:
 - a. Jesus would come to reclaim the world, and in order for Him to do so He was going to have to submit to the God’s will.
 3. God Word of prophecy to the evil one is recorded in Genesis 3:15: **“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**

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Heel.”

4. When that prophecy was fulfilled through Jesus, God took back the “authority” man had given away and reclaimed our purpose on this earth.
 - a. What purpose? To extend the boundaries of His garden to the ends of the earth.
 - b. God has given us a clear field – we are to run toward the original goal of enlarging the boundaries of God’s wonderful Eden.
 - c. To do that we must heal the sick, preach the good news, demonstrate who God is and what He is like – we must extend His Kingdom on this earth.
5. But too few of us today are willing to follow those precise instructions.
 - a. Our “first perspective” overall is distorted. How so?
 - b. Instead of seeing our mission in view of our call we get caught up in religious arguments, intellectual skirmishes, theories, and soulical head-trips.
6. All of this has caused us to become “self centered” instead of “God centered, and as a result we are caught up in our own talents and spiritual gifts.
 - a. The Bible calls this state a form of godliness that has denied the power of God.
 - b. The Church’s perspective on this world is that we can direct our own course of recovery simply by putting our gifts and talents to use as we see fit.
 - c. It want work, it never has, and it never will!
7. Though well-intentioned, we have become self-appointed in our commissions, honestly believing we are submitting to God.
8. In reality, it isn’t possible to prove the will of God on earth as it is in heaven

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unless we are completely plugged into the primary mission God gave us.

- a. Let me put it this way: There is no Co-mission without Sub-mission to the primary mission

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“WE MUST FOLLOW JESUS IN HIS PRIMARY MISSION”

II. So what is the primary mission?

- A. We saw it in the life of Jesus on this earth and we find it in the “testimony” of Scripture in 1John 3:8: **“The one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”**
 1. Jesus had an assignment, and it was to **“...destroy the works of the devil.”**
 2. Only this would allow Jesus to be able to expand the Kingdom of Heaven on this earth.
 3. I submit this statement to you: “It was Adam and Eve’s assignment to expand the kingdom; it was the disciples’ assignment, and it’s our assignment today, nothing has changed.
 4. To the Christian today, God has commissioned them to demonstrate the will of God, “on earth as it is in heaven.”
 - a. There is only one way to carry our co-mission out, and that is for us to accept sub-mission to the primary mission. Which is!
 - b. The ***expanding of the Kingdom of Heaven on this earth*** by enforcing Jesus’ rule of authority in destroying the works of the devil.
 5. The result is the transforming of this planet into a place radiant with His glory and covered with the presence of His power.
 6. The above view is not accepted today by most Christians, but I believe it is the very backbone of the Great Commission.