

TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN THE MARKETPLACE

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***Leadership is not the question of where but who
It is not a question of whether you are a believer in Christ...
but are you a followers of Christ?***

We live in a generation who believe in Jesus, but choose not to follow him. Jesus' call was and is not simply to believe, but to follow him... to exchange our life for His... to lay down our Kingdom for His. Jesus came not come to negotiate salvation, He came to offer the terms of surrender. He came to exchange His Kingdom for ours.

It is not a question of whether God is at work in your lives, shaping our lives for a purpose or contribution, but do you recognize His work?

It is a question of us recognizing and beginning to discover how God is already at work, recognizing how He has been at work shaping our ability to extend His Kingdom in the marketplace... and the even bigger question of whether we are choosing to align with His work in order for our lives to make an unique and ultimate contribution for His Kingdom.

It is not a question of whether there is an enemy seeking to resist our desires to see that our lives count, do you have a plan to resist?

We have a ruthless adversary who will do anything, including attacking our character and getting to us through attacks on our family, to side-track, misalign or destroy any attempts you make to live as a Christ follower. The question is whether we will allow him to achieve his goals?

The enemy will spare no resources to insure that you do not seize this moment. He does not want clarity and courage to come to your life.

He does not want you to bring the Kingdom of God to your workplace.

He does not want you to lead your family.

He does not want you to make a difference in the community

He does not want you to be part of seeing a different kind of Church.

Scripture teaches us that He is a devouring enemy, seeking every moment of every day, to sideline your spiritual growth, plateau your contribution, tempt you to develop lifestyle that mimics the culture and blunt the impact of your life at work, at home, in the church and the community.

We have a Church today that looks more like the world, than the radical force that Jesus established that could change the world.

But, a change is occurring. God is at work building a different kind of Church. He has turned His sights to the workplace, and men and women in the marketplace. The King has once again chosen business men and women to launch a new move of His Spirit in a needy world. This is called Market Place Leadership.