

THY KINGDOM COME:

# Ownership and the Right to Rule

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## **Genesis 1:28-29**

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

- The blessing of God looks like opportunities created for you to grow and prosper.
- Contrary to popular belief, blessings do not look like things you have but like opportunities you are presented with.

**Be fruitful** - be productive if you are blessed then what are you producing.

**Multiply** - to duplicate, every seed reproduces after its own kind.

**Replenish** – to give back, it means that seeds are cycles of infinite life and resources.

**Have dominion** – to effectively manage and oversee what it is you have created.

- God said, ‘I have blessed you with everything you need to be productive, to duplicate, to give back, and to learn good management.

## **Matthew 24:45-47**

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

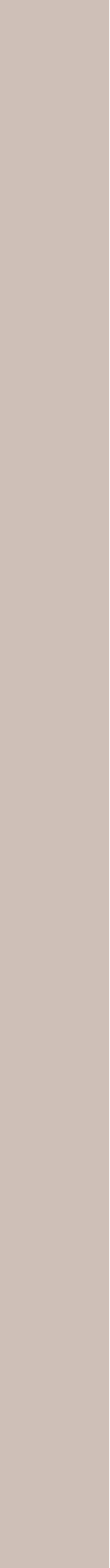
46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

- Faithful means trustworthy, consistent, dependable, and committed.
- Wise is a level higher than smart, gifted, or knowledgeable, Wisdom is the ability to know how to use those attributes in ways that benefit you, others, and will advance the kingdom of God.
  
- Be faithful where you are.
- Don't envy where you want to be.
- Don't compare yourself with others.
- Don't covet another person's position.
- Stay in your lane and do your part.

## **Matthew 25:21**

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

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- ‘Well done’ is key in ownership.
  - The question becomes, what have you done? Where is your resume? What is your experience?
  - What challenges have you faced? What have you done to overcome those challenges?
  - Can you say that you are an asset? Do you make others better? Do you improve the things that you have been placed over? Is it growing or is it depleting? Do you refuse to cast blame on others and accept your responsibility?



## **Luke 16:10-13**

10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

- Jesus is clear, some people just want the check. The money is all they want. They don't serve for a cause, purpose, or vision.
- Jesus says, 'You cannot serve me and money.' Do you serve a vision or do you serve the bag? Do you serve purpose or do you serve the bag? Do you serve for a real cause or is it just about the bag?
- Those who serve the bag are just about survival. They are not really pursuing their vision or dream, they are chasing the dollar.
- Jesus says, 'You cannot serve money.' Money should serve you for more than just putting a roof over your head, driving a fancy car, wearing nice clothes, and living in a nice house.
- Who do you help? Who do you employ? Who do you mentor, train, and give guidance?

## **Genesis 41:37-43**

37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

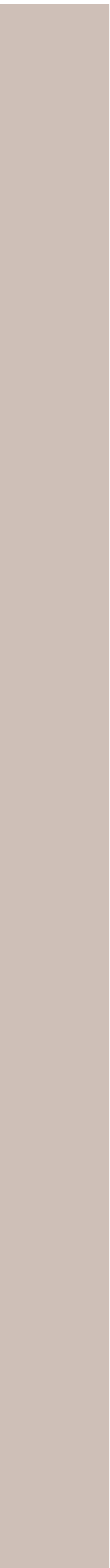
## **Genesis 41:37-43**

42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;

43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.



- Pharaoh says to his people, ‘Look at Joseph, who is a great ruler, because he is intelligent, skillful, prudent, and preceptive.’
- Joseph is both ruler and servant, a man under authority and a man with authority.
- He knows his place. He knows when to lead. He knows when to step back and serve at the pleasure of Pharaoh.
- He knows how to protect the influence of Pharaoh and become an extension of his power and vision.
- At this point, to preserve Egypt was to preserve his father and brothers.

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- Joseph served with purpose.
  - Joseph served for a cause.
  - Joseph served for a righteous vision.
  - He never served for fame, position, money, or his own personal agenda.
  - He served as unto the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.