

Secrets of Success: The Gift of Community

Tonight the Apostolic Leadership Group looked at Morris Ruddick's "The Gift of Community"¹ as we continued to uncover some of the principles that Jewish business people have used for centuries which brought them success.

IMPORTANT: We are not trying to become Jewish in doing this. We are not trying to unearth the Torah legalism behind their business processes to become legalistic. We are looking for Kingdom principles which were released to the Jews and which are available to us under the "better" Covenant².

Reading through the article to find the 'nuggets', here are the important Kingdom points:

COMMUNITY

- "God gives a variety of gifts to men. Among the most far-reaching of those gifts is the gift of community."
- "The first step in this gift of community is the establishment of community."
- "The establishment of this gift of community has a standard. That standard conforms to the righteous nature of the One who, as creator, made it possible."
- "Once the community's standards began being adhered to, there came another hurdle. It involved those members of the community the psalmist refers to as fools. Fools generally are not those low on the IQ scale, but rather people who deceive and outsmart themselves. They are ones who compromise, transgress, who lived in deceit. Because they pollute the spiritual climate of a community, the spiritual attacks against the community manifest with physical afflictions."
- "God helps in controlling the elements, as the community perseveres to achieve sufficient domination to bring the necessary increase to feed and house the individuals and families of the community."
- "Each of these factors are a part of God's gift of community: establishing community; setting a righteous standard; reaching for the supernatural to ward off evil infiltrations; and providing the dominion necessary to subdue the elements in order to bring increase and blessing to the community."
- "When those who are known by His Name come together in community a dimension is added"
- "Community is a gift. Operated in the way God intended sets the stage for a safe place. This gift is also a commitment and a responsibility. With God at the center it is the group setting sharing a common purpose that nurtures the diversity of the individual gifts among its members. It is an assembly of God's people operating beyond the ordinary as they enable one another in their respective spheres. It is a light shining in the darkness."
- "[Jews] have embraced this gift of community not only for their own benefit, but as a means by which they have become a blessing to those around them."

DOMINION

- "Achievement from a Jewish perspective involves dominion and faith."

1 – Morris Ruddick (24-4-2016) "The Gift of Community" (strategicintercession.org/2016/04/the-gift-of-community)
2 – Hebrews 7:22; 8:6

- “The spiritual authority it employed resulted in what scripture refers to as dominion.”
- (i) “There is a dominion based on being conquered.”
- (ii) “The government advantage is one that in civil standards represents the form of dominion achieved by means of, if not a conquering, then at least a controlling spirit.”
- (iii) “The God-advantaged form of dominion operates by means of trust.”
- “Dominion in scripture is the use of God’s authority in a fashion reflecting greater freedom and trust, an authority given by God for the ultimate good of a community and society.”

MY ADDITIONAL POINTS

1. The Kingdom is not about a “people of prayer” but people with an intimate relationship with their King.
2. In the Kingdom, our King is always our “Senior Partner”.
3. Believers don't have to understand the Jewish “roots of their faith” to operate in the Kingdom. They only need to listen to the Spirit who will lead them down a path that aligns with any Kingdom way the Jews have picked up.
4. Kingdom community doesn't totally reflect “the principles given by Moses.”
5. Apostolic leaders must be part of a Kingdom Community, not controlling it or managing it as a system.

RESOURCE

strategicintercession.org/2016/04/the-gift-of-community

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