

Leadership In Organic Church Multiplication Movements

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The Kingdom Develops in Stages

Reproduce at every level disciples, leaders, churches, 4/11 team (Ephesians 4:11)

4/11 People with a function

Apostles

A sent one to lay a foundation for the expansion of the church with a specific God given assignment

- Identifies and empowers leaders quickly and is often the one who will call out the 4/11 leaders.
- The Apostles authority is patriarchal/relational rather than positional

Prophets

One who hears and speaks a specific word from God to a distinct person or persons.

- OT-It used to be that the prophet was the sole vessel of God's word...now we have Jesus
- Prophet is an encourager, comforter, strengthener
- Messenger
- Speak of the future
- Tells the truth without fear of consequences
- Subject to the other prophets for verification--1 Cor 14:32 relational stuff is important, check the words of the prophets
- Nothing to be afraid of when it comes to prophecy

A&P Start and Go Team

apostles and prophets are foundation layers

They function together regularly in the NT

We would do better to send 2...the right 2...than a large team to do church planting

Urge to equip others

Like produces Like and attracts Like...apostles will attract and produce apostles, etc.

Evangelist

One who is called to passionately seek out opportunities to share the gospel with others and lead them toward the acceptance of Christ

- Good News teller
- Driven to share
- More comfy with lost than found
- Evangelists often say, "I'm doing what every church person should do." Cuz they are equipping.

Shepherds

One who has an overwhelming concern for the continuing care for a specific community.

- Protects and cares for the flock
- People who make sure they are well fed
- Stay in one place for life...given themselves
- Relational authority
- Values intimacy
- Not hired hands

Teachers

One who is responsible for progressive growth in understanding and application of truth.

- Facilitates learning of truth and kingdom lifestyle
- Teachers should produce more teachers
- Mentor others one on one is as important (or more so) than classrooms or groups
- Teach by example
- Let not many of you become teachers...incur stricter judgment
- Expose false assumptions and reveal actual truth

E, S & T-Stay and Grow Team

Start & GO and Stay & Grow both start with a gifted outreach person (apostle & evangelist)
DNA is present...in these 3

Spectrum for 4/11>

<i>Apostles</i>	<i>Prophets</i>	<i>Evangelists</i>	<i>Shepherds</i>	<i>Teachers</i>
Entrepreneurial				Managerial
Restless without Change				Restless with Change
Starts things				Keeps things going
Big Picture				Details
Called to the Lost				Called to the Found
More Risky				More Conservative
More likely to go too fast				More likely to go too slow
Likely to move				Likely to stay

Comparison of 4/11 to the Body systems:

Apostles...like glandular system
Prophets ...like central nervous system
Evangelists...like skeletal muscular system
Shepherds...like circulatory system
Teachers...like digestive system

>>Most A&P are not in local churches, they are in business or started parachurch ministries

4/11 are Fluid roles

A leader may move between these functions

Paul...Twice a teacher, herald and apostle

Silas is a prophet and apostle

Timothy functions as an apostle and told to do the work of an evangelist

4/11 people are given to equip the church

Do we expect everyone in the church to fit into this? No

Other leadership in churches....elders and deacons—leaders in the house church...papa of the church, these 4/11 roles are larger than local house churches...

4/11 team is translocal, regional,

4/11 gifts are supernatural...not merely a natural proclivity

>>>> Neil failed his Ridley Assessment...God brought to light

Took Ridley Assessment second time and passed it. Then started Awakening

Continue to test/exercise your gifts

Take some risks, allow God to emerge supernatural gifting rather than natural talent

The Church recognize these gifts...you won't be able to escape it. Don't peg people into boxes...gifts tests often get people think about themselves, if you are looking out and wanting to meet the needs of the body you might step into another role/gift

Expect the temporary enablement from the Holy Spirit (gifting) according to the assignment.

4/11 get others to do the work of the ministry

Equip them with/like gifted people

Apostles need to get with apostles, prophets with prophets, etc.

Discussion of Pauline Apostleship (itinerant) and Peter/James Apostleship (in a location)

Need to communicate better in regional, national ways to assess needs

Start other networks and movements, not just disciples, not just leaders, not just churches, but movements.

Wolfgang Simson: A Report
April 25, 2005

Weather Report...I don't like copying models, here's what God is doing in the world

Global economics: 3rd industrial revolutions

- 1) Pioneer James Watt 1769 locomotive
 - 2) Electricity Edison,
 - 3) Computer-microchips –Zodiac 3 Information age
- Everyone is waiting for the 4th...to save the economy ... Glue formula, supporting

Inspiration management...not a breakthrough,

The world is too complex to do something out of analysis

Future:

Look in Revelation... Babylonian material system vs. Acts economics

We have to find ourselves as learners of the supernatural.

Taxi driver situation...for his personal directions from God.

GPS...God's Prophetic System

By the way we better don't understand it.

God speaks, do we hear?

Where is God leading all this? Here's a weather report:

1st Story

- Fishing with mosquito nets in Philippians

2nd Story

- Power house church planting , double headed - double sexed baby, miraculously healed.
- Reach out a hand and say in the name of Jesus get well

3rd story

House church planting in India...

Church as we have it is preventing the church as we want it.

Babylonian captivity of church...Luther said this...

Covenant keeping God...bloody thing, brother in arms, we are together in this, exchanging names...not an organization of friends.

If you do this, then I will bless you...If you disobey, then I will lead you to captivity.

Moses when you go make sure of the circumcision...sign of covenant, why? Obedience!

When there is a blueprint that is wrong/disobedient, you will copy the disobedience.

Are we the stuff that God wants to copy/multiply?

Babylonia captivity/Christianity... God has every right to put us here, we have disobeyed
Go back to the Promised Land/ancient path

I have hardly found a church anywhere that God hasn't spoken to about things being wrong

MOVE... migration in the seas and in the sky

Cosmetic changes won't cut it. Something totally different has to happen.

We want to go from Captivity to Promised Land; you will have to go into the valley drop off and then climb back up.

-2 Everything is great with church as it is

-1 Allowed the spirit to soar to the Promised Land, but gotta stay here

0 Get out to the system...you are in the desert—lonely, having a place where the system gets out of you, detox, when nothing is happening, no money, nothing is happening....what he does in me is the most important thing...god' Kills us
We multiply what we are
On the other side of the Jordan, we can see the Promised Land, but aren't there

1 Crossing of the river it requires uncovenanting with the system (eg David & Jonathan
Jonathan couldn't leave the system...he went back to the city and died
Being God Driven

2 Apostolic Land Capturing strategies...he gives what we have to take

How do we build in the future... They know what they don't want to do, but not what the future plan ought be.

Psalm 127:1 Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is useless.

There's a lot of useless building.

What is the difference between when God builds it and when man builds it.

If God builds it there are three principles

- 1) Made it from blueprint from heaven
 - A: Making humans,
 - B: Noah's blueprint (1896 was the first time a boat was built bigger)
 - C: Tent of the Meeting
 - D: Temple built only according to God's plan
- 2) With people to see holy blueprint
- 3) He decides what people will work together to make it happen

Only 4 times does the HS come and stay...only with long-term, corporate obedience and covenant with God

- Tent of Meeting
- Temple
- Jesus
- Pentecost

What if humans build it...

It is rebellion; copy something that is already made, not original

Cain built a city, built is according to something human/made
Tower of Babel...bricks and stone

Building Materials

Bricks are symbolic of building in rebellion—we manufacture them, to make it simple
Make our stuff...that's only practical and dead,

Not stone or gold...God's biological pieces to build with

Ezekiel 43:10-11

Describes the building God wants
Ashamed of sins, missing the mark
If they are ashamed, then make known to them the design,
Let us covenant with God to do what He leads to do...the blueprint

It is important to get close to His ways, if you will go up the mountain , pursue him,

Go up the mountain and get it from God.
Understanding principles and what to do

4/11 team isn't order of importance, but rather order of appearance on the worksite

Wolf's dialogue with God...What are some of these blueprints?

Either I'm crazy or everyone else is crazy

One item: Go back to Adam and Eve....and read
Look at when I created anything living?
Gen 1:11 Vegys, seeds in it
If it is God, the seeds of multiplication are in it...if it is not...then you can't go back

Gen 2:15
Be a gardener
Be a defender...active defense against intruders

change of right to the land...
God owned it all...
gave it to Adam & Eve...
the devil tricked them into giving him the land title...
the devil owns it (Luke 4)

apostolic gardens...geography, retake it from the land title office...the devil himself
Lands, about areas

Design of the NT church...networks working within geographical defined areas.
The resources are in the harvest
Do the original job: be a gardener, be a defender against active intruders

God's design of church...it has to do with areas, gardeners, defenders
Give names, to give identity
What is my identity?

Where are you on this journey?

What does Wolf say to those at different phases on the journey...

- 2 do it faster
- 1 stop being schizophrenic, do what you truly believe
- 0 desert is important...die thoroughly...hard, quick, without anesthetic
it takes a long time to kill an apostle, see Paul...I count everything sh** what I did before
- 1 promised land is worth it
- 2

Wolfgang Simson

Q&A

Say it straight...the truth in love...Passionate men get one sided...things of God are never built by consensus

Early adopters, middle adopters and late adopters

1998 dream...

There is a warning for every church, if you don't bring fruit, you will be eliminated

What do you mean by die?

to die, to become naked, to become a fool, to say yes to God, let God thoroughly kill you...

Let God take everything you rely on...

No independence

Throw your staff on the ground...what do I rely on...let it reveal itself for what it was...Moses crucifies himself to grab the snake by the tail, victory only because of God told him and he did it. An apostle is thoroughly ready when he is dead.

Recommended reading>>> R. Katz *Apostolic Foundations*

Wolfgang Simson

After we die what do we do?

If you can answer these questions?

What is your mission?

In order to achieve my mission, I need to find out what God equipped me with

Our toolbox is filled with things go do them

To whom are you joined? To where are you joined?

> God puts us with people to switch us on, (example of our wives/spouses)

> Place is important/ geography is important...

are you joined to the right people in the right place ?

If you get stomped...so what...1 Corinthians 13-- love again,

Who can we covenant with? Look for three things:

1) Look for people who haven't bowed their knee to Baal

Anything that gives you an identity other than God, can quickly become an idol

Anything that can give you destiny can quickly become an idol

Anything that can give you security can quickly become an idol

The stuff that legitimizes the idols are the deep and hard things...

2) Don't Trust anyone that doesn't limp

Jacob

If the person doesn't limp, the greatest fight in my life has not taken yet.

The thorn in the flesh, the vulnerability

3) Look for the people who can covenant...not just network

3 levels of covenant

- 1) Agenda of God...put down my agenda can I join what you are blessing
- 2) Covenant with the place Give me Scotland or I die
- 3) Covenant with those who make this kind of covenant

Every person goes through phases in life—3 of them

1) John you children, you young men, you fathers

- 1) children - grow till your character meets your charisma...spiritual gifts
- 2) young men - grow till you become a gift to the Body
- 3) father - grow till you start equipping others (multiplications...of Jesus)

Captives in Ephesians 4...captives of Jesus?
Foster callings in people

Modeling—

How do I get there for the 4/11 team?

- 1) Explain...them simply as possible
From the fruit side of things
- 2) Do you know your calling already?
Go into the corners
Who are you...the leaders have to know...then reproduce it
- 3) Prophetic pray over these who don't know
- 4) Get people together to have BBQ
- 5) Interact between 4/11 team members

Who leads this...

Deacon- apostolic eunuch (not corrupted with power)
Apostles and elders (prophets) make decisions

Prophetic

Four levels:

Church is prophetic-all of her speaks truth
Gifted in prophecy--Given a special word
Prophet (4/11)-Continue regular words
Prophecy at its highest level is the Bible

Prophet Andrew Jones—over cities, not over individuals

Role Of The Prophetic In The House Church Movement >>>> book that is helpful here

Demon Possession Charles Kraft -some good stuff, some not so good

Is it here in No. America...yes!

Demons can only function where they are allowed to

Rental contracts> Demons don't really have rights...

- 1) long-term sin...start and embassy
- 2) sinned against...exposed people to bitterness...and then demons take their place
- 3) family sins
- 4) curses

Interview the person and talk about :

1. Sin issues: Sex Money Power
2. Inner/early healing
3. Permission to confront any spirits in you
4. Pray for Jesus come in and replace the demonic place w/Jesus and true spiritual destiny

You sometimes can enlist this in evangelism

Tony and Felicity Dale wrote a book to talking about demon possession...things they saw in medical field.

Every slave will listen to a free man...Jesus healed me...tell the story

Alan Hirsch
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A Journey into the Heart of Apostolic Genius

To tell a different story...what we are doing looks like the most radical Jesus movements in history

David Barrett- 2001 Regent University professor of Missionmetrics, World Christian Encyclopedia

- 111 million Christians without a local church
- the rise of the so-called "neo-apostolic" 20,000 movements and networks with a total of 394 million church members (Alan's guess>>>About 10% of that is in the west)
 - reject historical denominationalism and restrictive overbearing central authority
 - Seek a more effective missionary lifestyle
 - Prediction for 2025-- 581 million members (120 million house churches)

In the "Christendom church"-Constantinian- all of these things go under the radar

Rodney Stark book>>>>How many Christians in the Roman Empire?

Year	Believers	Population
100AD	25,000	40 million
300AD	18-22 million	

Remember:

Illegal religion,
no dedicated church buildings,
no professional leadership or training structures

no seeker sensitive service,
didn't even have the Bible as we know it

China—had the Christendom experience about 400 years.

Communist revolution—missionaries and pastors are killed or chased off
Took buildings,

Residue of people, if you dare to gather I will crush you like little ants, and then persecution comes down

2 million at start to 60 million in 50 years with nothing we think of Christendom stuff
Today 90 mill+

Why?

Ed Waken said...Multiplicity of communicators, rather than listeners.

Rev 12:11 And they have defeated him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of their testimony. And they were not afraid to die.

Clinging to Jesus and that is it, persecution purify
Eliminate all that which did not matter
People who were baggage/nominal-ism were eliminated as well

Comparison between Chinese church and Russian church
Russians had left the Russian Orthodoxy

Men who are oppressed by a autocratic not free>>> example of William Wallace

Gang life in urban America, no option to be partly in or partly out, the cost/counting the investment

The future church is more like an Al-Qaeda network

5 elements common in hyperbolic movements

1) Missional/Incarnational impulse

Missional impulse—being send, epidemic, outward thrusting impulse, seeding impulse> outward
Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, etc
Genealogy

Incarnational impulse—embedded in the culture where it inhabits, looks like where it is planted > deepening

Missional/Incarnational impulse
Contrast...Evangelistic/Attractional impulse... it blocks the sneeze,
the germs can't spread far enough
Predominant /Constantinian model is Evangelistic/attractional
Churches "outreach" and "come to church"

We must have a different imagination of the church

2) Disciplemaking ---by 180AD we found catechisms/an examination of why become a Christian
prove why you should be,

Here is the quality of faith and embodiment of what it is
Become like Jesus, living Gospels,
If you fail here, you don't get anything,
The Founder lives on in us.
The conspiracy of little Jesus, the presence of Jesus infects the whole world
Not built on centralized leadership/institution
Ordination weakens us, anything external...
a crutch if used too long, will actually hamper health

3) Organic Systems—living phenomenon, if we stumbled upon, looks more like Al Qaeda than the church

Ethos/DNA that holds it together
25,000 Al Qaeda cells in the world and we will not stop them
You have to deal with the ideology that holds it together
You can't take out a virus, persecution only validates it.

Feels like a movement, but looks like a network,
Virus like, epidemic growth, Great ideas spread this way **Google this: meme**

4) *Communitas* not community—different way that the community gathers, we have pensive environments that hold us together, the thing that

The common task/common danger is the thing that holds it together
The Bible takes on meaning because of the adventure
We must discover each other, because the community desires it.
Sum is greater than
Risky environment
Holy Huddle environments don't call them outside of itself...
Communitas does see mission

*The term came from Victor Turner studied the rites of passage from African men
All children grow up in the female section of the stuff
Men steal them at 12 years of age and
Circumcise them
Abandon them
Next month the elders will be here as at gathering to raise
The boys released to the bush*

Liminality— thrust out of their safety zone, common ordeal, danger
*The boys find themselves in another way...called **Communitas**
To find themselves in another way together.
Integrated back into the male part of the tribe
Renewal to the tribe—awaken the old stories in the elders as well.*

A road trip, and adventure story is the common story

*Gangs , Alcoholics Anonymous,
Habitat for Humanity (side-by-side fellowship, mate-ship)
Sports Teams*

Artificial environments don't allow maturity to happen, they grow weak
Discipleship must take place in the context of ordinary life
Terrifying statistic—New Zealand 80% went from youth groups to university lost
their faith in the first year

Third Place...take your church and put it there...rather than in home or work
In another context makes it in danger and moving forward
Inviting people into life

5) Apostolic Environment

The DNA of the Gospel is in all of us, all that is within us, we can all be the seeds of this hyperbolic move

Alan Hirsch calls this *Apostolic Genius*—when all 5 of these gets together
it is latent within us
adapt or die scenario...that's when it blooms

We have to keep the venture in the adventure

Jesus is the Lion of the Tribe together, *we war together*

Greatest alternative religion is consumerism, we must disciple over and against consumerism

Wolfgang- Experiment in Switzerland.

Luke 10...go with no money, Your God is Too Safe
6 weeks...small group of disciples wanting to follow God...no money
Cling to God and each other

Middle class-ness is built on safety and security==they are the obsession of that class
consumerism >>> comfort and convenience are the props for that "religion"

Disciple means to cling to Jesus alone, leave it all behind

The best critique of the bad is the better... do it
Alan's prophecy, in Australia, the missional/incarnational church in 20 years will be the standard
imagination there...

Imagination has to be right in the first place...there are competing imaginations ...we need to act our way
into a new way of thinking...it is worldview

5) Apostolic Environment

What is an environment?

Invisible fields that create effects--influence

Vision and Values are invisible...a vibe

Why Apostle first...the apostle a guardian/custodian of the DNA of the Gospel/God's people?

Starts some things

Seeding the Gospel where they go

Establishing-Instructive

They embed the DNA

Possibilities that happen in an invisible field

Nelson Mandela-creates a field

Apostolic things take place in a new place

Apostolic

Prophetic hear to God-and tell others the truth/be faithful for it

Need the community to do it

Prophetic creates the field for the Evangelistic

Evangelists will need the Prophetic to pave the way of Truth

Without the evangelist you have no Pastoral --no people to shepherd

Creates the environment of the teacher (bring wisdom and understanding)

Pattern is important Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Shepherds, & Teachers

Foundation of church is on apostolic and prophetic ministry

Ephesians 4

As Christ gave it

But he gave some to be...Christ is the giver

Unity in the faith

If you don't have APEST you can't mature. This is a comment from the passage in Eph 4.

This is the fundamental structure/the DNA...

If you want missional church, you must have missional leadership structure.

Ministry Matrix & Leadership Matrix (from *The Shaping of Things to Come* by Hirsch and Frost)

Put APEST at the center of your church leadership/activity

Prophets ask the irritating questions

Network-wide >>> APEST

When apostles DO their work, people still follow
The crap detector goes off if we don't do what we say

Every Christian has a church in them

Jesus was a far better missionary than Paul
Christology leads to Missiology leads to Ecclesiology

Mission can't be a subset of the ecclesiology, it is prior to it!!!
Jesus spent 30 years in the neighborhood and they don't know he's God?!?!?!?

Inspired by Jesus, we need to learn from Jesus, diagnose the culture, then allow the church to sprout from the culture
Listen, learn, get into the culture, plant the church from within

Ecclesiology is the most fluid of the theologies
We can't front load our ecclesiology as we land on new turf or enter new cultures.

Followers of Jesus first and missionaries/church planters second
Problem with church planting is that we assume we know what church is
Reproduction in nature is much more fun than cloning

Dethrone Constantine...get the emperor off your head
Jesus led a different kind of church
There is a danger of "neo-constantinianism"
We mighta got out of Constaninianism, but it didn't get out of us.

Phil Helfer Further thoughts on APEST

One reason we are struggling is that this is so big, is that it is of God.

We fall into trying to model it, package it, etc

Where we sit is pretty insignificant...God can use me as a weak empty vessel. The more we get back to this, the better the Body will become.

The best way to see mission accomplished is to get believers connected with Jesus...to listen to his voice and get into doing that

I don't want to get in the way of God speaking to individuals. There are times that Jesus is going to use me to be his voice, but most times I get in God's way and speak for God.

The body>>the spirit inside animates me and guess what... One Spirit animates Jesus' Body

How do we get people listening to Jesus and obeying Jesus?

We are on a learning curve about the APEST. There has been a sixth gift added to the church in the last 50 years... the manager--Someone who can run the business.

What are the gifts (the APEST) for?

What do we think of equipping?

Typically training...typically giving a skill, to help get a product to get jobs done

Equip the saints for the **SERVICE**

Equip is used about mending nets

Get people ready to die,

it's not about doing great things for God

...get people to the spot of listening to God and willing to stoop to His will to serve

We are failing miserably at preparing ourselves and asking God what He wants and doing it.

Are we preparing people to take that step? listen to God and do what He says.

As leaders we have to make those choices ourselves.

Where do we get authority? People give it to you

As God is speaking through you, that is the proof.

The APEST needs to hear from God in it's fullness.

We get dialed into our little areas and we don't focus on others thoughts,

We have to set aside our ego...till we get to unity

Where we find unity is in allegiance to Jesus.

Shepherd's heart on wolves

A couple of things that make me really mad:

People trying to control others

People trying to dominate with the Word of God in ways...that it wasn't made to be used

Become captives to Jesus...to be fully his,

Trying to hold on to two masters... trapeze...gotta let go of one to grab the other

PANEL Discussion

How does the 4/11 work together?

On the panel>>> Phil Helfer-Shepherd (CMA)
Paul Kaak-Teacher (CMA)
Neil Cole-Apostle (CMA)
Dezi Baker-Prophet (CMA)
Ed Waken-Evangelist (CMA)
Wolfgang Simson
Alan Hirsch

CMA story—How does God want us to plant churches?
Cannot measure the value of being together regularly
Black hole and then God pops something together

What's your vision? Wolfgang....I would wish to disciple half of the globe...3.5 billion people
How do I find the best practice around the world and give them the platform.
The world isn't waiting for us.

Wolfgang Simson personal observation of churchplanting from 40 people to 10 million
Become intense students learning from where it is really working for Jesus.
Pour our oil on others people's fire...not water

How did prophets and apostles work together?
Communication needs to happen present tense...communicate that we need them.
You have a question...read the Bible
You have a problem...ask Jesus
You have anything else...ask the Holy Spirit

Let the women out.

Neil Cole
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God is too big to be represented by only one expression of the gifts...APEST

Barnabas was a prophet, and an apostle when he was sent

I think there are shepherds that are sent, we need to allow leaders, and embrace a bigger perspective

We need all kinds of leaders.

One way you can know the difference between true leaders and false leaders is do they lord it over people, look down on others and be served

False apostles
False prophets
False evangelists--Judeizers
False shepherds
False teachers
All found in the New Testament

"I want you to be William Wallace."

Wolfgang Simson Money And Work
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We will not be able to plant 200 million house churches and finance it in the same way we have.

Recovering Messianic Finance Principles

Three things we need to see:

Reformation of Ecclesia

Reformation of Work and Money

Reformation of Unity

If we don't do the first two, we won't get to three.

Cosmos-maximize gain, competition

Kingdom-maximize love, serve

If you try to do business by kingdom, you are swimming with the sharks.

If you try to do church by cosmos rules, then problems arrive.

Basically we hit the referee we get mad.

1522... September translation of the Bible... Martin Luther...the Bible in hands of the people
Read things like proverbs about wealth and caring for the poor, acts 2 and acts 4

The peasants called a meeting in Menningen, Germany document of 12 points where the Gospel would transform them, They sent it to Martin Luther. Luther agreed. The rich and the clerics called in Luther, and said dump this. Luther He decided to be political, and wrote a document that declared the Poor are wrong... and said you should kill them as lords & clerics

100,000 peasants were murdered

Internally we will remain pagan, invading Luther

Luther was a bitter, lonely and "demon possessed man" at the end of his life

2 billion poor...and only a few John Perkins' running around

We have to uncover something that is deep down.

What you have never heard in church about work and money

Centuries of false teaching

Tithing, and Foundations- it keeps the machine running, but is very false.

Adam and Eve received the land title

Explosive power of seeds

Satan took the land title

Satan tells Jesus in Luke 4, I can give it to you.

Mammon...if you serve me I'll make you rich, make you safe

God wanted to be king

Taxation is the penalty (tithes)

Don't find tithe

1) 10% Levitical tithe...up hold the levitical system

2) Festival tithe...every 50-60 days of parties

3) 3.3% Poverty tithe...

Now royal tithe 33%...with the king

Work six days and rest one, Gardening was fun,

The GROUND is cursed, where sweat was invented, toiling, doing things they didn't want to do.

Employment-part of the curse...servant Noah uncovered, curse that comes

Jesus spoke more about money and work than faith

He brought something entirely different to the table about work and money

OT- you worked and died,

How was Jesus financed?

Birth gift of the wise men

From 12-30 Jesus worked as a carpenter (400-600 people in town)

Someday Jesus left the work/career plan, bye-bye and stepped into,

Financed 1) in Heavenly Father took over his care

Matt 6 Don't worry, lilies and the sparrows

2) Do the ministry and received funding, Driving out demons, etc.

Not just Jesus,

but a common purse, 20-30 people supported by what Jesus did

Apostling...in the last phase of his life...is a new model...only seen in the garden

Your attitude about money is what is reflected in your faith

Matt 19 rich young ruler ...what does that reflect?

How can anyone be saved?

With God it is possible...Matt 20...salvation has come to this house,
your behavior with regard to money

Draw a distinction between Living by Sight and Living by Faith

Live by sight--- your ability to calculate, give yourself away, products, wages, then you can pay your bills, you really live by faith in your calculation.

Live by faith—sell yourself to God and He will take care of you

Elijah through the Raven...
Jesus lived this way!

Maturity is mostly defined by us as being independent...they can do on their own
In the kingdom, the highest level of maturity is absolute slavery to Jesus. Live in limits, live as a bond servant of Christ.

How do we get Consumerism out?

Get it out of the leaders

Jesus 3 groups in his day:

- 1) Those who had heard of him
- 2) Those who were His fans
- 3) Those who had Jesus consume them...taken captive by him

My God is so safe that I can step out

Acts 2 the Apostles did all the work and they had believers

ACTS 6 the disciples left behind his life

Disciples leave behind houses, family, fields,

We are living life of calculation, we can't make disciples. We aren't really disciples.

In order to become a disciple of Jesus...he had to leave his job. Call them away from the boats and nets and dad.

I have found in Jesus a bigger security

Matt 20 a worker is worth his hire

Out of what do you do/employment to cast out

Ten2B.. where do they have to be cast out of Marketplace....cast them out to the harvest field.

I work therefore I don't need God. Existence has to be more than w

Reap a nation of employees...there is a boss in heaven

He has paid work for you.

- Jesus experienced how People laid money at his feet
- Called people out of the marketplace to share common purse
- Self-financing missions- did you have enough? Yes, experienced
- Jesus left---there is a vacuum--apostles run the common purse

Give it away...and God will give you another one... give away your computer, your cars, your houses

In OT giving is regulated,
IN NT giving is released

NT economy is that we are completely owned...Jesus bought us...

OT work 6 days, rest 1

NT *ergon*...work for God, 95% in NT it means work for God

3 exceptions:

1) Tentmaking...only a few months for Paul, not 18 months only a temp job
Bleak time of his mission work

Not an apostolic , only temporary place
We get consumed by making the tent
Acts 18:5

2) Thessalonica

Hyper eschatology...Jesus will be here tomorrow, don't do anything
Here is a medicine for one like this: if you don't work, don't eat
Don't extrapolate this out past the exception.

3) Timothy

Thief experience a therapy, steal no longer

Now I place my trust in God, step out of the financial place of security

How was the financial system in the NT?

Where did the money come from?

Mainly 2 places: 1) 95% big bucks, from money of new converts
Resources in the HARVEST,
Plural...houses and fields

2) 5% Ongoing giving 1 Cor 16:2

Where did they put it:

Money is laid at the apostles' feet (Acts 4), because of a specific anointing
Missional money,
Apostles...must work together! Death of self-service.
Money taken captive and used for churchplanting, mission
Shepherds will need a bigger fence

For what was is spent

Service

- 1) Care for your own poor...widows and orphans
Deacons' assessment of needs ...
People not corrupted by touching money
Care for our family first

- 2) Care for your workers/those who were training others
No salaries
Need assessment...what are the needs of the apostolic leaders
Not elders

- 3) Do good to everyone—help the poor who are not Christians
Need of the world, we

Apostolic projects

- 4) Apostolic projects—caring for churches which are dying or aged

Blessed are the poor,

Disciple is what a believer is not. A disciple walks away from the things of life and clings to the Messiah

Your extended family is your insurance, if you die, I will raise your kids. That's what the church is!
If idiot self

Our movement is apostolic not need driven. There will always be needs, we must be apostolic in the dispersal of money, not merely need-driven.

Jesus says that the enemy is Mammon...a spirit...to make a deal with you.

4 entry doors

- 1) my sin
- 2) sinned against
- 3) inherited
- 4) curses

When sinned against, how do we deal with it...faith or fear...

Rip up the spiritually demonic contract of Mammon

Sub-renter that lives in you Deliverance must happen...

We are in a pregnant time for the expansion of the church. We have to come back to another place

Break it in our structures

Am I doing what I am supposed to do?

God pays what he orders!

The poor do this for a living!

"Leave your securities my friend. It works in India, in Germany, it works with kids, without kids..."

That kind of thing that Jesus called us into...captivity to a safe God
Will you be a disciple...not more clinging to the Lord, but utter bondage to Him

In the past, the harvest workers were never cast out of their workplace... Mammon has a hold on us

GOD HAS PAID WORK FOR YOU TO DO!

What about life insurance?

Health insurance, Life dangerous work

This is always plan B if God wouldn't come through. You have to see different in different cultures

The principle more important than the legalism.

Do some "unclinging"... to leave and cleave...trapeze

What about financing space?

Storage/logistics are normal. Original setup of church was geography.

City Church article on the web by Wolfgang.

Principle not the legalism

God has paid work for all of us!