

# WORD AT WORK

## Kingly Character of Christ III

Dear Friend:

The Lord has been speaking to me from Colossians 2:8 as if it were to be a gate we carefully guarded. One of the strongest unseen deceptions identified in scripture is viewing and doing in the same way we always have based on what we learned as kids. The Jesus of my youth was never presented as a ruling King except at His return. He was always the Suffering Servant who turned the other cheek.

Colossians 2:8 is one of the strongest warnings in the epistles. It says, *"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ."* What doubles the strength of this warning is the fact it forms the context for verse 15, *"Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."* Tradition can rob us of triumph!

God's goal for every believer is to demonstrate the triumph of Jesus accomplished in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Deception and tradition rob us of the relational mindset necessary to walk in the footsteps Paul pioneered. Paul was convinced that Jesus bought and paid for triumph. II Corinthians 2:14 says, *"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place."* Only steadfast renewing of the mind can bring change.

Do we know the resurrected Christ Paul knew? Perhaps if we had been knocked off our donkey, we could have started a relationship with Jesus the Judge as well as Jesus the Savior. Tradition has locked us into the priestly side of Christ. Paul had no such limitations. He knew the power of tradition and how it led him to fight Jesus instead of surrender to God's ultimate purpose. What is the probability that we are in the same place in one area or another. May God show us so we can change!

Yours in Him,

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### TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 2:12-14

II Corinthians 2:14 is a key to the Kingly authority of Christ. Paul revealed his understanding of the attitude necessary to walk with God and represent Him fully. He says, “...*Thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.*” The Greek word translated diffuses means to manifest, show or make visible. In Paul’s understanding, Jesus had opened the full authority of the Throne-Room to the church so that in every situation it is possible to reveal visibly the triumph of Christ as King. The power of the resurrection is an open door that is given to every believer regardless of the situation we find ourselves in. There is a Greek word that explains what Paul understood and knew by revelation. That Greek word is **three-am-byoo-o**. The root is **thro-eh-o**, meaning to cry aloud in time of trouble. What we are prepared to pray in any given troubling situation should result in a visible manifestation of Christ. The visible spectrum includes praying destruction if dealing with a ‘Herod’ or praying resurrection, if dealing with a widow’s dead son. That is the full length, width, breadth and height that is available to every believer. The question is, are we positioning ourselves to access what Jesus has fully made available. Do we think like a King whose word results in either life or death?

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Scripture: Colossians 2:1-3

Paul is the author that reveals the fullness of what Jesus bought and paid for in His resurrection. His epistles present a picture that is far different from what the church portrays today. Much of the church today is like an entertainment center compared to what Paul offered. Are we going to church because it is a feel-good place or are we going in order to gain the full access to all that has been bought and paid for in eternity? Can we, like Paul, say in every situation, God’s triumph is available? Colossians 2:1-3 states, “*I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*” All the “...*treasures of wisdom and knowledge*” are available to us in Christ. So the question is, are we pursuing them? As we pursue them, our mind is renewed and we begin to think differently. We start to think in terms of triumph in every situation. We begin to think like a King!

### THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Scripture: Colossians 2:8

Colossians 2:8 says, “*Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.*” The word ‘cheat’ in Greek is the same word that is used for plunder or spoil: to take captive by spoil. It is the enemy’s preemptive action at keeping the church from finding out their authority in Christ and ever accessing it in prayer. If we do not position ourselves to think according to God’s Word, we are spoiled by the culture around us. The culture around

us says that if you are a Christian, then you are nice. Paul did not live to be nice. He lived to bring the triumph of Christ from the invisible realm of the Spirit into visible manifestations in every situation. He knew he could access heaven and ask God to put somebody in the grave if they were hindering the purpose and plan of God. Paul's attitude was almost "Don't make me ask God to dispose of you twice! Don't make me ask God to bring you into blindness, but If you make me, I will." Most church people do not think in those terms. Why? Because Colossians 2:8 is not a reality in their life and they have been spoiled through philosophy, deceit and tradition according to the principles of the world and not according to Christ. Renew your mind and think like Paul!

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Scripture: Colossians 2:9

Colossians 2:9 is an awesome verse because it says, *"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;"* Verse 9, on top of verse 8, is a bold declaration about how you and I are to think in every situation in which we find ourselves. Our first question should be, "God, what does it take to visibly manifest Your triumph in this situation? Show me what it takes to triumph!" The promise is that the entire fullness of the Throne-Room is available in whatever situation we find ourselves. God wants to be seen. If it is sickness, the visible manifestation is healing. If it is financial, the visible manifestation is provision. What if we face oppressive government? What if the government begins to advance antichrist policies? If the church has not been cheated through philosophy, then their stand is, "Don't make me ask God to put you in the grave." Don't make me ask God to take everything you have away. Don't make me ask God to deliver you to satan for the destruction of your flesh." What is missing in the church today? The church does not think like a King! We do not think in terms of bringing visible manifestations of God in order to triumph in every situation. Our mind has not been renewed so that we think like a King. It is time to change the way we think. Jesus died to make us Kings and we do not accept it.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Scripture: Colossians 2:10

Colossians 2:10 says, *"...and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power."* 'Principality' is the Greek word **ar-khay** which means a ruler of any kind. And 'power' is the Greek word **ex-oo-see-ah** and it is the word for government. So verse 10 tells us that Jesus is the head of all rulers and all government officials. The problem is the word 'complete'. The Greek word for 'complete' is **play-ro-o**. **Play-ro-o** is a verb. The Greek word for fullness in verse 9 is a noun, **play-rom-ah**. So verse 10 says that you and I are the action to demonstrate the Throne-Room in every situation unless we have been spoiled through philosophy, deceit or tradition. So, have we been spoiled? Has the church been spoiled? Do we think in terms of being a King? Are we prepared to be the action that reveals the God-head and therefore brings triumph in every situation? That was Paul's revelation of Christ! What is the matter with us? According to this passage in Colossians the only reason we are not doing it is because of tradition, deceit or philosophy. Have the traditions of men made the Word of God of none effect? It is time to change the way we think!

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Scripture: Colossians 2:11-13

Colossians 2:11-13 says, *"In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,"* is this a reality? Have we accepted the fullness of what Jesus has done for us? Have we said yes to the fullness of forgiveness in every area? The power of verses 11-13 position us, when we agree with it, to bring the triumph of God in every situation. In order to do what Paul did, we must be utterly free from condemnation. Now Paul had a past, his history was one of devastating the church. Yet he could say, *"I know nothing against*

*myself.” He is the one who stood there and orchestrated the death of Stephen. How could he say that he knew nothing against himself? Paul accepted the complete and total package of forgiveness in Christ through the Blood of the Lamb. He believed it, received it and acted on it! It is one of the first steps in renewing our mind. We have to accept the fullness of what Christ did for us.*

#### MONDAY, MARCH 7

Scripture: Colossians 2:14-17

Colossians 2:14-15 states, “*...having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*” Once we accept that everything written or spoken against us has been nailed to the cross and taken by Jesus, we can then begin to visualize verse 15. Verse 15 says, “*He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*” The word for ‘triumphing’ here is once again the Greek word **three-am-byoo-o**. Because of Christ’s triumph, we are to allow no one to judge us concerning the food we eat, what we drink, or regarding the festivals, or how we go to church, because all those are a shadow of what is to come. But the essence is the true substance of Christ when we know Him and develop a relationship with Him. The God of the Bible is a God of relationship. He demands relationship. He wants to talk to us and He encourages us to talk to Him.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 2:14,15

2 Corinthians 2:14,15 says, “*Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.*” If we begin to think in terms of representing the Kingly Christ, then we think, “What will it take to triumph in this situation?” And people who agree with us say yes and those who do not, perish. That is the power of verse 15. Paul said, “*For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.*” Do we think like our King: Do not make me ask God to remove you! When are we going to get a chance to say that to a judge or government official? How about saying this, “Please do not support abortion that makes us ask God to remove you!” Where is that in the church? It is long overdue. But we do not think like Paul. If we did, we would not be demonstrating, we would not have a placard in our hand, we would not be marching against anyone. We would simply stand and declare, “Please do not support abortion and make me ask God to dispose of you twice.” Once we asked, God would because that is what it takes to triumph in that situation. “Do not make me ask God to remove you because you support pulling our state into casino gambling.” The church has grown passive. The problem is, like Colossians says, we have been spoiled. We do not think in terms of visible victory that brings life or death, depending on the choices of the people we meet. Church would be a whole lot different if we just said yes to His Word. Thank God there are some who do.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 2:16

Verse 16 says, “*To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?*” Paul progressively defines triumph in Christ visibly manifested in every place, to that triumph looks like a two-edged sword. With one edge, we are praying death to those who refuse to repent and change. With the other edge, we are praying the full measure of resurrection life, and who is sufficient for this? No one is. But that is not our issue. The blood of Jesus Christ makes us sufficient. On March 30, 2007 a Kansas legislator stood up and proposed a bill in the legislature that would introduce and allow casino gambling. Another legislator who was a believer was there and the Lord spoke to him to do a 2 Corinthians 2:16. He had to stand up in that legislature and read aloud Proverbs 1:20-33 as a warning to those considering this bill. Often times, all God is looking for is someone who will stand up for Him in a situation and

visibly proclaim His purpose and His Word. The rest is up to the Lord. Our part is to proclaim what His Word says and the rest is up to Him. God is faithful to give us the Word to proclaim. When we do that, we have done all we can do. Our performance and the fulfillment of it is in His hand. Are we willing? Are we willing to stand up in the midst of public places, even government places, speak Scripture and say to the wicked, “Don’t make me ask God to remove you because if I ask, He will. Do not make me do that.” It is time the church got a shot of courage.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Scripture: Proverbs 1:20-33

When that legislator introduced casino gambling, another legislator was moved on by the Holy Spirit to stand up and declare that not only was this a terrible idea, but that it was going to have a dramatically adverse impact. Proverbs 1:20-33 became a prophetic word that day to the legislators. Verse 26-31 say, *“I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD, They would have none of my counsel And despised my every rebuke. Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies.”* One legislator read a biblical warning: “Do not accept this proposal. It will bring devastation and destruction to the state. God says, “Do not make me mock when your terror comes. Do not do it.” Exactly five weeks later, to the day, on May 4, 2007, the legislator who introduced the gambling legislation was quietly at home in his beautiful city in Greensburg, Kansas, when an F5 tornado rolled in, did a horseshoe circle and completely wiped out the town. He was only saved because he was in the bathtub. I believe eleven people died that day because of legislative greed. A believer’s job is to speak the Word. God’s job is to perform it. Triumph in every place is available. To some we are life to life. To the mocking and disobedient we are death to death. Where is the church who can stand up and say in the face of evil, “Do not make me ask God to remove you.”? I believe in the very near future that church will stand up in the nations!

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Scripture: Galatians 4:16-18, Romans 8:12,13

Galatians 5:16-18 says, *“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”* Paul found himself being an enemy because he told the Galatians the truth. Where do we stand with people who tell us the truth? How do we treat them? Do we become their enemies? In Acts 20, Paul warned about wolves. It is time we said yes to God’s Word and said yes to who we are. It is time we put a demand on the Holy Spirit to prepare us and bring us to the place where we can fully represent God’s triumph in every situation. Romans 8:12,13 states, *“Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”* When we choose to live in the Spirit and not in the flesh then we choose the leadership of the Spirit and it is leadership of the Spirit that brings us into the fullness of what God has. It is the leadership of the Spirit that brings the Word of God to pass in our lives. Sowing our own garden with the Word is like preparing for the reign of the Spirit that comes and ignites that Word to turn it into reality. But if we have not taken the time to put it into our hearts, if we have not taken the time to renew our mind, then the Spirit cannot penetrate that personal wall that we have established, and fulfillment does not happen. Romans 8:12-13 is a choice that we all make: to reject or embrace the cross, and at what level. Our willingness to take the Word and put to death the deeds of the body is what qualifies us to be the pipeline that brings the Word of the Lord to a situation and causes triumph to manifest. Those who consistently make this choice position and prepare themselves to bring the triumph of Christ into our cities and states. Nothing else but the fullness of what God offers will satisfy.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Scripture: Romans 8:14

Romans 8:14 says, *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”* The leadership of the Spirit is what Paul relied on to bring triumph to every situation. He encountered a demon possessed, fortune-telling lady who made her masters much profit proclaiming that these were the servants of the Lord, that they would declare the way of salvation. Paul put up with it for many days. He did not cast that spirit out until he was released by the Holy Spirit to do so. Triumph for the girl meant jail for Paul. Triumphant over the familiar spirit proved to be the end of Paul’s ministry in that region. The Holy Spirit knew how long it would take to get the church established. Therefore, Paul put up with it for many days while the church was being established. Once it was established, he could address it and prepare to move on. Even in the Philippian jail, Paul proved triumph by following the Spirit into worship and praise. The angel came in an earthquake and opened the doors of the prison. The God of heaven wants every single one of us to triumph and manifest that triumph in every place we go. Is it not time we start? We begin by renewing our mind and thinking like Paul thought.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Scripture: Galatians 5:19

Galatians 5:19 says, *“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,...”* The works of the flesh unfold as adultery, fornication, uncleanness and licentiousness, which are all areas of sexual sin. In my experience spiritual adultery, always precedes the physical adultery. Before there is a physical manifestation, there will be a spiritual manifestation first that opens the door for the fruit of the flesh, which completely disqualifies us from manifesting God's triumph in every place. It is obvious that to bring His triumph we first have to have His triumph working in us. The degree to which we are committed to that principle determines whether we reach our destiny or forfeit it to someone else. We can only expect to subdue kingdoms after we first subdue ourselves.

## MONDAY, MARCH 14

Scripture: Galatians 5:20-21

Galatians 5:20-21 states, *“...idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”* How clearer could the Holy Spirit be than to declare that anyone who practices these perversions will not inherit the Kingdom of God? It is not even an option. It is not going to happen. So the first thing we have to do is triumph in our own body. We must triumph over our own flesh. Because what is in us would like to disqualify us from participating in the Kingdom. Flesh dominance wants to drive us from power and keep us out of the fullness of Christ.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Scripture: Galatians 5:17

Verse 17 says, *“For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.”* If we do not embrace the Holy Spirit and all that Jesus has done for us through His blood, then we allow the enemy to set up shop and dominate our house. There is a war inside of us and that war is over whether or not we are going to bring God's purposes to pass or are we going to be passive and take on the attitude that whatever will be, will be? Whatever will be, will be was not Paul's attitude, that was not Christ's and it *should not* be ours. Therefore, to bring forth the fullness of what Jesus has we must begin to think in terms of victory manifested in every situation. Until we embrace God's standard of righteousness and His standard of operation, we will not be prepared to participate at the level needed when we

find ourselves before leaders. Paul was prepared. He could bring blindness when it was needed. Where do we stand? Are we prepared? We are certainly prepared to go Priestly, but are we prepared to represent the King? That is the issue we must deal with in this hour.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23

Galatians 5:22-23 outlines the nine fruit of the spirit which should be the pursuit of every believer. The verses state, *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."* The nine fruit of the Spirit represent the Priestly Christ. When we match them with the nine fruit of the Kingly Christ then we find that there is an amazing balance between the two that prepare us for standing in every situation to visibly bring forth the triumph of Christ. Without the Kingly fruit the nine Priestly fruit are not balanced and we find the Church in unsanctified mercy often acting nicer than God. This passive church is lost when facing governmental decrees. Paul did not walk there. Apparently the reason he did not was he understood that the fullness of Christ included both the nine Priestly fruit and the nine Kingly fruit. Together they represented the fullness of the heavenly Throne-Room and without the Kingly displays there can be very little triumph. It is time we not only said yes to the nine fruit of the Priestly Christ but also realized that the nine fruit of the Kingly Christ are available!

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Scripture: Galatians 2:24-26

Verses 24-26 state, *"And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another."* The nine fruit of the Priestly Christ are absolutely essential if we are going to demonstrate the authority of the Kingly Throne. The reason is a very simple one. Unless we can stand in the fire we are calling down, it is impossible to represent the Kingly Christ. The nine fruit of the Priestly Christ make it possible to begin to visibly demonstrate the Kingly Christ. Perhaps that is the reason that number seven of the Priestly fruit, faith or faithfulness, is number one of the Kingly fruit. When we grow toward maturity and completion in the Priestly fruit then we are qualified and ready to begin demonstrating the Kingly fruit. We cannot be conceited or provoke one another and demonstrate the full authority of the Kingly Throne. These nine fruit are absolutely essential in character building to stand where Paul stood and expect to see God's victory in every situation.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Scripture: II Corinthians 2:14-15

The reason II Corinthians 2:14-15 takes on more significance is because there are now nine visible manifestations of triumph. Verses 14-15 state, *"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing."* For those who are being saved the Priestly fruit represent Christ's likeness for **khri-tos** while the Kingly fruit represent Christ's likeness for **koo-ree-os**. We find that God's developmental path includes both Kingly and Priestly fruit. Love, joy peace, long-suffering, gentleness and goodness are all rise as essential in representing who Jesus is and in showing the love of God to every man. But the other dimension of Christ has nine fruit also which balance out the Priestly fruit. A believer who is fully established in level three priestly peace should be equally as confident in the righteous judging of Kingly level three. Priestly gentleness and Kingly war balance each other out in level four. Jesus stands in two ministries and we have to develop in both to represent Him.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Scripture: Acts 2:36

Acts 2:36 says, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." Lord is the Greek word **koo-ree-os**. Christ is the Greek word **khris-tos**. **Khris-tos** means the anointed Priest, the Savior the Deliver, the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit. **Koo-ree-os**, on the other hand, means the Owner, the Possessor, the Disposer, the Judge of all the earth. Jesus stands in those two distinctly different offices. Each one of them has nine distinctive fruit that go with that office. We have spent a life-time developing the nine fruit of the priestly Christ and now it is time to develop, in the last days, the nine fruit of the Kingly Christ. The early church did not have any trouble developing in that arena. Paul fully demonstrates it. Peter demonstrates it. John in writing in the Book of Revelation thoroughly demonstrates it. It is time we caught it. The main thing that is keeping us out is tradition, deceit and philosophy. It is time to say, no more! We will fully represent the living God.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Scripture: II Corinthians 2:16

Verse 16 says, *"To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?"* The Priestly Christ brings life to life the Kingly Christ brings death to death. Where is the Kingly Christ? Can you find the Kingly Christ in the church? What seminary do we send our sons and daughters to where they can learn how to proclaim the hand of God, dispensing blindness on a false prophet like Paul did. Is there a Bible school where we send our kids to to learn how to pray a 'Herod' into the grave? Where can we send our children to learn to grow into the fullness of the Kingly Christ? That is a question that needs to be answered. Any generation assigned to bring in an end-time harvest needs the Kingly Christ! Without the fullness of the Kingly Christ that harvest is not going to happen.

## MONDAY, MARCH 21

Scripture: Revelation 19:11

In Revelation 19:11 we see the first four of the Kingly fruit unfolding. We have love, joy, peace and long-suffering on the Priestly side while we have faithfulness, true, in righteous judges and makes war on the Kingly side. The first thing to notice as we begin to outline the Priestly fruit is how they balance the Kingly fruit. Love drives us into faithfulness. Joy is only lost whenever we depart from the true by refusing to correct a crooked place in our life. We must align our life and be true to the Word. Peace, once lost, will often not return until in righteousness we judge evil. When we refuse to judge evil, peace departs. We mostly have taught the church that they cannot judge. They are afraid to judge. But the Kingly Christ has no problem judging at all. The Word is clear. His righteous standard is clear and people either line up for it or against it. Finally in number four, patience balances going to war. Is patience not the perfect balance in holding off from going to war? The Kingly Christ has no problem going to war. The only hindrance He has is called the Church who is not really ready. They are instead afraid and unknowing of how to engage the enemy. One thing is for sure: we have a lot of work to do in preparing the church. The God of war is ready to stand up.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Scripture: Revelation 19:12

In verse 12 we find the fifth of the Kingly fruits, which balances out kindness. Verse 12 says, *"His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself."* Number five in Kingly fruit are eyes *"like a flame of fire."* The Kingly Christ is the God of fire. He even makes His ministers *"like a flame of fire."* When He baptized in the Holy Spirit, He baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire. The God we serve is a judicial, fiery God. And while His kindness holds the fire at bay, if people don't repent, the fire



comes. And when we sign on to developing the fruit of the Kingly Christ, commit to bringing fire like saying, "Don't make me ask God to remove you." If the church would get established in the authority of the Kingly Christ, we would see a whole lot more triumph in our situations.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

Scripture: Revelation 19:13,14

Verse 13 says, *"He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God."* Goodness is the Priestly fruit and the robe dipped in blood is the sign of the Kingly Christ who does not hesitate to put people in the grave who will not repent. The book of Revelation is full of people being taken directly to the grave for their refusal to repent. The Kingly Christ is not only the Judge of all the Earth, the possessor and owner, but He is also the disposer. In the book of Revelation, He does some serious disposing. Do we know that God? Can we represent Him? We better grow into it because it is needed now. Verse 14 says, *"And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses."* Number seven of the Priestly fruits is *faithfulness*, and it is demonstrated in Kingly fruit by following Jesus into war. Is the church really ready to follow Jesus into war? They certainly don't act like it. When are we going to go to war with the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords? He is the God of War and He knows how to triumph in war. It is time we said yes to represent Him as the God of War.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Scripture: Revelation 19:15

Fruit of the spirit number eight is gentleness but it corresponds with verse 15, *"Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations."* The Jesus of Revelation sends a sharp sword to strike the nations. When people continually spit in His face and His gentleness is discarded, the God of heaven is a God of justice, a God of war and a God of judgment. Can you find anybody in the church to stand up and represent him. The prophets warned people about the God of war who was about to appear.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Scripture: Revelation 19:15

In Galatians 5, the ninth fruit of the Spirit is self-control. In Revelation 19:15, the ninth fruit of the Kingly Christ is, *"And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."* Self control balances out the use of the rod of iron. Nevertheless, the rod of iron is available and it is available for use in every situation where there is an enemy attempting to hinder our appointed harvest. The Kingly Christ guarantees visible Throne-Room action against anybody who is attempting to hinder your God-appointed harvest. It is time we stood up to represent Him for exactly who He is. The King of Kings and Lord of Lords is about to release a rod of iron. Can we wield it with Him?

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Scripture: Matthew 24:45-47

Verses 45-47 state, *"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods."* When we are faithful in developing both Priestly and Kingly fruit the promise is, I will bring you into a point where nothing within your gifting and calling is withheld. You have full access to the judicial authority to impact the enemy, put him under your feet and bring forth the full measure of what God has ordered for your life. Nothing is withheld from you. That is a place we all want to go. We need to go there, and the reason is obvious. It is the place of victory for life to life and death to death.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 27

Scripture: John 14:30-31

John 14:30-31 says, *"I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here."* It is obvious in this passage that Jesus is talking about the enemy coming – the ruler of this world. But, he has nothing in me. And because He allowed the enemy to bring the full measure of wrath on Himself as an innocent man, Justice demands total victory. He bought and purchased our salvation and our total freedom. It is time to walk in the fullness of what Jesus bought and paid for. It belongs to us and it is time to possess it. Wherever the enemy has nothing in us is the place we can call down the fire.

## MONDAY, MARCH 28

Scripture: Matthew 25:21-23

Matthew 25:21-23 tell us, *"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'"* The question of this parable is a simple one: what are we doing with what we have? Are we being faithful with what we have? Are we developing who we are in Christ? Are we developing what has been bought and paid for and handed over to us? Are we developing what has been given to us in Christ? That is the real question. Are we hearers or are we doers? Will we hear *"Well done, good and faithful servant"*? Or will we hear something else? What will we hear on the day we face Jesus?

## TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Scripture: Acts 6

The only way to hear, *"Well done, good and faithful servant"* is to walk out the issue of faithfulness. Being faithful unlocks the ruler's anointing and is the key to administering that part of our gifting and calling. In Acts 6:3 we are told that in selecting the deacons for ministry, they said, *"Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business,..."* They were looking for men who were faithful. God is looking for those who are faithful. When we qualify in this dimension, we can step into the Kingly fruit.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Scripture: Acts 7:10

Verses 9,10 state, *"And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house."* What do we know about Joseph concerning the issue of being faithful? Was Joseph faithful in following God? When Potiphar's wife chased him he said no and ran out of the house. One of the primary characteristics of Joseph is that he remained faithful to God's Word throughout the entire process. And as a result he found himself with the King's anointing.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 says, *"Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."* How can it be said more clearly than the way Paul puts it? If we want to demonstrate the fullness of the Kingly Christ then there is one place where we must

start. Faithfulness is near the end of the Priestly fruit and is a product of the love we have for Jesus. Faithfulness is the beginning of the Kingly fruit because it is the foundation of bringing His justice, victory and triumph everywhere we go. Let us choose to be found faithful that we may see the fullness of the King!

#### ITINERARY

3/9 – 14	Branson, MO	Servanthood Ministries Conference <a href="http://www.servant-ministries.org/">www.servant-ministries.org/</a>	Ira Milligan
3/20-22	Andrews, TX	City of Refuge Sun 10 am, 6 pm, Mon, Tues 7 pm	Larry Brewer 915-523-3316
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*Let us pursue God's Kingly Hand*  
*With purpose and in prayer,*  
*Clothed with fruit and God's pure ways*  
*And He will meet us there!*

*By Jayne Houghton*