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# INTRODUCTION

Some years ago while in Bible school, I was seeking for a better understanding of the Kingdom of God. After a few days of fasting, I heard the Spirit of God say, “Take the straps off.” I was led to a scripture in the Old Testament, Isaiah 48:17, that says:

*Thus saith the Lord, Thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way thou shouldest go.*

After meditating on this verse, new light began to break through. I saw that I was not to limit my understanding of a “minister” as one who is solely in the pulpit or in the full-time five-fold ministry. But a minister is also a CEO, or an educator, or any other professional or nonprofessional workers in the marketplace.

This was a whole different way of thinking for me, a major paradigm shift. Since that time, I have learned that those in the marketplace—the CEOs, educators, politicians, doctors, lawyers, astronauts, bricklayers, actors, and even homemakers—can be anointed the same as those in five-fold ministries or in the pulpit.

Each of the “marketplace ministers” has been chosen and empowered by God to perform in their specific assign-

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ment unlike any others. I then began to study the scriptures, seeing how God is restoring an Old Testament pattern of “Kings and Priests.” These two corporate anointings, the kings and the priests, come together to form a “divine partnership” capable of advancing the Kingdom on earth like no other time in history.

In the Bible, the historical accounts of human governments model this *kings and priests* pattern. For example, Pharaoh, who was ruler and king over Egypt, called for the wise men, sorcerers and magicians of Egypt, when it was time to match the miracles of Moses when he threw down his rod and it turned into a serpent. Another example of this kings and priests model is in the Book of Daniel. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had a dream and needed an interpretation. He called for his priests—the astrologers, sorcerers and the Chaldeans.

Both of these kingly rulers, even though they were powerful rulers over human governments, knew there was a realm in which they were not graced to function, the realm of unseen spiritual things. Even some African tribes or villages still have a king and witchdoctor, their version of the Kingdom of God’s pattern of kings and priests. They are aware of the advantages of this *divine* relationship.

Realize that these two callings are distinct anointings on the corporate level of the Church, or body of Christ. What I mean is that in your private, personal life, you may be the king and the priest in your own home or business. You could run your business, as well as lead a Wednesday Employee Bible Study. You could be the one who would do the praying and the one who would go to work each day to

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carry out your responsibilities to your employees or business. So, each one of us could be the king and the priest when it comes to our own private homes or individual lives.

But on a larger scale, on the corporate level, kings and priests are separate offices where they serve as partners to one another, balancing and assisting each other to finish the work we were commissioned to do—Advancing the Kingdom of God. We have no greater priority than proclaiming His Kingdom.

We are the end-time Church and the scripture says, “God having provided some better things for us...” Why? Because we have a larger responsibility than any other generation.

Under the Old Testament and the divine priestly anointing, the priest would do service in the temple, care for the house of God, the widows, orphans, and strangers at the gate. He would receive the tithes and offerings, speak a blessing over the kings before battle, and hear the direction and timing of the move of God.

In Amos 3:7, the Word of God says, “Surely the Lord will do nothing but that He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets (the priests).” He would be the first to know. The kings, on the other hand, fought battles against the enemies of God, got the spoil of war, brought the tithes and offerings to the priests in the temple, and they governed the secular affairs of the nation. They had a conquering spirit.

An illustration of these two offices working together occurred when the prophet Elijah said to King Ahab, “Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of

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rain” (1 Kings 18:41). Notice, the direction and timing of the move of God came through the prophet (priest). By the king believing the prophet and following his instruction, there could be tremendous benefit. This is a “Kingdom partnership.”

Priests without kings chase provision to their own hurt and often become frustrated because of lack of financing for the vision God placed in their heart. When a king is without a priest, the provision often times is wasted and the need for conquest misplaced. Overall, the Kingdom suffers and the primary purpose for the Church being in the earth is delayed in its manifestation.

This book is about the *divine partnership* in the Kingdom of God. If understood and properly followed, this partnership will cause the power, performance and progress of the body of Christ to rise to another level, to a level that the world has never witnessed before. It will not only change the way people view “the church,” but will draw the movers and shakers of the world into the Kingdom at a phenomenal rate.

And for the first time since the Garden of Eden, provision will be generated faster than the vision it is intended to support is created. Thus, each anointed calling, the kings and priests, end up fulfilling the assignments they were born to fulfill, resulting in change or transformation taking place in our communities and in the world like never before in history.

KINGS AND PRIESTS is a powerful revelation that will take you to the next level in your career, profession, or service to God. This insightful and inspirational new book by Dr. Bill Winston teaches that all believers fall within two anointed callings. You are either a King or Priest. Kings are the marketplace ministers, and priests are the visionaries called to the five-fold ministry. You may not consider yourself to be either a King or a Priest, but God has already equipped you with all you need in one of these callings to advance the Kingdom here on earth.

For too long, the Church has been hindered by an identity crisis where believers unwittingly operate outside their calling. But through this new book you will learn about the unique roles of Kings and Priests and identify which one you are. Knowledge is power, and you can learn how to operate effectively in the will, favor and blessing of God.

Through this power-packed revelation, learn how the “divine partnership” between Kings & Priest works together to gather provision and activate vision to transform people, businesses, churches, cities, and countries worldwide. No matter what your career, occupation or profession; whether you are called to ministry; or are a stay-at-home mom, know that God has a place for you in His kingdom as a King or Priest.



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