

Maturing unto Governance



Governance is where we started and it's where we'll finish!

Adam's original commission

In the Garden, Adam ruled... but even in his fallen state he was commissioned to rule

*"And God blessed them [granting them certain authority] and said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and **subjugate it [putting it under your power]; and rule over (dominate)"** – Gen 1:28 – Amp*

Our scope of rule is affirmed

*"You have made him (man) to have **dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet"** – Ps 8:6*

This commission has never changed, although we must add some caveats to accompany Adam's original charge.

We must assess our maturity level before we advance to higher levels of governing authority. The true scope of our character will determine the level of influence we should walk in. At times, Wisdom will cause us to not exercise authority that we legitimately possess. Greater levels of influence require greater levels of being responsible.

John Paul Jackson – book: Needless Casualties of War

Taking on more than we have maturity to possess, makes us vulnerable. If we overexpose ourselves, our immaturity and undeveloped capacities give advantage to the enemy.

Without maturity, 'wild beasts' could overtake you

*"The Lord your God will drive out these nations before you **little by little**. You will **not** be enabled to eliminate them all at once, or the **wild animals would multiply around you.**" – Ex 7:22*

*"**I will not** drive them out before you in a single year; otherwise the **land would become desolate and wild animals would multiply against you. Little by little** I will drive them out ahead of you, until you become fruitful and possess the land." – Ex 23:29-30*

Jesus affirmed the original mandate and increased the scope

Govern over earth **AND** the heavenlies

"Behold, I have given you... authority over all the power of the enemy..." – Lk 10:19

Assess the cost before building a tower or going to war

*"Which of you, wishing to build a tower, does not **first sit down and count the cost** to see if he has **the resources to complete it?** Otherwise, if he lays the foundation and is unable to finish the work, everyone who sees it will **ridicule him**, saying, 'This man could not finish what he started to build.' – Lk 14:28-30*

*“Or what king **on his way to war with another king** will not **first sit down** and consider whether he can engage with ten thousand men the one coming against him with twenty thousand? And if he is unable, he will send a delegation while the other king is still far off, to ask for terms of peace.” – Lk 14:31-32*

Jesus gives us the way to exercise authority

Do it from Heaven – where we are seated. (Eph 2:6, Col 3:1-3)

*“Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth **shall have been bound in heaven**; and whatever you loose on earth **shall have been loosed in heaven**.” – Matt 18:18 NASB*

1) Ascend, 2) Find Father’s mind (II Cor 2:16), 3) Agree with Him, 4) Stay safely within Father’s care, 5) Speak as our Brother Jesus would speak, 6) Stay within our metron, 7) Grow in co-governance.

Biblical precedent for ruling from Heaven?

*“Now it shall come to pass in the **latter days** that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established **on the top** of the mountains, and shall be **exalted above the hills**; and **all nations shall flow to it**. **Many people** shall come and say, **“Come, and let us go up** to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; **He will teach us His ways**, and we shall **walk in His paths**.” For **OUT OF ZION shall go forth the law**, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.” – Isa 2:3-3*

What if we don’t know God's will? We have two options:

1. **Ask Father** what His mind is on this matter
2. **Pray in tongues** – Let Holy Spirit pray through us (I Cor 14:2, Rms 8:26)
3. **Proactively engage** in partnership with Him to discover His will ([see Fleece Template](#))

Speak as Oracles of God

If we speak before we have heard a ‘rhema’ from God, it’s impossible to have faith

*“and **whatever is not from faith is sin**.” – Rms 14:23*

*“**If any of you lacks wisdom**, you should **ask God**, who **gives generously** to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” – Jms 1:5*

*“So then **faith comes by hearing**, and **hearing by the word of God**.” – Rms 10:17*

When we hear His mind on the matter, this **creates faith... Then with faith, we must declare**

*“If anyone speaks, let him **speak as the oracles of God**.” – I Pet 4:11*

How the story ends

*“Then the **sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven** will be **given to the people** of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the empires will serve and obey Him.” – Isa 7:27*