

Father

Absence of Kingdom purpose...

- Is covered by fig leaves (lack of connection, transparency, invulnerability, inflexibility)
- Fig leaves – props believers substitute for Father’s purpose (Identity reinforcement)
 - I have ministry invitations, spirituality, visibility, knowledge, maturity, pretense.
 - I have stature, because I have money, visibility, achievement, staff.
 - I have (all of the above) because I help other’s make money. I’m philanthropic.
 - I have self-promotion, to cover for absence of Father’s promotion.

1Tim 6:1 – *For the Love of money (G5365)*

Some eager for money... have pierced themselves with many griefs.

Eager (G3713, *Oregonmai*) – To aspire to, strive for, desire, *to stretch oneself*.

*Lord, well-intentioned believers **strive, stretch themselves and get pierced (Like me!)**.*

- **Without** Father’s presence and purpose, believers “try,” compete, squirm.
 - With themselves... for their own identity.
- **With** Father’s presence and purpose, it flows, purpose is clear through ups and downs. We are co-laborers and Father can do His part.
 - 1) People are transfigured in the Council
vs. transformed by human accountability, self-improvement.
 - 2) Father supplies, adds, multiplies (His part)
Mk 4:28 – *all by itself the soil produces.*
 - 3) When purpose is clear, everything else is secondary.
 - a. The degree of difficulty.
 - b. The timing, schedule, season.
 - c. The money, resources, cash-flow, profit (are not “purpose”).

Fig leaves are people trying to do God’s part... in the absence of purpose (His Purpose).

- Fig leaves replace Father’s anointing with self-effort, self-promotion, self-satisfaction.

Jesus

Lord, how do we redeem people caught in striving?

John, here's what doesn't work:

- 1) Your attempts at accountability = striving by their definition, "control"
(you are attacking their identity, self-concept; even if it's a half-bubble off!
- 2) Kingdom is Fathers not sheriffs (Pharisees).
- 3) Kingdom Fathers are alive, prophetic... not intellectual, salesy, promotional.

Here's what does work:

- 1) Love, shows them their sonship:
 - a. Pull the prophetic curtain back on their real purpose.
 - b. Let them choose.
 - c. It may take a death and resurrection (piercing).
 - d. Don't get in the way, let death and resurrection run their course.
(be available to breathe life, raise the dead, clean up the shipwreck).
... just don't jump in and breathe or preach condemnation.
 - e. In their immaturity, sons do birth occasional Ismael's (don't be shocked).
 - f. Contend for them in the Courts.

- 2) Kingdom is trading not surrender.
 - a. Father loves sons who try (Jacob the supplanter, competitor)
 - b. He trades misdirection for purpose.
 - c. There is no condemnation.
 - d. Trading for Kingdom purpose releases "all these things" they have been striving for.
 - e. They are laying down their life... to pick it up again (Jn 10:18)

- 3) Wisdom – trading strife and self-promotion for father's purpose is easier and more fruitful.

Holy Spirit

Potential sons always choose life.

- They must experience life, see it for themselves.
- Be the wind, the example, the word, the experience (don't make their decision for them).
- Father's teach sons to choose for themselves.
- Help sons see their purpose prophetically and choose it practically.
 - Paint the picture prophetically.
 - Make room for their choice.

James 3:16-17

- **False purpose** – envy, competition, strife, confusion, work
- **Real purpose** – pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be intreated, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, free of hypocrisy.

You will *work very hard* for YOUR Purpose with little fruit.

But greater works flow from co-laboring with Father's purpose!

Jn 5:20 – *For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.*

It's wisdom; good business practice to:

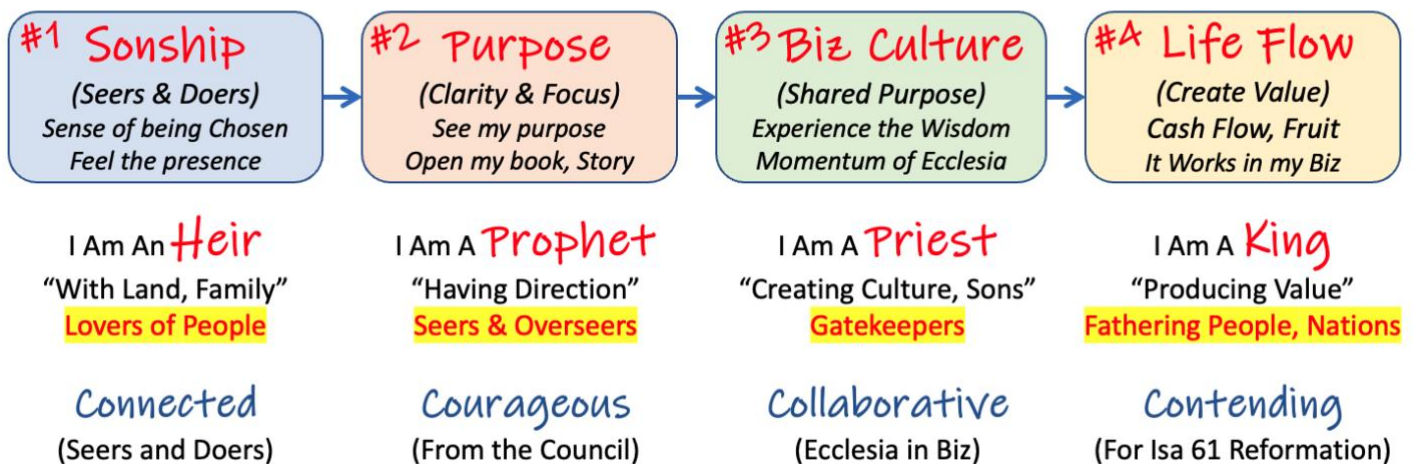
- 1) Work on Father's purpose (lay down your own)
 - a. You are co-laboring, releasing Father's power.
 - b. Connecting with your own heart (Father already wrote His purpose there).
 - c. Inspiring – Other sons "Gather" around what Father is doing, not human charisma.
- 2) *Ask whatsoever* is Father's idea!
 - a. There is no strife "in Jesus' Name."
 - b. Our business is a "family" business, not just my own (it includes, Father, Son, 7 Spirits)
 - c. Father's heart is to bring many sons to glory (Heb 2:10)
 - d. Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers (Heb 2:11)

Wisdom – strategy

- 1) See Father's big picture (the Isa 61 Reformation via sons)
- 2) Keep in step daily to get there (Gal 5:25)
- 3) Grow in grace (your ability to do 1 & 2)

Creating Value, Experiencing Flow

(The Isa 61 Intentional Reformation of Nations Via Sons)



Understanding – tactics

Get off the treadmill!

- Business is never boring, working, mundane when it's Father's purpose.
- It's living, connecting, exciting, fulfilling, rewarding.

Don't force yourself:

- To be what you are not.
- To do what you can't, are not called for.

Mt 11:25 – *you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children (sons).*

28) *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*

29) *Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

30) *For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

His yoke is easy is the gospel of Kingdom Business

How sons are brought to Glory; **lose their insecurity, their fear of death, unimportance, invisibility.**

Heb 2:10 – *In bringing many sons and daughters to glory...*

11) *Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family.*

So, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

12) *He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly (Council) I will sing your praises."*

13) *And again, "I will put my trust in him."*

And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."

14) *Since the children have flesh and blood,*

he too shared in their humanity so that by his death

he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—

15) *and free those who all their lives were **held in slavery by their fear of death.***

Counsel

John, Follow me! There is vision, higher purpose, Reformation...

but you get there by following me.

Put the Kingdom first

- Plan, but see it in the Council first.
- Work, but do what father is doing first.
- Market, but see hearts, listen to hearts, and give value first.
- Minister, but love first, see Father's heart for people first.

Be the son who opens the windows of heaven and pours out blessing, life.

Tithe your heart with family time in the council (because it's fun, alive, thrilling)

Knowledge

Just do you! (Eph 2:10)

- Just the son Father created, showcase His handiwork.
- Just the works God prepared in advance, your *metron*.

Being yourself in Christ

- Is great rest.
- Great adventure, greatness.

Father designed sons to be heroic, to do exploits, to multiply glory.

They are not passive – they resurrect from failure, and dead works, and fear.

Fear of the Lord

Teach sons to honor Father:

- By honoring their design
- By honoring the purpose they carry
- By engaging in the joy set before them