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Executive Summary

God’s Next Generation Ministry personifies the very embodiment of God’s Plan of Salvation. The Ministry itself welcomes, and encompasses every individual that society represents as a whole, it does not exclude anyone. That representation maintains its relevance and guidance in accordance to God’s Word, His Divine Expectation, His Divine Definition and His Divine Purpose of and for mankind. Equally as God loves mankind, but does not love and or accept the sinful actions of mankind, so does this ministry.

God’s charge is quite clear and very valid with no ambiguity, no one person or entity is excluded in the judgment thereof. From the pulpit to the door no one is above the law nor excluded from the judgment of the law, including and specifically mentioning the pastor and leaders. *“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23).*

God’s Next Generation Ministry is about growth, accountability, responsibility and the measurement of such. The measurement of God’s Next Generation Ministry is about balance. That balance of that measurement is regarding the natural and spiritual aspects of the individual.

God’s Next Generation Ministry is specifically about His House, His Finances, His Leaders, His People, His Harvest, His Labourers, in total His Vision for His Ministry.

“Where there is no vision the people perish:” (Proverbs 29:18). A message to the reader.... Before going any further, you must understand something. This document is a living document, meaning many different things to many people, to one uplifting and encouragement, to another direction and purpose, to some an answer to long time prayers, and to others accountability and judgment.

Its relevance is all dependent upon where you are in your personal relationship with God, your ministry, your life and walk with Him. Those that have read it thus far find this document compelling, creating an interest to re-read, only to discover their place in God’s Vision. At each reading pass, God provides a new and greater in-depth understanding of His purpose for your life.

What makes this so interesting, compelling, and spiritual but more importantly Godly, is that unknowing of what God will say, but assured something will be said. What will you do when the last sentence is read? What will be God’s charge to you?

The Spirit of God knows the perspective to which this is intended towards you, and to that Spiritual intent, my prayer is a speedy delivery and a full understanding of such regarding your intricate involvement. As you read God will speak to you regarding you as a laborer in His harvest, your place, your responsibility, your purpose in the vision of God. That conversation, its contents and charge, God is holding you personally accountable too. Choosing not to read does not negate your accountability of your calling, nor does it prevent it’s judgment. This whole document is a message from God directly to you

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Pastor's Bio

Pastor Fred D. Tryon has been preaching the Gospel for 24 years. He accepted Christ in his life as his personal Saviour at the age of 14 and accepted the calling to the ministry at the age of 16. The initial calling to the ministry placed Pastor Tryon at an aspiring minister status where he stayed until the age of 18.

On January 1st, 1985, after proving himself worthy and ready, Pastor Tryon acquired his Minister's License, under the leadership of his Pastor, Elder Vernon Richardson of Faith Temple Church of God in Christ and Bishop Monte J. Bradford (Nebraska Jurisdictional Bishop of the Churches of God in Christ). This placed Pastor Tryon in the status of a minister in training. For the next five years Pastor Tryon functioned as a minister in training studying to show himself approved unto God, his ministry and his church home.

On July 21st, 1990, under the leadership of his Pastor, Elder Vernon Richardson of Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, and Bishop J.B. Brown (Kansas Central Jurisdictional Bishop of the Churches of God in Christ), Pastor Tryon passed his ordination board and received his Certificate of Ordination. It is at this point Pastor Tryon became an Ordained Elder in the church.

In the year 2000, after the untimely passing of Pastor Tryon's spiritual father, Bishop Vernon Richardson, Pastor Tryon followed the instruction from God to pursue his educational endeavors. Those educational endeavors took him from Omaha, Nebraska to Chesapeake, Virginia, to attend Strayer University. While at Strayer University in Chesapeake he acquired an Applied Associates in Arts in Database Technology (AADT) degree, and a Bachelors of Science in Database Technology (BSDT) degree. Pastor Tryon is currently pursuing a Masters of Science in Management/Project Management.

In April 2006 God instructed Pastor Tryon to move from Norfolk, Virginia to Northern Virginia.. It is here that God instructed Pastor Tryon to write the vision and make it plain. It is here that God provided His Divine revelation and vision regarding His Next Generation Vision for His Next Generation Ministry. Pastor Tryon currently resides in Manassas, Virginia.

Introduction

There are several reasons why this document is written, but the main one counts and blankets them all, simply God is not pleased. Too many called men and women of God have strayed away from the original vision God gave them, regarding His Harvest, the labourers and souls. God is tired of the leaders in ministry of raping and manipulating His people, robbing God through and off the backs of His people, for their own personal gain.

God is un-happy with unproductive ministries that continually sustain no growth, year after year, failing to provide a return on God's investment (ROI). That ROI is both natural and spiritual. This document will mean different things to many people, to one uplifting and encouragement, to another direction and purpose, to some an answer to long time prayers, and to others accountability and judgment.

- To those regarding accountability and judgment, you might be angry and very much feel as if it's speaking about you. Interesting, much like those who sit in the congregation, on the other end of your messages, Sunday after Sunday. I plea with you to consider this your opportunity to correct your wrong and do right. (God does have a judgment for the leaders in ministry)
- To those where this is an answer to long time prayers, God always heard each cry, moan and plea concerning His people, His house, and His harvest. Continue holding on, because change is no longer on the horizon, its here, because we are now living in the horizon.
- To those who have been desiring, looking and requesting a direction and purpose in God's Ministry, you are the labourers of God's Harvest. Pick up your tools and let's go to work together, with a unified purpose, a detailed and exposed vision engulfing all the accountability and responsibility of each soul.
- To those that this is uplifting and encouraging, remain steadfast, un-movable always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain and holding to the promise that the initial work that God started in you, He will finish.
- To the remainder God is calling You to a life of freedom, deliverance, healing, growth, maturity, prosperity, understanding overall purpose, more importantly, change.

Vision

"God's Next Generation Ministry" is specifically about His House, His Finances, His Leaders, His People, His Harvest, His Labourers, in total His Vision for His Ministry. God instructed Pastor Tryon to "Write the Vision and make it Plain" (Habakkuk 2:2).

"Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven." (1st Corinthians 15:46-47). The above passage of scripture at the surface references mankind's duality state. However, below the surface lays the implied intent, inclusive of mankind and his surroundings. In everything mankind does there is a natural and spiritual state of existence, and both states must be addressed in order to sustain productive growth. Herein is the secret of the marriage between the natural and spiritual, and a glimpse of that picture to the success of such.

God's Next Generation Vision encompasses two independent visions that co-exist as one (*a natural vision & a spiritual vision*), much like a marriage between a man and a woman, they are no more twain but one. The balance of both statuses (*visions*) must be maintained. The church's survival depends upon it. More importantly the intent is to explain God's process that purposefully becomes measurable.

When there is measurability there are two prominent factors, growth and accountability. What is meant by this statement is this, among many things that God requires of His leaders (servants), accountability and growth are two key items, and both are measurable. If the leaders (servants) of God's people maintain a measurability of the ministries that we say that God has given us, we can truly maintain effective leadership. An ambiguous environment absent the ability to measure is ineffective leadership at its best, not to mention a failing of God's people which inherently is a direct failing of God. That failure is unacceptable.

In order to sustain Growth and Accountability, Commitment and Sacrifice must be perpetual. The leaders of God's people must be first partakers of that commitment and sacrifice fruit. How is it that we can reap without sowing.....we cannot (2nd Thessalonians 3:10). Absence of founder-ship does not negate the partaking of commitment and sacrifice. Commitment and Sacrifice sustains Growth and Accountability which again remains measurable.

Why such importance towards measurability? The answer to that question is simple, judgment. God will measure the ministries of men on accountability. The leaders (servants) of God are accountable to God for the ministries (*talents*) He has charged them with.

(Parable of the Talents)

"For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his Lord's money.

After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoned with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of they lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of they lord. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou has not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sow not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him that hath ten talents. For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall weeping and gnashing of teeth."(Matthew 25:14-30).

Natural Vision

“Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural: The first man is of the earth, earthy.” The passage of scripture (1st Corinthians 15:46-47), outwardly demonstrates a connectivity, better yet more effectively described as a marriage between both conditions of mankind. The inference is of one affected by the other, regardless to which end is the origin of the affect. In easier terms, what is done in the natural affects the spiritual and what is done in the spiritual affects the natural. The more obvious understanding is that, that is attributed to the 1st stage of man (*natural*) and the 2nd stage of man (*spiritual*), still sustaining a marriage between both stages.

God inherently created a formula that would more than suffice the support of the ministry. The beauty of this revelation is its simplicity. The simplicity is that this revelation is applicable for not only the mega churches with thousands of members, but inclusively for the small churches with minimum membership. Both church entities maintain a viable ruling component in its respective communities. This formula not only supports but intricately it sustains, allowing the Body of Christ to remain effective in the community while venturing out in other fronts and other fields of harvest. God requires His leaders to be good stewards of money that he blesses them with. Good stewardship is not limited to honesty and integrity but also inclusive of profitable return on God's investment (Luke 19:13-23). *God's Next Generation “Natural” Vision is to transform His church from a dependent financial body to an independent, self sustaining financial church.*

In this context--

- A **Dependent Financial Body** is when a church's sole financial dependency is based upon its members and their ability to meet the church's monthly financial obligations.
- An **Independent, Self Sustaining Financial Body** is a church that meets its financial obligations absent of its members and their monthly financial contributions.

When the church is independent and self sustaining financially it accomplish several things but two things that are monumental;

- ü *It allows its members to walk in the original purposed disposition of the Word of God, that being to be able to give freely without taxation, guilt and or a weight of responsibility*
- ü *It frees the church from being in a status of fear and being held captive by any one or group of member(s) whose financial contribution is substantial*

The status of an independent, self sustaining financial body is easily attainable through a business (*financial*) vision that encompasses; change, growth and accountability, commitment, sacrifice, unity and determination. That business (*financial*) vision is the church's financials that transcends into an investment portfolio which inherently is diversified, inclusive of long term and short term investments that consistently prove profitable. Why wouldn't God Bless His Own Investments?

It is important to remain cognizant regarding the ministry, that no one individual (s) or group of, wants to be tied to a church body that is bankrupt, broke, unaccountable and does not demonstrate growth naturally and spiritually. Mankind has been putting the cart before the horse and missing the mark of effective harvesting for a long time. Ministries have been attempting to harvest, and then when they harvest, have little to do for the labourers. The reason the labourers activities are limited is due to un-established resources available for un-established ministries. To often the church is limited to the ministries within its own financial capabilities. God is saying enough of the limitations.

Investments involving long term and short term goals support the achievement of *God's Next Generation “Natural” Vision*. Those investments collaboratively are annuities, mutual funds, CD's, real estate, insurance policies, property, and project investments, etc.

Church Financials

“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.” (Malachi 3:8). God is a God that He should be proven. “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” “You cain't lead from behind”. In the ‘Introduction’ section of this document was mentioned the core components to the formula of Growth and Accountability, that being Commitment and Sacrifice. The first place that it starts with is the leadership. If a man does not work, he should not eat (2nd Thessalonians 3:10). “If your ministry can't take care of you, a job will”. The next generation leaders must love the people of God, its ministry and be committed and willing to make personal sacrifices for it outside, above and beyond the “*Doing Business As Usual*” mentality.

The “*Doing Business As Usual*” mentality (vision) is a direct representation of a leader that feels that he must be paid to labor (*to pastor, to lead God's flock*). This is not a form of employment but instead a way of life, a calling to labourer status. As respectful as I am to the historical disposition of this mentality, commitment and sacrifice stands up to questions this thought process of “*Doing Business As Usual*”. Which is more important, the minister or the ministry? When the ministry is in a secured, established, strong financial position and at that juncture (*surplus*), desires to impart a token of appreciation to the pastor, then so be it, the body collaboratively agrees to do as such. But more importantly, the ministry is able to do that without impeding its stability and financial resources for works of the labourers activities that support the growth of the ministry.

With respects to the full time ministry, God calls the pastor to full time ministry, which can inherently transition the ministry to full time pastor-ship. In so being the onus is placed on the pastor not the church. What is meant by this is the responsibility is now placed upon the pastor and his use of wisdom, with direct respects to the survival of the church and ministry.

The initial correlation of full time ministry is that the ministry provides a level of monetary compensation to the pastor. This is a established amount of compensation, insomuch, that the pastor does not have to work to provide for himself or his family. However, this perspective also equally entails the pastor duties to be well beyond the boundaries of the pulpit. Change is not on the horizon, but its here. God is calling the leaders (servants) of God to a role of accountability regarding them self, as it relates to their call into full time ministry.

God would not financially burden the church body (ministry), when that ministry finances is insufficient. To say that He would, is saying God has more respect to the minister he called then to the people he called to minister too. Often times many young and old leaders in churches all over the world refuse to accept this important but monumental statement, instead reveling in the thought of it being easier to have others fend for them, when in fact they are very much capable of fending for themselves. Herein is *one of the Biblical charges of theft “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.” (Malachi 3:8).*

Vision’s Foundation (Core)

In order for you to get a good understanding of the magnitude of this vision, the importance of each components role, and the commitment and sacrifice involved, there must be a secure foundation established.

Phase I

Commitment, Sacrifice

There has to be continued personal commitment and sacrifice throughout the ministry. As mentioned that has to begin with the leaders then filters to the members. Change is not on the horizon, its here. Increasingly, the leaders God is calling and dare I say chosen for his flock, are coming to the pulpit with more than just a high school education. They are answering God’s call with Applied Associate degree’s, Bachelors degree’s, Masters degree’s, and Doctorial degree’s, well beyond the scope, vision and mindset of the traditional Theology degree.

This type of leader is coming with business, computer, management, and such knowledge and effective practical experiences that God’s House is able to capitalize upon. This level of education, in conjunction with employment marketability, and specific plan of God, places God’s leaders in a position of personal independent and self sustaining financial status. This positioning becomes *one of God’s charges to collectively move the Body of Christ out of dependence upon to independence of.*

This revelation from God impedes the traditional teaching of man regarding the financial support of the Body of Christ, and challenges the leaders to think differently from what the traditional leaders have. This revelation, regarding tithes and offerings, which really is the original purposed and intent of God's Word, takes God's people out of man's taught and applied financial bondage (control), into the place of freedom to give as God had intended, from the heart, not with grudge, based upon guilt and weight to perform due to financial obligation.

This type of individual is coming to the table giving, directing and teaching, effectively leading God's people with greater visions, and powerful ministries that are not limited to its own financial capability. It places the Body of Christ in a unique and powerful position of authority towards effective ministering, reaching souls that it otherwise was not fully able to reach.

It is imperative that all of us (leaders/servants) who have been called to carry the Gospel remember that there is a plan. That plan is not unknown, but instead very much placed inherently inside each of us. That plan is to inevitably at some point or another establish the ministry that God has called us to lead (whether through head or support). If this be the case, then God charges us to the point of accountability of that plan to prepare ultimately for that level of calling. That preparation has relevance for us being good steward of the personal finances God has and is blessing us with presently. If we hold to that stewardship, a vision in preparation of The Vision, will initially allow that ministry that God has blessed us to lead, to flourish as He intended.

God charges you with the dare to prove Him as He so vehemently spoke to in Malachi. To this end, work, take no tithes or offering or any percentage of, but instead put that directly back into the ministry. Take the monies initially the church presents to you and allow that to start the surplus. Let the people see you partake equally as you instruct, let them know and teach that you are not taking anything but that your labor is a labor of love. Then invest the surplus and watch how God blesses his investments. Watch the return on God's investments come in, naturally and equally spiritually (remember the marriage of the two).

Change

All of the offerings and all of the tithes of the church, to assist in it becoming an independent, self sustaining church. “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house;” (Malachi 3:10). The initial financial goal is xxk each year totaling xxx million at the close of year 5. This xxx million is specifically titled as ‘positive cash flow’. It is not the accumulation total of cash on hand, cash in the bank and investments, but specifically cash in the bank. The goal of the investments would be a total xxxk. It is at this point the church body will be not just talking about being financially independent but walking in being financially independent and well into it being a self sustaining Body of Christ.

Growth & Accountability

The tools that God has provided (Tithes and Offerings) are used that, that which is first transitions to last, and that, that is last transitions to first. The tithes and offerings are used as a beginning vehicle of developing foundation to securing financial independence, (God planned it this way). These two entities will not only serve as a viable means to support the church

sufficiently, but also provide vast surplus to the church. It is inclusive at this juncture (surplus status) that God requires us to also be good stewards with the money that He blesses us with. It is also at this point that God mandates accountability and expects a return on His investment (ROI), which is the direct reflection of growth.

When the tithes and offerings are initially used to support the church, and the leaders (servants) are being good stewards of God's finances, there is an inherent transition that occurs. That transition is from support to investment. The surplus that God's finances innately create, God expects his leaders (servants) to sow, that sowing of God's surplus is the investments of God. God's ROI (return of investment) is when the investments now support the church and the tithes and offering feed as one of the key sources of the investments (*note: Not the only source but a key source*). The inevitable financial vision is for the investments to actively sustain the church's monthly operating expenses, and the tithes and offerings to feed into the investments, thereby securing a well organized, self sustaining financial independent church.

Unity & Determination

No one individual or one auxiliary will hold the testimony of accomplishment, but the whole Body of Christ, working together will share that testimony. Every auxiliary will work at and towards supporting the financial vision of the church. In more detail, no auxiliary entity will decrement (take away) from the churches finances, but instead the auxiliaries internal natural mandate is to support (add) to the churches financial vision.

The unity and determination comes in from the leaders (servants) and the members of the church. Inasmuch that it is a general belief shared among its members that the natural vision is indeed the vision God has ordained. The status of an independent, self sustaining financial body is now achieved through the business (financial) vision that embraces; change, growth and accountability, commitment and sacrifice, unity and determination.

This teaching and experience transcends to the members own personal financial status, where the church is financially independent the members will strive for that stage as well, creating a re-occurrence cycle of re-investment. This directly affects the growth of membership.

Phase II

At year xxx the goal is to be at or have a minimum of xxxxx million + of cash in the bank, separate from investments. At the end of year xxx, onto the next phase of the vision;

- Build/Buy a church
- Re-strengthen the church's outreach ministries
- Pursue other/new ministries in the community
- Develop a college tuition assistance program not just for its members but also the community (use as a method of drawing the people). Not a requirement of membership but instead a seed to plant, which will lead to membership growth.

- Invest into other ministries within that state, as to strengthen their hold in their community
- Other (visions not yet given)

Investments

The following sectioned items below collaboratively provide an only an initial, but general description of some of the investments for the church. Investments involving long term and short term, annuities, mutual funds, cd's, property (*that yield a financial surplus monthly*), inclusive of life insurance policies.

Annuity

Annuities- An annuity is a contract between you and an insurance company, under which you make a lump-sum payment or series of payments. In return, the insurer agrees to make periodic payments to you beginning immediately or at some future date. Annuities typically offer tax-deferred growth of earnings and may include a death benefit that will pay your beneficiary a guaranteed minimum amount, such as your total purchase payments. There are generally two types of annuities—fixed and variable. In a fixed annuity, the insurance company guarantees that you will earn a minimum rate of interest during the time that your account is growing. The insurance company also guarantees that the periodic payments will be a guaranteed amount per dollar in your account. These periodic payments may last for a definite period, such as 20 years, or an indefinite period, such as your lifetime or the lifetime of you and your spouse. In a variable annuity, by contrast, you can choose to invest your purchase payments from among a range of different investment options, typically mutual funds. The rate of return on your purchase payments, and the amount of the periodic payments you will eventually receive, will vary depending on the performance of the investment options you have selected.

An equity-indexed annuity is a special type of annuity. During the accumulation period – when you make either a lump sum payment or a series of payments – the insurance company credits you with a return that is based on changes in an equity index, such as the S&P 500 Composite Stock Price Index. The insurance company typically guarantees a minimum return. Guaranteed minimum return rates vary. After the accumulation period, the insurance company will make periodic payments to you under the terms of your contract, unless you choose to receive your contract value in a lump sum. (*There is a sub vision will explain later*)

Mutual Funds

Mutual Funds-These are open-end funds that are not listed for trading on a stock exchange and are issued by companies which use their capital to invest in other companies. Mutual funds sell their own new shares to investors and buy back their old shares upon redemption. Capitalization is not fixed and normally shares are issued as people want them. (*There is a sub vision will explain later*)

CD

CD-A CD is a Certificate of Deposit. It is normally short- or medium-term, interest-bearing, FDIC-insured debt instrument offered by banks and savings and loans. CDs offer higher rates of return than most comparable investments, in exchange for tying up invested money for the duration of the certificate's maturity. Money removed before maturity is subject to a penalty. CDs are low risk, low return investments, and are also known as "time deposits", because the account holder has agreed to keep the money in the account for a specified amount of time, anywhere from three months to six years. The money will be in-accessible, the account holder is rewarded with a higher interest rate, with the rate increasing as the duration increases. There is a substantial penalty for early withdrawal, so don't select this option if you think you might need the money before the time period is over (the "maturity date"). *(There is a sub vision will explain later)*

Real Estate

Real Estate (Property) - Land, including all inherent natural attributes and man-made improvements of a permanent nature placed thereon. *(There is a sub vision will explain later)*

Insurance Policies

Businesses, and or major corporations purchase term life insurance policies on it's board members, signifying a demonstration of an analysis of the value of leadership and how the impact of death in conjunction with the absence of that leadership skill would affect the organization. It is through the insurance policy that the church organization would be financially compensated for the value of leadership that has been lost through the untimely departure of said member. The focal point here is to measure that leadership and the loss thereof, equating it to a monetary value, to that equal to the value that, that church organization would have benefited over time if said member (individual/leader) would not have terminated. *(There is a sub vision will explain later)*

Project Investments

Project investments are intermediary projects that yield a profitable financial outcome and contribute to the churches bottom line financial goals and objectives. *(There is a sub vision will explain later)*

Spiritual Vision

“Then saith he unto his disciples, *The harvest truly is plenteous, (Matthew 9:37).*” “Feed a man fish, he will eat for a day, however, teach a man to fish, he will eat a life time.” This inherently becomes “*God's Next Generation Spiritual Vision*”. With the establishment of *God's Next Generation “Natural” Vision*, the “*Spiritual Vision*” is to grow the ministry. Growing the ministry encompasses the focus on three types of souls, existing souls, new converts and backsliders.

Just as imperative it is for business (*natural*) leaders, to have an acute understanding of its customer base (cultural and geographical), so must the ministry (*spiritual*) leaders have a definitive understanding of its ministerial target (*purpose*). Existing souls, new converts and backsliders are the harvest (*target*) that God's Word speaks regarding ministry. It is within that harvest that the purpose of ministry is unfolded. Out of these three categories of harvest form seven ministries. The ministries are a direct reflection of society as a whole. They are a direct representation of the categories or statuses of any one individual (s) that does not attend, occasionally attends, visits or is a current member of a church body. This is the Gospel's harvest. The following are the seven ministries.

- 1). General Ministry
- 2). Men's Ministry
- 3). Women's Ministry
- 4). Singles Ministry
- 5). Marriage Ministry
- 6). Children's Ministry
- 7). Divorce Ministry

Each ministry is interdependent upon each other. They are intertwined together, collaboratively making up the whole or potential whole of any one individual (s) soul. With that said, it is with this understanding of the imperativeness that the afore-mentioned are functional, not just in nature but also in operation.

The above ministries represent the categories of every individual, potential member (s) that walk through the doors of the church (*ministry*). The above ministries allow each member and even potential member (s) to automatically fall in place. This ease of identification strategically creates either a sense of belonging or an interest thereof, for each individual.

There is no one person or a group of individuals that doesn't at some point fall into the category of one of the above ministries. One very important item to remain cognizant of is that each of the above ministries feed into and support the next ministry at one time or the other. It is too this end, each church announcement should always address in some way the seven ministries activities.

General Ministry

“God’s Harvest”

“The harvest is truly plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38). The “General Ministry” is the accumulation of six interdependent ministries within the Body of Christ. As independent each component appears to be, they are that much more dependent.

The “General Ministry” is the fisherman’s net where all souls are caught, fed, nurtured strengthen, directed, encouraged, uplifted, taught and corrected. It is the whole that is fitted jointly together of its members as one representing the Body of Christ. As significant as the “General Ministry” is, it is more dependent upon its members. For without its members, how would its parts join together? *“From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” (Ephesians 4:16).*

The “General Ministry” transcends to the alter of God with the assembling of God’s people. It is here at the alter of God, that the Body of Christ is sustained. Many have a misconception that the alter is just for winning souls, or a place for sinners to confess their sins and be converted, better yet a place of repentance of wrong doing. It is inclusive of that, but also so much more. It is also a place of deliverance, of freedom, of strength, of healing, of endurance, of perseverance, of revelation, of growth, of rejuvenation, of revival. It solidifies the cohesiveness of the Body of Christ and the intricate working of the gifts of the Spirit of God.

The “General Ministry” is the purposed assembling of God’s Saints. It is through this assembly that the Saints of God are able to exhort one another through the testimonies of personal experiences with God. *“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25).* Being that God has no respect of person what He will do for one surely he will do for another (*Romans 2:11*).

General Ministry Purpose

The purpose of the “General Ministry” is to catch the harvest and grow the ministry through existing souls, new converts and backsliders. To provide a forum for the general assembly to worship God as one body, introduce the plan of Salvation and provide an opportunity for deliverance. The “General Ministry” desire is to fulfill the natural but more importantly spiritual vision of the church, that being to grow the ministry as labourers of the harvest that is plenteous.

Men's Ministry

“God's Giver”

God's message to men is about purpose and fulfillment of His original intent regarding man. It is about men standing up in the rightful place that He has ordained men to move, breath and have their being. Everything regarding man is reflective of giving, all the way down to the simplicity of his physical design. God purposefully made man to be a provider, protector, nurturer, planner, and leader (*Genesis 2:19-20, 3:17-24*). The world has taken the original responsibilities that God intended for man and have redefined mans role and responsibilities to a status that adheres to and supports unaccountability.

The “*Men's Ministry*”, stands apparent in the hierarchical order that God has set up within the Body of Christ (*ministry*), accountable to its actions (*Joshua 24:15*). It is within this ministry that men are taught that order, and how to function within its confines of leadership and accountability. It is through the administration of this level of leadership, inclusive of love, compassion, grace and mercy, that the “*Men's Ministry*” exercises its rule of authority in the support of order in the house of God. Establishing a definitive Godly identification of who the men are in God, but more so a stronger identification of who God is in the world through the representation of Godly Men.

Men's Ministry Purpose

The purpose of the “*Men's Ministry*” is to provide an educational insight on what God instinctively requires of men. To provide an encouragement for that man to actively walk in that Godly knowledge and allow that knowledge to be exercised, becoming habit forming, transforming that man into a Man of God through the Word of God. To also provide a forum for men in the church to specifically strengthen their walk in Christ as men, this encompasses the single and married man. To address the real issues that confront men, allowing them to express themselves without the fear of judgment, in a learning capacity. The world teaches men regarding the ways of a man, whereas, God teaches men regarding His expectations of them, about themselves and how to be a man. “*Take my yoke upon you and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*” (*Matthew 11:29-30*).

The premise of the world supports the demise of men from their original state of authority and leadership, which in-turn ushers in a mindset of unaccountability and a lack of responsibility for ones actions. It is through this mindset of unaccountability and lack of responsibility that an eroding of the very fabric of God's hierarchical order occurs. The enemy believes by attacking all aspects of God's Vision with direct respects to the man, that the demise could possibly sustain itself to the inevitable state beyond redemption. If the head is attacked then the sheep will scatter. God established a hierarchical order for the world, instinctively for men, but specifically for His church. It is God's Ministry through the “*Men's Ministry*”, that God is re-establishing, strengthening His foothold, purpose and vision in men's lives.

The “Men’s Ministry” desire is to assist the “General Ministry”, in fulfillment of the natural but more importantly spiritual vision of the church, that being to grow the ministry as labourers of the harvest that is plenteous.

Women’s Ministry

“God’s Jewels”

God unequivocally, indisputably defines and explains the purpose of a woman. *“And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him-- And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh” (Genesis 2:18, 21-23).*

Herein is the account of the first marriage with God specifically outlining man’s role and the role of the woman within that union. It is the first reference of the woman’s purpose as a “help meet” to man, with the description of the woman’s role, as being his wife. There is nothing ambiguous about God’s definitive purpose for the woman, it is quite clear. God’s thoroughness is further demonstrated with His detailed description and explanation of the type of woman He raises up, that being the virtuous woman. The virtuous woman is the Woman of God *“Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies” (Proverbs 31:10)*. Inherently, the virtuous woman is also “God’s Jewel”.

(God’s Jewel)

“Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need to spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants’ ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household,

and eateth not the bread of idleness, Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.” (Proverbs 31:10-28)

Throughout life women often find themselves attempting to define their self worth. Although she is made from man she is not defined by man. God purposefully, specifically, definitively, defines the self worth of a woman. A Woman's self worth is Jewel Status, “-----for her price is far above rubies” (Proverbs 31:10).

It is on this premise that God warns the woman not to cast herself (value-self worth) among thieves. “*The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:*” (St John 10:10). Instead, God's directive is for her to hide herself in Him. It is in this perfect place (*The Will of God*), that she moves, breaths and has her being. The implied pretense of the virtuous woman is that she is hidden, in God. “*Who can find a virtuous woman?*” (Proverbs 31:10). Hidden yes, but specifically to be found, but by whom--a Godly Man, any other man, called by any other name, through any other means, is by God's description of him to be as a “*thief*”. Based upon the account of “*St. John 10:10*” thief status brings the inevitable death status.

The fight is on, and the enemy wants to wrap, tangle and tie up the woman to the wrong man. This is proven by the following scripture; “*Jesus saith unto her, Go call thy husband, and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband; For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidist thou truly*” (St. John 4:16-18). God purposely has a specific mate for each individual woman. “*What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*” (Matthew 19:5-6).

Everything regarding the woman is reflective of receiving, all the way down to the simplicity of her physical design. When that woman is wrapped up, tangled up and tied up with the wrong man, she inherently takes in and receives all of his junk, his mess, his issues, his problems, his needs, his insecurities, his short comings, his downfalls, his inconsistencies, his excuses etc..., through her innate calling (*help meet*), she attempts to help him from and out of all his baggage. The woman takes ownership not only to baggage that does not belong to her, but also creates a need of her attempted help of the things she can not fix.

The enemy purposely attempts to keep the woman detoured, off focused, miss directed and left with no direction, lost from the place and state that God commanded that she reside in (*hidden in Him*). At that point the woman is left weighted down with her own issues and baggage of someone else, bound, broken, in despair, confused, fearful, lost, drained, and hopeless. The enemy believes by attacking all aspects of God's Vision with direct respects to the woman, that the demise could possibly sustain itself to the inevitable state beyond redemption. If the support mechanism is attacked then man's seed will continually be lost.

Throughout society women have always bare the brunt of the blame. As if to imply all things fell apart due to Eve's biting of that forbidden fruit when in all honesty the brunt of the accountability and responsibility did not reside with Eve, but instead the truth of the matter it rested upon Adam's shoulders. “*And the Lord God took the man, and put him in the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying Of every tree of*

the garden thou mayest freely eat. But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” (Genesis 2:15-17).

“And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him--And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh” (Genesis 2:18, 21-23).

Much liken to a parent who knows what that child did prior to the child admitting the action. It was not that God did not already have knowledge of what had occurred, prior to Adam's questioning. It was that Adam chose to shift the blame to the woman, which in turn would place the responsibility on God. *“And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked: and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I did eat.” (Genesis 3: 9-12).* It was not Adam's insightful vision to create Eve, that was God's, thus Adam's direct blame of the woman was Adam's indirect blame of God. This is the first demonstration of man's pattern of behavior towards unaccountability, and lack of responsibility for his actions.

Society, has placed the woman in an inferior position to the man, when in reality she is no where inferior. God made the woman from Adam's rib, symbolizing the place where the woman is inherently designed to be in retrospect to man. If the man is at the head then the woman is at the head with him, standing beside him, not to rule him but instead to help him.

Women's Ministry Purpose

Whereas the woman ordained and purposed, innately a help meet in every aspect, a contributor, a receiver, a viable teammate and that powerful weapon of God that is formed to assist that man in the work that God has intended for him to do in the earth and with his development into the Man of God that God has intended and purposed for His vision, is emphatically God's Jewel.

The purpose of the “*Women's Ministry*” is to provide a forum for women in the church to specifically strengthen their walk in Christ as the jewels of God. To address the real issues that confront the women, allowing them to express themselves without the fear of judgment, in a learning capacity.

Singles Ministry

“God’s Ambassadors”

God speaks purposefully, intricately, and precisely, his message is positive and clear with no ambiguity concerning the place and ministry of singles in the Body of Christ. Singles have a unique relationship with God than any other category of an individual is absent of. *“But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.” (1st Corinthians 7: 32-33).*

The “*Singles Ministry*” maintains a relative viable component to the church’s fundamental purpose in fulfillment of God’s Next Generation Vision. The “*Singles Ministry*” is catalytic in the future growth of the ministry as a whole. Without a “*Singles Ministry*”, a church will not have a “*Men’s Ministry*”, “*Women’s Ministry*” or “*Marriage Ministry*”. The absence of a “*Marriage Ministry*”, there is no “*Children’s Ministry*”. Without the five cumulative ministries there is no “*General Ministry*” and dare I say even the “*Divorce Ministry*”. The “*Singles Ministry*” strikes through the core of all church ministries.

Singles Ministry Purpose

The purpose of the “*Singles Ministry*”, is to build up the Body of Christ, *“Till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;” (Ephesians 4:12-13).* The “*Singles Ministry*” whole focus is about doing God’s business regarding the advancement of His Kingdom by witnessing, interceding, being a light in the community through service, and providing Godly entertainment/fellowship with the sole intent of drawing souls to Christ. After the drawing of those souls the “*Singles Ministry*” provides a forum for the singles in the church to specifically strengthen their walk in Christ as an individual. To address the real issues that confronts the single individual.

The world glorifies the “single life” and encourages one to sin against God by fulfilling the lusts of the flesh. When a single individual comes out from the world, God desires for the single individual to know that some people are called to that status of singleness, while maintaining a clear understanding of the Divine purpose of God with respects to His purpose for man regarding relationships. This status of single-hood is not limited to personal choice, but is also inclusive of circumstantial. *“For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mothers womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.” (Matthew 19:12).* God inherently uses the “*Singles Ministry*”, as a conduit for growth within the Body of Christ (ministry).

The “*Singles Ministry*” desire is to assist the “*General Ministry*”, in fulfillment of the natural but more importantly spiritual vision of the church, that being to grow the ministry as labourers of the harvest that is plenteous.

Marriage Ministry

"God's Example"

Before expounding on the purpose of the "*Marriage Ministry*" there has to be sufficient clarity regarding an understanding with respects to the foundation of marriage. The "*Marriage Ministry*" is the one ministry that God uses through out the Bible as a reference to explain His intimate relationship with His people (*The Bride and the Bridegroom*). To this end, the "*Marriage Ministry*", inherently becomes God's example of that intimate relationship (*marriage*) He requires to have with every individual's personal relationship. The "*Marriage Ministry*", is the first and only out of seven ministries, that is the accumulation of three independent ministries (Singles, Men's and Women's) into one ministry. It is liken unto that of the representation of the God Head, Father, Son, & Holy Ghost.

The marriage is the place where God's individual purpose for the man and woman combine as one. It becomes the application arena of all that God has taught the man and the woman individually.

- Whereas the man ordained and purposed, innately provides, protects, nurtures, plans and leads through love, compassion, grace, mercy and authority in the administration of the hierarchical order with accountability to God, "*but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord*" (*Joshua 24:15*). "*But I would have you to know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God*" (*1st Corinthians 11:3*)." This authority does not place the woman at the man's foot as a servant or as the tail, but instead at his side as a viable contributor to that leadership. Marriage is a team effort. "*And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him*" (*Genesis 2:18*).
- Whereas the woman ordained and purposed, God's living covenant He made with Himself regarding man, innately a help meet in every aspect, a contributor, a receiver, a viable teammate and that powerful weapon of God that is form for man. To assist that man in his development into the Man of God that God has intended and purposed for His vision. Men often fall short in the full understanding of the blessing that God has for his life through the woman his mate. God has not designed the woman to hinder the man (*hindrance is from the enemy*), but instead to be used as a check and balance, a conscious thought, a support, an encouragement, an up-lifter. The woman is the living covenant God made with Himself regarding man, that God is with him in all that he does.

Marriage Ministry Purpose

Often the church consistently fall short in obtaining a full understanding, to the exercising of the power of God that works within this designated union of God. The "*Marriage Ministry*" is a powerful weapon of God, insomuch that God provides specific instructions for adherence. "*And said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*" (*Matthew 19:5-6*).

It is not enough that marriages are existent in the church, but so much more that they are a functional weapon of the ministry, team labourers in the harvesting of souls and nurturing of the Saints. *“And he gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-12).*

It is at this union of ministries that God's plan for the man and woman together as a team is fully realized (one of God's Weapons that is formed for us). *“No Weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper” (Isaiah 54:17).* The caveat to this is, what about the weapons that are formed for us?

Weapon---

1. *“How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight.” (Deuteronomy 32:30).*
2. *“Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth: for he hath not another to help him up. Again if two lie together then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him: and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).*
3. *“Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:18-20).*

Equally, as much the enemy has focused much effort in destroying such unions, all the while knowing and understanding that once the people of God begin to walk in the fullness of God's authority that the battle shifts. Each Godly union is a designated powerful weapon of God in this Spiritual warfare. A weapon that is formed for us, that God uses to save souls and destroy the works of the enemy. If the enemy can keep the husband and wife divided, he has effectively deactivated one of God's powerful weapons. *“---Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand” (Matthew 12:25).* The purpose of the *“Marriage Ministry”* within the Body of Christ is to provide a forum for the married couples in the church to specifically strengthen their walk in Christ as a team. To address the real issues that confronts marriages. Keep in mind it is the Marriage that contributes to feeding the general church body's future, with offspring and seeds. The *“Marriage Ministry”* desire is to assist the *“General Ministry”*, in fulfillment of the natural but more importantly spiritual vision of the church, that being to grow the ministry as labourers of the harvest that is plenteous.

Children's Ministry

“God's Gift”

“And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfect praise?” (Matthew 21:16). Not only is there perfect praise, but also perfect honesty.

Children are a gift of God that comes with much responsibility to: “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6). The training is monumental on two fronts, one for their own soul salvation, and the other for the continuation of the work of advancing the Kingdom of God, in other words the churches' future. Those same children today we lead, tomorrow will lead us.

Children's Ministry Purpose

The purpose of the “*Children's Ministry*” is to provide a forum for the children in the church that specifically lays the foundation and strengthen the church's future.

Divorce Ministry

“God's Opportunity”

Most churches chose to deal with this ministry by not dealing with it, due to the negative connotation that is associated with it. The reality remains that divorce is an integral part of our society, with the affects being far reaching, potentially catastrophic naturally and spiritually. There are many issues that accompany divorce. Some consist of but not limited to the feeling of being a failure, self destructing of oneself, insomuch, a perspective to use alcohol and drugs as a means of dealing with or dare it be said avoid dealing.

The justification of numbing oneself becomes ever so apparent that the source of the individual's issue (s) is not the immediate focus. Subsequently, the self destruction is accompanied with a feeling of being broken and unwanted. The enemy's sole purpose is to inevitably destroy the very essence of the individual's soul. This state of destruction is achieved through a state of confusion and failure. God is saying “Even in your destruction state, He is still in control of the brokenness in your life.” Initially there appears to be no winners amongst the destruction and everyone involved, directly and indirectly loses until God steps in.

Despite the negative connotation that is associated with this status, God still in his infinite Wisdom and Glory maintains the praise. “And we know that All things work together for the good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28). God takes a catastrophic situation (*divorce*), and uses it as an opportunity to prove himself real. Instead of the situation being divorce it transcends into an experience with Him.

The first place the work begins with is that individual. This in and of itself is unique to the very core of God's plan of Salvation. “Above all else, to thine own self be true” (Shakespeare). God is all knowing, insomuch that He knows when an individual (s) is or is not being honest with

them-self. Salvation is an individual step, with that said the mirror is turned on the individual. If that individual took an honest look at them self, regarding the role they played and who they truly are, then that would require them accepting personal responsibility for their contributing actions that lead to the divorce. It becomes very easy to look at circumstance and blame those circumstances for the reasoning or even other people, and not take responsibility for ones own actions. Every time they look in the mirror they do not like what they see or the state that they truly are in. The mirror never lies, they do.

Mirror truth stage is where the Healing process begins. (*God's Healing process is one that is applicable across any issue. The topic of divorce is the chosen example.*) Keep in mind this process inherently becomes God's opportunity to have an experience with that individual. God takes that individual step by step, regardless to the appeared ugliness of that stage. The Healing process encompasses the following stages; denial, depression, hurt, anger, frustration, retribution, forgiveness, overcoming, letting go, and moving forward.

The stages of healing is not about a judgment of right or wrong, however not to be ignored, God has already defined that. In stead it is about working through things at truths core. It is about God understanding why the individual does what they do. "*O Lord, thou hast searched me; and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off*" (*Psalms 139:1-2*). It is from this unique place of understanding shared between God and that individual, that a new foundation is established.

God sees that individual as a "*Clay Pot*" that is shattered and broken. His Divine purpose is the remaking and redesigning of that vessel so that that individual develops into the person He can use. One of the greatest joys of God's healing process is the discovery of who that individual really is and what they are made of through God. God picks up the pieces of that "*Clay Pot*", and through the cohesiveness of the Spirit of God puts those pieces together, a new vessel fit for the Masters use.

Healing Process Excerpts---

Hurting Stage-In order to heal you got to let your self hurt. Hurting is an integral part of healing. The reason so many individuals have layers upon layers of issues in their lives is mainly due to them not allowing themselves to feel the pain. Hence no closure, subsequently there is left-over-baggage. Hurting initiates the healing process. Unfortunately, just when God's mechanism for healing begins, we arbitrarily terminate its process.

When we allow ourselves to hurt is when God takes this unique time and begins to pull the layers of pain back, one at a time, addressing each layer accordingly. The interesting thing about this is that each layer at some point from top down is connected to the previous layer. Insomuch that God at some point at each layer asks the question "So what is the real issue?" This type of questioning causes us to dig deeper, pulling back the next layer to get to the source of our issue. Inevitably, God has already addressed the divorce

issues, being that the divorce is a representation of the end result of, of what? That is the reason for the “So what is the real issue?” question, to get to the source of our issues. Along the way to the source, each layer (issue) is addressed and neutralized.

Anger Stage-God’s word states, “*Be angry, and sin not--*” (Ephesians 4:26), true enough. However, what can God do with angry children (saints)? Take for example a parent and child, that child is angry at the parent for whatever the reason. The parent is attempting to communicate with the child, that child can not hear anything the parent is saying due to the emotional state the child is in, a state of anger. If we are angry, how can we hear what God is saying to us? We can not.

Overcoming stage- This stage is specifically about conquering oneself and the negativisms that have attached themselves to that individual. “*---let us lay aside every weight and sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us*” (Hebrews 12:1)

What are the negativisms? The negativisms are characteristics, habits, decisions and actions that the individual has elected to hold onto as a result of. As long as the individual holds onto them (negativisms) these things bind and bottle neck the individual at the point of prevention towards the continuation of the healing process.

For example I: “A man is hurt by a woman or consistently women. Subsequently, the man decides based upon his past experiences and pain to accept the belief that all women are no good, not to be trusted, liars, unfaithful, all in all emotionally and psychologically abusive.”

For example II: “A woman is hurt by a man or consistently men. Subsequently, the woman decides based upon her past experiences and pain to accept the belief that all men are no good, not to be trusted, liars, users, unfaithful, all in all psychologically, emotionally and physically abusive.”

Due to the enormity of the painful experiences that individual chooses never to give, trust, and love of themselves again or believe in anyone. This is exactly the state the enemy wants individual’s in, and exactly the state that is not aligned to God’s purpose, plan and perfect will. The end result of the painful experience is that that individual has bound themselves internally, which conclusively translates to defeat. Inevitably, the enemy gets that individual to hinder their own blessings from God. This is the exact reason for God’s continued healing process. It is imperative towards a clear understanding that the healing process of God is recursive, “*Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage*” (Galatians 5:1). “*If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed*” (St. John 8:36).

When an individual is able to face that or those things without feeling the hurt and pain, and return to being the core person that they have always been, then they have not just overcome, but have and are *moving forward*.

Moving Forward stage- God's Word states *“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14)*. Salvation *dictates* a *progressive positive change* in an individual's life. What this specifically means is this, God is a God of forward movement. God takes that individual's personal dilemma, situation, issue, problem, condition, storm, trial and or tribulation and turns it for His good, insomuch that He gets the glory out of it. *“And we know that All things work together for the good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28)*. This stage is specifically about the demonstration of the evidence of an individual's continued healing.

All too often individual's feel that they are in the *“Move Forward”* stage, which in their minds translates to healing stage, by means and use of avoidance. Avoidance is the trick of the enemy, a tactic that is used to rob the individual from the full blessings of God's complete deliverance through the circumventing of God's healing process. God is not a God that He has to avoid anything in order to deal with something. To say that is to suggest, imply and infer the limitations of God's ability. *“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think---”(Ephesians 3:20)*.

When an individual is in the *“Move Forward”* stage of God's healing process, that individual can *“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage” (Galatians 5:1)*. What this means is this, that individual demonstrates the ability to stand fast in the midst of those things that once bound them and be not entangled (*affected*) by them anymore.

The stages of healing is not about a judgment of right or wrong, however not to be ignored, God has already defined that. In stead it is about working through things at truths core. It is about God understanding why the individual does what they do. *“O Lord, thou hast searched me; and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off” (Psalms 139:1-2)*. It is from this unique place of understanding shared between God and that individual, that a new foundation is established.

God sees that individual as a *“Clay Pot”*, which is shattered and broken. His Divine purpose is the remaking and redesigning of that vessel so that that individual develops into the person He can use. One of the greatest joys of God's healing process is the discovery of who that individual really is and what they are made of through God. God picks up the pieces of the *“Clay Pot”*, and through the cohesiveness of the Spirit of God puts those pieces together, a new vessel fit for the Masters use.

Divorce Ministry Purpose

Divorce often is the result of individuals attaching themselves to other people and not God ordaining the union. However, it is equally the result of a house (home) that has been divided through the explicit intent of the enemy, for the specific purpose to hinder God's Ministry. The word of God speaks to both instances, *“Jesus saith unto her, Go call thy husband, and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well*

said, I have no husband; For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidist thou truly” (St. John 4:16-18). “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” (Matthew 19:5-6).

The purpose of the “*Divorce Ministry*,” is to provide a forum for God’s healing process to take place in an individual’s life, to rebuild anew what was broken. The “*Divorce Ministry*,” establishes hope where there otherwise appears to have been failure, to give life where there otherwise appears to have been death. To address the real issues that confronts divorcees. The ministry creates a forum where the divorced individual, in or out of the church is able to effectively deal with the stages of healing and ultimately develop or re-strengthen their walk in Christ as a single individual again.

Beliefs

Declaration of Faith and Preamble

“*God's Next Generation Ministry*” hold the Holy Scriptures as contained in the Old Testament and New Testaments of the Bible (*King James Version*) as the rule of Faith and Practice. We believe that Governments are God-given institutions for the benefit of mankind. We admonish and exhort our members to honour magistrates, civil authorities and to respect and obey civil laws.

We hereby declare our loyalty to the President of the United States of America and the Constitution of the United States of America. We pledge our allegiance and fidelity to the flag, and to the Republic for which it stands.

However, as God-fearing, peace-loving and law-abiding people, we claim our heritage and natural right to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. Therefore we abhor war, for we believe that the shedding of human blood or the taking of human life is contrary to the teachings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As a Body of Christian believers, we are adverse to war in all of its forms, and believe in the peaceful resolution of all international matters.

The Old and New Testament

“*God's Next Generation Ministry*” believes that the Old and New Testament Scriptures in all matters of controversy between Christians must be accepted as the supreme court of appeal. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and contains one harmonious and sufficiently complete system of doctrine.

We believe in the full inspiration of the Word of God (*by inspiration we mean the act where by God, the Holy Ghost, gave us the scriptures communicating the truth to us through the agency of fallible men, of any kind and that even to the most minute detail, we might receive the truth which God, the Primary author, intended to convey to us*).

By this definition we acknowledge the human authorship of the scripture; that God is the Primary author (*II Peter 1:21; II Timothy 3:16*) and it concerns itself with the original writings and not copies or other versions. In these original writings there was no error, it was a perfect book.

We hold the Word of God to be the only authority in all matters and assert that no doctrine can be true, or essential, if it does not find a place in this word.

The Doctrine of God (Theology)

“*God's Next Generation Ministry*” believes that God can be best explained in the light of what the scriptures have to say about Him. As Christians, embrace the New Testament as the clearest Word of God's revelation to man, through Jesus Christ, and can readily see and believe God better in the light of His revelation to us by His son, Jesus Christ.

We believe that the Old Testament reveals God in diverse manners, by manifesting his nature, character and dominions revealed in names denoting His incomprehensiveness, omnipotence, and majesty. Some of the names of God in the Old Testament such as; “*El*”, “*Eloah*”, “*Eloheim*”, “*Yahweh*”, “*Shadday*”, and even “*I am that I am*”, to name a few, speak of God's greatness, love, judgment and faithfulness, (*Psalms 96:5, 97:7; Judges 5:9; I Sam 28:13*). We believe the Old Testament testifies that the greatness of God is not contained in one name, so several are used to show His acts in each particular experience.

We believe the Gospels in the New Testament give us knowledge of God the “*Father*” or “*My Father*”, showing the relationship of God to Jesus as Father, or representing Him as the Father in the Godhead, and Jesus himself that Son (*St. John 15:8, 14:20*). Jesus gives God the distinction of “*Fatherhood*” to all believers when he explains God in the light of “*Your Father*” or “*Your Father in Heaven*” (*Matthew. 11:33, 6:8*). In addition, Jesus speaks of God as Spirit and not visible manner, and that Spirit is personal in that one seeks those who would have faith in this Spirit as being true (*St. John 4:24*).

The Doctrine of Jesus Christ (Christology)

“*God's Next Generation Ministry*” believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the second person in the Godhead of the Trinity or triune Godhead. We believe that Jesus was and is eternal in His person and Nature as the Son of God who was with God in the beginning of Creation (*St. John 1:1*). This Son of God is spoken of in the Gospel of John as the “*Word*” or being interpreted in the Greek as “*Logos*” meaning the word.

We believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God was born of a Virgin called Mary according to the Scriptures (*Matthew. 1:17*). Therefore giving rise in the fundamental belief in the Virgin Birth and to all of the miraculous events surrounding this Phenomenon (*Matthew. 1:18, 25*). We believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God served his paternal father Joseph, in the city of Nazareth, Judea, and that during His earthly ministry preached the Gospel and performed miracles in the area of the Sea of Galilee.

We believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God became to man the “*Suffering Servant*”. This “*Suffering Servant*” came seeking to redeem man from sin and to reconcile him back to God, His Father (*Romans 5:10*).

The Doctrine of The Holy Ghost (Pneumatology)

“God’s Next Generation Ministry” believes that Pneumatology has its origin in the Greek word (Pneuma), meaning spirit, wind, or breath. Therefore, pneumatology is the doctrine of the Holy Ghost. This doctrine states the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit: *(there is no difference between the Holy Ghost and Holy Spirit, both the words “Ghost and Spirit” are rendered the same in the Greek and are used interchangeably)*, is the third person of the Trinity, proceeds from the Father and Son, is of the same substance, equal in power and glory, and is together with the Father and Son to be believed in, obeyed and worshipped (*St. John 14:26*).

The Doctrine of Angels (Angelology)

“God’s Next Generation Ministry” believes that angelology or the doctrine of angels gets its term from the Greek (*Aggelos*) which means “*Messengers*”. The Bible uses the term clearly and primarily as messengers or Ambassadors of God with such scripture references (*Revelation 4:5*), which indicates their duty in heaven to praise God (*Psalms 103:20*) to do God’s will (*Matthew 18:10*) to behold his face. The function of Angels is best seen from their part in the saving mission of Jesus Christ. In relation to man, Angels have the privilege of belonging to heaven and having the majesty of being God’s ambassadors and messengers.

The Doctrine of Demons (Demonology)

“God’s Next Generation Ministry” believes that the word “demon” is taken from the Greek “*Daimoion*”, which is equal to the English term “*Daimon*”, meaning unclean or evil spirit. The Old Testament also recognizes the prince of Demons sometimes called Satan (adversary) or Devil, as having being, power, wisdom, taking the habitation of other forms, such as the serpent (*Genesis 3:1*). The New Testament speaks as the Devil as the tempter. The work and function of demon (s) is to combat righteousness’ and good in any form of the believers, proving to be an adversary to the saints

The Doctrine of Man (Anthropology)

“God’s Next Generation Ministry” believes what the Bible says respecting man and the relation in which he stands to God. Anthropology comes from the Greek word “*Anthropos*”, meaning man. Theological anthropology believes Scripture as its only source, records God’s dealings with the human race and the redemption He seeks to prepare for man. It explains man’s origin, nature, destiny, and that man comes from God.

There are five points of interest which highlight this doctrine:

1. Man’s Origin (*Genesis 1:27,28; Acts 17:26; Romans 5:12, 19; I Corinthians 15:21,22*)

2. Man's Being (*Genesis 42:21; Deuteronomy 12:15; Isaiah 61: 10; I Corinthians 2:11, 9:27; St. John 4:24; I Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 4:12*)
3. Man's Original State (*Genesis 1:26,27, 2:7,9:6; I Corinthians 15:49*)
4. Man's Immortality (*Matthew 10:28; 11:21-24; 12:41; St John 5:25-29, 11: 25, 14:3; St. Luke 20:35, 36; 23:43; Romans 2:5-11; I Corinthians 15; II Corinthians 5:1,10*).
5. Origin of Man's Soul- New Life Ministries believes in Creationism (teaches that God implants the Soul in each new human being at or prior to birth).

The Doctrine of Sin (Hamartology)

“*God's Next Generation Ministry*” believes that Sin, the Bible teaches began in the angelic world (*Ezekiel 28:11-19; Isaiah 14:12-20*) and is transmitted into the blood of the human race through disobedience and deception motivated by unbelief (*I Timothy 2:14*). Adam's sin, committed by eating of the forbidden fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, carried with it a permanent pollution or depraved human nature to all his descendants. This is called the “*Original Sin*” (*Psalms 51:5; St. John 3:3; Romans 5:12; Gen. 1:27*).

The Doctrine of Salvation (Soteriology)

“*God's Next Generation Ministry*” believes that the doctrine of Salvation deals with the application of the *work of redemption* to the sinner and his resurrection to divine favor and communion with God. Redemption deals with justification, repentance, faith, conversion, regeneration, sanctification and baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The Doctrine of The Church (Ecclesiology)

“*God's Next Generation Ministry*” believes that the word “*Church*” is derived from (*Kuplakos, Kuriakos*), “*of or belonging to the Lord*”, is represented in the New Testament by the Greek word (*Ekklesia*). In Acts the church has come to be the regular designation for the community of Christian believers. The Church is also referenced as a body of which Christ is the head (*Ephesians 1:22*). It is the medium through which God's eternal purpose is made known to all men (*Ephesians 3:9*). It is the Bride of whom He is the heavenly Bridegroom. It is the bride for who in His love He gave Himself up that He might cleanse and sanctify her to Himself a glorious church (*Ephesians 3:27*).

The Doctrine of Last Things (Eschatology)

“*God's Next Generation Ministry*” believes that the doctrine of last things speak out on important issues such as; Physical Death, Bodily Resurrection, the Intermediate State, the Second Coming of Christ, the Anti-Christ, the Tribulation, the Battle of Armageddon, the Millennium, the Judgments after the Millennium, the Future of the Wicked and Heaven.

The Ordinances of The Church

“*God's Next Generation Ministry*” believes that ordinances represents in the Old Testament something prescribed or enacted with usual reference to matters ritual. It is generally admitted that for an ordinance to be valid, it must have been instituted by Christ. New Life Ministries believe that there are three ordinances as having been instituted by Christ:

1. Lord's Super-Symbols a representation of the Lords Death, the believer's participation in the Crucified Christ, the death of Christ as the object and act of faith, and the union of believers with one another.
2. Feet Washing-Is a practice that is recognized as an ordinance in our church because Christ, by his example, showed humility characterized by greatness in the Kingdom of God, and service, rendered to others gave evidence that humility, motivated by love, exists.
3. Water Baptism- “*God's Next Generation Ministry*” believe that after the ascension of Christ, Apostles and the primitive Christian Church acknowledged water baptism as the rite by which persons are admitted to communion with the church. The apostles were specifically instructed to baptize in the “*Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost*” (*Matthew 28:19*).

Closing

You have read God's Next Generation Vision for God's Next Generation Ministry, regarding His people (YOU). At some point in the pages of this document, during your time of reading, amongst the words you have heard God's voice speak to you and your heart regarding your involvement, your part in His vision.

I would never advise anyone to leave one ministry against another for the sake of membership growth. However, for the sake of your soul salvation I will tell you to RUN!!!! God's holds you accountable for your own personal relationship and growth in him. *"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own soul salvation with fear and trembling"* (Philippians 2:12). God said to leave the judgment of those corrupt men and women in this walk to Him, and at the time of judgment He will do the separating, (Matthew 13:27-30). Equally to judgment are those leaders who believe they are unaccountable. *"But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a milestone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea"*, (Matthew 18:6).

Yet, be not deceived, a portion of that accountability remains on your shoulders. Ignorance of the law does not negate the law from being applicable to you, the severity is just lessened. *"Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth"* (II Timothy 2:15). Herein is the charge of personal accountability for your relationship and growth in God.

To the active church member, you are a candidate for RUN status if;

- ü If you are apart of a ministry where the Spirit of God is not being manifested, and the Word of God is not being taught and preached.....RUN!
- ü If you are knowledgeable of, experienced or have seen any inconsistencies with the Word of God against your current church (ministry).....RUN!
- ü If there is no growth and or the growth is minimum in your natural and equally your spiritual life....RUN!
- ü If you are tired of church leaders being exempt from accountability...RUN!
- ü If you continually experience a sense of alienation, not belonging....RUN!
- ü If the ministry (church) you apart of takes and never gives back....RUN!
- ü If the ministry (church) you apart of is dying.....RUN!
- ü If there is no vision for the church (ministry) or that vision yields no positive fruit....RUN!

How long will you allow the desolation of you naturally and spiritually take place before you decide to do something about it? God expects a return on His investment in your life both naturally and spiritually, an ROI that He is holding you responsible for.

To the Backslider....this message is specifically from God for you.....

“Regardless of your situation and or circumstances, what you have done, are doing or that that you are about to do....I still love you....Come Home. I have a plan of healing designed just for you.....”

To the individual.....

If you do not have a personal relationship with God, If you are searching for something and don't know quite what it is. If you are in pain and tired of hurting for what ever the reason and want the pain to stop. God has an answer to every one of your questions and a solution to each one of your situations.

To the New Saint

Welcome Home, the next important thing for you to do is to attach your-self to a Ministry that is accountable to God. What this specifically means is this, join a ministry where the Word of God is being taught and preached, where the Spirit of God is being manifested, where you are growing both naturally and spiritually insomuch you see the fruit of both. If any of the above characteristics is lacking in the church (ministry) that you are apart of, God holds you responsible to move your membership. If all characteristics are present then, *“But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen” (2nd Peter 3:18).*

To leaders (servants) of God.....

God is holding you accountable for all of your actions regarding His House, His Finances, His Leaders, His People, His Harvest, His Labourers, in total His Vision for His Ministry. *May you stand in full accountability to which God has charged you, with much perseverance, steadfastness, conviction, fortitude, direction, purpose and most importantly, His Vision.*

Don't wait until God makes you to know your end that you then find the urgency to fulfill the original instruction of God's charge on your life, there may not be enough time to repent. The time that will be left is that to die and face judgment. Remember, repentance does not escape you from judgment or the consequences. The slothful servant (*with the 1 talent*) experienced first had the consequences of his actions or the lack thereof.

God is holding his appointed ministerial leaders accountable, not just for the souls that the ministry encompasses but also for the ministry itself, inclusive of the growth. Equal to God's plan of salvation, is God's plan for growth of the ministry naturally and spiritually. There is nothing that is, that does not have a plan and or purpose of being.

If God has called an individual to pastor his flock, as long as that individual does what God has instructed for him to do, God will bless that flock to grow. It does not take God 10-20 years to

prove himself with His own ministry, in His own ministry. If God has called an individual to pastor, and they still have those same few folk at the close of 5, 10, 15, 20 years, of that, that he started with or a little more, then that leader missed God's real message of direction. Their disposition to maintain their pastor-ship, either make a liar out of God or a liar out of themselves, and God is not a God that He should lie.

The purpose of this document is to outwardly disclose God's formula with respects to His ministry and demonstrate the firm foundation that is laid, when we follow God's original plan of intent. Abraham did not fully get the blessing of God until he followed completely the plan of God for his life. When Abraham finally separated himself from all of his kindred as was instructed (Lot his nephew), then God reminded him of God's blessings in totality.

This document in no wise represents the total of God's vision, just a representation, insight to the initial stages. May God bless you, my prayer is that you will now listen to what God is specifically telling you to do regarding His ministry..... The Spirit of God knows the perspective to which this is intended towards you, and to that Spiritual intent, my prayer is a speedy delivery and a full understanding of such regarding your intricate involvement.

What makes this so interesting, compelling, and spiritual but more importantly Godly, is that unknowing of what God will say, but assured something will be said. What will you do now that the last sentence is soon to being read? What is God's charge to you?

God is speaking to you regarding you as a laborer in His harvest, your place, your responsibility, your purpose in the vision of God. That conversation, its contents and charge, God is holding you personally accountable too.

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