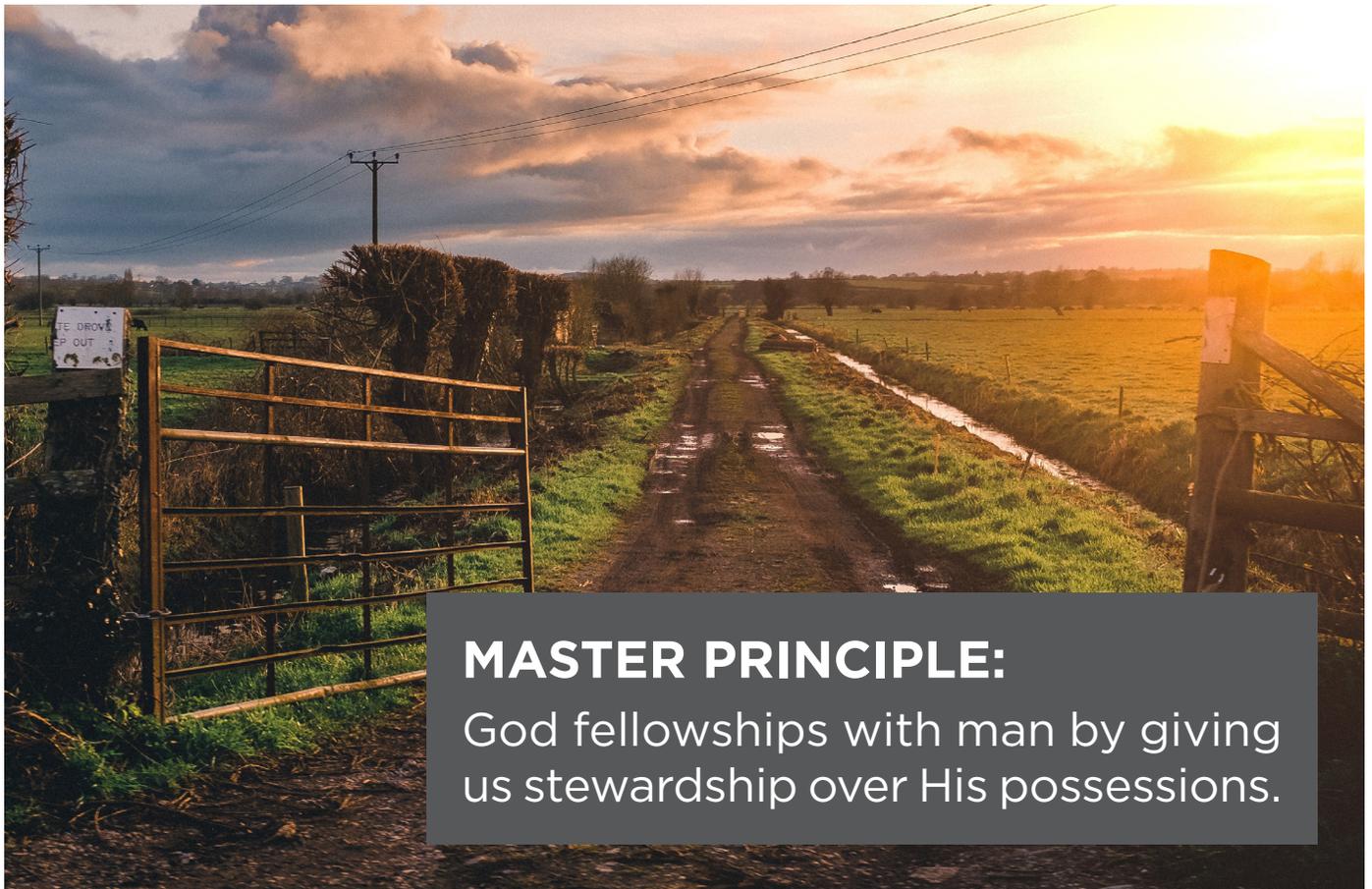




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MASTER PRINCIPLE:

God fellowships with man by giving us stewardship over His possessions.

IDOLS OF THE CITY TO PULL DOWN:

- *Dealing with religious deception (Matthew 15:5-6).*
- *Christians are not empowered until they die.*
- *Work is a curse.*

THE TRUTH:

- *God wants to share His power with us now and prepare us for fellowship with Him and for increasing responsibility in the family business.*
- *Power sharing comes through incremental problem solving, not death.*
- *Work is a holy, everlasting calling.*

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I. The principle of fellowship through building together:

- A. God brings His servants to maturity by making them His work partners (Genesis 1:26-28).
 - 1. Unity comes from sharing goals, responsibility, and time.
 - 2. God's original intent for man (fellowship through building together) has not changed. Sin did not catch God "sleeping" or alter His plans. God is a strategic thinker (Acts 2:23; Revelation 13:8; Revelation 17:8).
 - 3. Strategic thinking comes with maturity ("teleology" is the study of motives and goals).
 - a. Thinking from the end back to the beginning
 - b. Resource management planning (procurement, allocation, deployment)
 - c. Holding to your game plan under pressure (complexity is impossible without well-executed basics, e.g., "flying kicks")
- B. "Power" is sharing the knowledge, ability, and authority with God over some portion of His creation.
 - 1. God's destiny (Ephesians 1:18-23) is to expand His Kingdom through His family business.
 - 2. The training program for this expansion begins here on earth (Genesis 1:26-28; Matthew 11:28-30; Luke 19:13; Romans 8:17; Mark 10:29-30)
 - 3. Power is guarded by problems.
 - a. The tragedy of premature promotion or inheritance (The Prodigal Son: Luke 15:11-32).
 - b. Problems should draw courage, creativity, dependency, knowledge, patience, tenacity, and team work (i.e., "character") out of us.
 - c. Problems cleanse us from selfish ambition, presumption, and ignorance.
 - d. Power should be delegated in proportion to problem-solving abilities.
 - e. The Church will be cleansed (Ephesians 5:26) by problem solving.
 - f. Power is not given through the experience of "events," i.e., eating of the tree of knowledge (Genesis 3:3-5) or through death but rather as a consequence of incremental stewardship during life! (Revelation 2:26; Matthew 24:46-47; Luke 12:44; Revelation 19:16).

II. Work Is a holy, eternal calling:

- A. God first reveals Himself as Creator, Worker, and Entrepreneur.
 - 1. Work preceded sin and the Fall.
 - 2. Jesus taught that work is eternal (John 5:17, John 5:19-20).

- B. God is a Work Assigner, Replicator of Himself, Pattern Builder (vs. evolution), Rester, and Guardian of His creation (Genesis 1).
- C. The promise of a “work-free” heaven is a heresy.
 - 1. “Heaven is the ultimate weekend” vs. co-laboring with God (Ephesians 2:10).
 - 2. This heresy reveals our anti-work ethic. We are designed to put our lives into our work (excellence).
 - 3. The heresy makes work (business) carnal and “second class.” The deception of dualism (“good spirit” vs. “evil matter”) is designed to foil God’s maturity plan for His children and keep the earth under God’s enemies’ control.
 - 4. What God dislikes is not work but “unhired men” (Matthew 20:1-15).
- D. God has called us to work with Him in building character, skills, and relationships that will pass on to the next age.
 - 1. Obedient work (commissioned and approved by God) will transcend death (1 Corinthians 3:9-15).
 - 2. Possessions do not pass through death; character and skills do (Matthew 6:19-20).
 - a. Godly motives
 - b. Godly ethics
 - c. Proper recognition of spheres
 - d. Service orientation
 - e. Leadership skills
 - f. Stewardship skills
- E. A Christian’s vocation call may be different from his ecclesiastical call. Examples:
 - 1. The Apostle Paul:
 - a. Vocation: Tent making (Acts 18:3; 1 Thessalonians 2:9)
 - b. Ministry: Apostolic work
 - 2. The Apostle Peter:
 - a. United in one, i.e., “full time ecclesiastical work”

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Homework:

- 1. The primary way God fellowships with us is by working with Him.**
 - a. True
 - b. False

- 2. When you become very successful in your business, there may be a time when it is necessary and acceptable for you to put teamwork or some other master principle on hold for a while to keep up with the work.**
 - a. True
 - b. False

- 3. In business, we should give people power based on their potential.**
 - a. True
 - b. False

- 4. Empowerment comes from:**
 - a. An act
 - b. A position or title
 - c. A process

- 5. Why is Christianity responsible for much of the anti-work ethic in our culture?**