



The Dominion Mandate and Stewardship:
Connecting Money and Multigenerational Faithfulness
July 19, 2013 **Momentum** Sunday at CRCC!

“What could the people of God do for the Kingdom of God if they were DEBT FREE?”
Momentum Theorem: Focused Intensity over Time multiplied by God = Unstoppable Momentum

Text: Genesis 1:26-28

There are three goals today:

1. **Encouragement.** I’m asking the Lord to life up bowed heads and heavy hands! I want you to know that getting control of money is actually possible!
2. **Understanding.** I want you to see the critical link between Steward/Dominion and the Great Commission, particularly in our homes.
3. **Motivation.** I’m asking the Lord to kick your financial Focused Intensity into overdrive, particularly if you’ve had a rough time of it recently! ☺

Getting our Dominion Mandate and Stewardship Perspective Right:

1. What is stewardship truly for? Why does the Bible teach hard work, saving, no borrowing, giving, and leaving an inheritance?
2. What is God’s true purpose in commanding financial stewardship (other than daily bread of course)?
3. Here is what I think: Taking Dominion is about establishing Christ’s rule. Period. Therefore money is to be used like every other tool: to establish, push forward, and promote that rule.
4. Today, our focus will be on one area of that rule; the most foundational area . . . the home and family.
5. There are applications of course for the church: missions, feeding the homeless, etc., and even a national application. But today we’ll focus on . . .
6. The Home. It is the most fundamental, God-given building block of a godly society. As our families go, so goes the church and the nation.

From a New Testament Perspective:

The Dominion Mandate is the command to establish the rule of Jesus Christ in all areas and jurisdictions of life (the Family, the Church, and the State); the intentional expansion of His Kingdom by His subjects, the preaching of the Gospel, the discipling of hearts, and the raising up of godly generations that declare, “Your Kingdom come, and your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

Why? Because. . .

Col 1:15-20 ESV He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (16) For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things were created through him and for him. (17) And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. (18) And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. (19) For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, (20) and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

1. The Dominion Mandate is radically different from the heretical **prosperity** gospel, which teaches:
 - a. That God was trying to reproduce himself in the Garden of Eden by making Adam and Eve.

- b. Eventually, man's fall into sin locked God out of creation and Satan now is running things so the only way to let God back in is to "speak it." Therefore, Adam and Eve were "little gods" and could use the "force of faith" to "speak what they wanted into existence."
 - c. Of course according to these teachings, this means that each "dominion citizen" can be rich, healthy, and utterly prosperous at all times from a material and circumstantial perspective, by controlling his circumstances with his words.
 - d. And you can see how it caught on so big; who wouldn't want that?!?
2. But biblically, the commands to "subdue" and "have dominion" mean to rule over for the **glory** of God! (v28)
- a. We are to rule over every living creature and resource in a manner that brings honor to the Lord, and . . .
 - b. Causes fruitfulness in our multiplication!
 - c. In other words, we take Dominion by using resources to raise godly children, who raise godly children, who raise godly children; each family preaching the Gospel and discipling others as we go!
 - d. Money becomes a true tool (NOT IDOL) for those purposes!
3. Biblical Dominion is about **Christ's** rule, not man's!
- a. Again, we see dominion through Jesus (not Please-us) lenses
 - b. This means we see "Dominion Scriptures" as being fulfilled through the spiritual conversion of children and families, cities, and nations in history rather than personal fulfillment for the saint or how much stuff we own. This is huge!**
 - c. For example, through diligent effort, integrity, and contentment, we gather wealth for the advancement of God's agenda (i.e., supporting outreach and missions, the church, multigenerational faithfulness, etc.), not so the unsaved can see us in an Acura and want the Jesus who rolls in fat cars! **For us, wealth is a means to an end, not THE end! This is a huge difference!**
 - d. *Col 3:23-24 (ESV) - Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, (24) knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.*
 - e. Having money, land, cars, and wealth AND losing our children IS NOT the DOMINION MANDATE!**
4. The Dominion Mandate ultimately is about **Multigenerational Faithfulness**, or the discipling of our children and lost people!
- a. Again, intimately connected to the command to "have dominion" is the command to "be fruitful and multiply." (v28)
 - b. From God's perspective, "filling the earth" and "subduing" it is part of the same plan: Multigenerational Faithfulness.**
 - c. So one more time: it would be difficult to "walk in dominion" if our children aren't taught to know and love God, and aren't subsequently released into the world to take ground for Christ!**
 - d. Maybe there is a reason why the command to "be fruitful and multiply" is the first command actually written in our Bibles! Your family is supposed to be a Dominion Family!
 - e. More on this in a moment.

Understanding Jurisdiction and the Importance of Stewardship:

- Understand that Dominion Mandate means we must understand biblical jurisdictions.
- God has created three jurisdictions or spheres of authority or government:
- If you want an unbiblical mess, begin confusing them! 😊

1. The Home
2. The Church
3. The State

Dominion and the Home Jurisdiction . . . the Key to Multigenerational faithfulness

1. This is the first sphere of Dominion in Scripture, and includes Dominion across the following areas:
 - a. Self-government
 - b. Marriage and procreation
 - c. Male headship
 - d. Family business and industry. The concepts and principles of personal property and financial stewardship come from Scripture!
 - e. Support for and submission to the church
 - f. **And yes . . . the Training and Education of Children**
2. **This is where we connect great Scriptures like Deuteronomy 8:10:**
 - a. *Deu 8:18-20 ESV You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. (19) And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. (20) Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.*
 - b. **God gives the tool of wealth for Covenant reasons!**
 - c. **Therefore stewarding resources are done for His glory and the advancement of the Kingdom. The most basic level of that is handling money to ensure the best chance of our children being disciplined!**
3. This is important: although your home is submitted to the church and state in certain areas, neither of those overrides jurisdictional responsibilities of the home.
 - a. So when your dominion stewardship takes a hit (for whatever reason); when there has been no inheritance from your parents; when we live for today instead of for heaven, **discipleship choices** become limited.
 - b. We are then “forced” into non-dominion type decisions. Don’t underestimate the spiritual nature and generational importance of handling money God’s way!
4. Many families who begin to understand biblical dominion and multigenerational faithfulness also begin to develop family businesses and industry from the home, OR otherwise try to situate life in order to do Deuteronomy 6 and Matthew 28: discipling family and others.
5. ***A Dominion-Oriented Home applies the lordship of Christ to every area for Christ’s glory, especially in the areas of Gospel preaching and discipling children of their children/grandchildren for the propagating of the faith to the next generation. Stewardship is a tool used to ensure these can be done!***
 - a. There is a jurisdictional **independence** that takes root. It’s kind of funny to watch! 😊

- b. Amazingly, the entrepreneur begins to rise up in folks . . . but for biblical reasons!

The Need for Family Reformation: A Review:

- We've said it many times. The main issues in society are due to people who won't self-govern according to God's Word. The Lord designed the primary training ground for such governance to be the family.
- It's hard to think of a more serious problem than the loss of the next generation right under our noses. The most devastating losses in this Kingdom battle are happening before we get to what we normally see as the battlefield. We are losing the fight in boot camp. The battle is being lost right in our "Jerusalem."

The statistics are overwhelming. Let me summarize them (Visit D6Reformation.org for more):

- Biblical Worldview of "Christians": Adults under 10% nationally, children around 5%
- Christian children losses after High School: 70-88%
- One half of one percent of all people 18-23 have a Biblical Worldview
- ONE in FIVE Americans has NO religious faith or affiliation at all now! *This just came out.*
- 85% of women who have abortions are unmarried. Abortion rate: 3,000 babies per day in the U.S., 1,000 of them black.
- 72.3% of black children are born into homes without fathers.
- Too many stats here, but fatherlessness continues to be a primary cause for poor education, poverty, emotional problems, crime, and abuse (visit TooManyAborted.com or Fatherhood.org).

The primary causes for most of these things are families that don't function biblically. Incredibly, many cannot see this and keep pushing for the destruction of the biblical family! Mercy Lord!

Usurpation

1. We live in a time of great usurpation jurisdictionally. If we took a Dominion **Mindset** about money, and saw the link of stewardship and passing on the faith, it would make a huge difference.
 - a. *Deu 6:6-7 ESV And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. (7) You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*
 - b. **The Dominion Mandate rides hand in hand with the command for multigenerational faithfulness!**
2. Of course, some other things are required. The Five Prophetic Pillars are all Connected:
 - a. The Gospel wholly preached
 - b. Reestablishing Holiness as a lifestyle
 - c. The Family Reformed (i.e., biblical courtship and strong, divorce-proofed marriage, holy and happy singles, recapturing what manhood and womanhood is).
 - d. Godly elders pushing for healthy, bible-based churches
3. **But**, what if families had no **debt** and large **savings**? What if they lived beneath their means? What if they started family businesses and brought up the children in them?
 - a. Do you think we could make some better discipleship and educational choices?
 - b. Do you think we could pull away from so much worldliness when we aren't dependent so much on the world?
 - c. Can you see how our immersion in and dependence on worldly systems isn't pushing the Dominion Mandate forward?

In closing, a question: why do you think our worldview numbers are so low? Can you see the link between money and family reformation a bit better? Oh, Lord let it be so! Because I want your drive for Momentum and Debt Freedom to be based less on pursuing ease and more on pursuing the Kingdom.

Be ENCOURAGED. You can do it! Build your “Financial House” on the Rock (Matt 7:24-25) . . . for His glory!

