**The Manhood Potential**

Psalm 8:3-6

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

Genesis 1:26-27

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

God has unlimited potential. He can do anything that he desires, in any fashion that he chooses, because he is all knowing and all-powerful. When God decided to create the heavens, the earth, and all the things within them, he saved the best for last. God created man last, but there is a deeper meaning as to why he did. Remember this: What is man?

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

This text is a game changer! We can now answer the question: “What is man?” Man is the image of God, whom God gave dominion over all of his creation!

When I think about potential, I think about the capability of becoming, with limitless possibilities! You were created with extreme and limitless possibilities and the only hindrance to you becoming what God intended you to be is yourself. Only you can stop God from show casing himself through you.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

When you work to your full potential; you will have the devil on the run.

Psalm 91:11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

When you walk in obedience to God’s Word, God commands his angels to watch over you. God wants to see you work to your full potential!

It’s time for The Church to get ahold its potential.

The secular world’s environment has crept into the church and is diluting the power of God. God is calling and we aren’t listening.

The manhood potential is to take your rightful place of authority in the name of Jesus!

Isaiah 1:19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Isaiah 53:4-5

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Are you seeing the trend? God created you to have dominion over the rest of his creation, to have power over Satan, and God died for all of us, so that we could be saved and work for Him!

God just wants you to be powerful! Is that such a bad thing?

Matthew 16:13-18

13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Note that Jesus asked his disciples who others thought he was and who they thought he was. The people of this world fail to realize who God is, but because of Peter’s relationship with God; he knew that Jesus was the Son of God. After Jesus was done questioning his disciples, he said something very important to Peter; “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Understand that the rock is the earth and The Church is made up of us, the believers. If that gates of hell won’t prevail against The Church, then they won’t prevail against us!