

Converted Thinking III

“Everyone a Minister”

There is a principle in *Acts 2* that will help us understand His presence daily, however, this will take converted thinking.

KJV Acts 2:41-47 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. ⁴² And **they continued stedfastly** in the apostles' **doctrine** and **fellowship**, and in **breaking of bread**, and in **prayers**. ⁴³ And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all that believed were together, and had all things common; ⁴⁵ And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. ⁴⁶ And they, continuing daily with one accord in the **temple**, and **breaking bread** from **house to house**, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, ⁴⁷ Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord **added to the church daily** such as should be saved.

How do we grow?

1. We grow warmer through Fellowship.
2. We grow more knowledgeable through Teaching.
3. We grow stronger through Prayer.
4. We grow closer through Worship.

5. We grow larger through Evangelism.
6. We grow deeper through Discipleship.
7. We grow broader through Missions.
8. We grow financially through Stewardship.

“Enlarge our hearts, Lord, so we can grow, so your church can grow.”

Every person is a Minister who says, “I must serve the world greater than myself”.

^{NKJV} Ephesians 4:11-13 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹² For the **equipping of the saints, for the work of the ministry**, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³ 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 fulness of Christ:

“The Ascension gifts are to equip the Saints for the work of the ministry.”

I

Believers are authorized to be His **representatives** every day and every place we go.

^{KJV} Mark 16:17-20 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ They shall take up serpents;

and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

¹⁹ So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. ²⁰ **And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.**

They went forth and preached everywhere.

As they went, the Lord was working with them confirming the word with signs following.

These representatives chose to go everywhere, every day, proclaiming the word as his representatives.

II

Believers are authorized to be missionaries every place they go.

KJV **Acts 8:1-4** And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. ³ As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. ⁴ **Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.**

These representatives were pressured by persecution, they scattered abroad.

The pressure of persecution can cause us to become migrants, immigrants, strangers, and exiles in foreign lands.

Many believers are displaced around the world and go everywhere preaching the gospel because of persecution and what chaos, suffering, and persecution brings.

Missionaries are believers who carry out the missions in foreign territories, different spaces or other countries.

III

Believers are appointed as a **mbassadors** every place they go.

KJV **2 Corinthians 5:20** Now then we are **ambassadors** for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

“An ambassador is a diplomatic official of the highest order appointed by their government, to go into a foreign territory and represent the interest and policies of their government in that foreign place.” **John 6:38, 40**

Ambassadors do not volunteer they are appointed. **John 15:16**

The government provides food, clothes, and shelter for the ambassador. **Matthew 6:31**

The ambassador's place of business is called an embassy.

To assault an embassy or ambassador is to assault the government that the ambassador represents. **Acts 9:4**

The government of God is called the kingdom of God.
Isaiah 33:22; 9:7

The church, ecclesia, is a gathering of kingdom citizens who were called out of their homes into a public place to deliberate, discuss, and form kingdom policies for execution in the community.

The church, ecclesia, is a place of Kingdom strategies that are clear, concise, and compelling so they can be effectively communicated and carried out daily in the community by its citizens.

We are all kingdom ambassadors every day.

We are all kingdom ambassadors, in sacred space, the Marketplace, public space, and cyberspace daily.

"Daily, become His representatives, missionaries, ambassadors, in ministers in whatever space you are sent in to, enter, and have access to." La Fayette Scales.

A minister is a servant, a representative, a missionary, or an ambassador of another kingdom in a foreign territory or different space every day.

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