

Dominion: God's Desire for Your Life

It does not take much reading of the Word of God to see that the title of this article is possibly one of the most important aspects of His word that we glide right over. Genesis 1:26-28, doesn't mince words when it states that God's desire was for man to subdue and have dominion over all of the earth. Not just dominion in some areas but all. Using today's language, the word dominion might be better stated; take charge, bring under control, dominate, dictate, overshadow, tower over, tower above, lead. And the word subdue: restrain, suppress, hold back, tame, calm, conquer, vanquish, overpower, overcome. Two simple words expressed in so many forceful ways, should seemingly arouse, if nothing else, our curiosity.

God's desire from the beginning of man's existence on this round ball was for us to have total control, withstanding nothing.

The question heard throughout the universe.

Genesis 3:1-7, "states that the serpent was more subtle..." In other words, he had been hanging out, getting in good with Eve and maybe Adam. He had offered other thoughts concerning the Garden, or so it seems, because she was so ready to listen to him concerning the Tree of Life. He sowed seeds into Eve's life, along the way, some that may have seemed right, maybe just little true mixed in for good measure. Whatever he had done to this point was about to bring the harvest that he had hoped for. He in a conversation with Eve, questions whether God actually stated that she could not eat of all the trees of the garden, her first response seemed good. But when challenged she wavered, and at that moment all of the planting that had been done by the serpent, was about to bring forth a harvest. The dominion that had been given to man by God, had just been given away by man to the enemy. In a blink of an eye, God's plan for man and the world in which he lived had been sublet. The struggle was about to begin, a struggle that was not intended to exist, for there is no need to struggle when you have been given dominion.

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Today we find ourselves in a war to regain our rightful dominion of the earth. In this war as in any war, the first order of business is to train ourselves to understand of our weaponry. Anyone who has served in any branch of the military can tell you that the first order of business in preparing for battle was to have a full understanding of the equipment essential to not only our survival, but if used correctly, our victory over the enemy. And like military forces the people of God have weapons that are designed not for our survival but our ultimate victory over our enemy.

Our first and probably most powerful weapon, is our knowing, understanding and using the the Word of God. Hebrew 4:12 says, "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of thoughts and intents of the

heart.” We must have a depth of understanding of the Word of God that increases each day, an understanding that allows us to be victorious in any given situation. As we grow in our understanding of the word, we are able to tap back into the power that had been given to man in the garden, a power that enables man to operate in a dominate level in all aspects of his life. Walking without fear, walking with out disease, walking without lack, because of the power that is in the Word of God. Man’s destiny of domination over the things of this world rest in God’s Word just as it did in the beginning. It was the Word of God that spoke to man to subdue and dominate the world and it is in that same Word that rests man’s ability to return to his role.

Second, is our *confession*, “Death and life are in the power of the tongue...” Proverbs 18:21a. In order for us to walk in the dominion that we were designed to, we must first take dominion over our tongues. It is important for man to come to the understanding that what he says is what he gets. As we learn to gage what we say to one another or about one another, we will find a new awareness in our ability to take dominion over our circumstances. The simplest of words will trip us up in our pursuit of this goal. For example, if I come to the conviction to no longer receive colds into my body, in order for me to take dominion, I must begin to confess it with my mouth, but if I still confess that I get a cold every winter, then I have given back my dominion over sickness by my confession. If we continually confess that we never are able to “get ahead” in life, then we are again giving away our ability have dominion over our lack. And to emphasis just once more, if we continue to confess that our marriage is bad and only getting worst, we also have spoken into existence a lack of dominion in the area of our relationships. Our confession is second only in importance to the Word of God, but it is linked to it, because in order to learn to confess we must replace the words of defeat and despair that we have trained ourselves to speak with words of power and authority. It is God’s Word that teaches us those words of power and authority. Our confess is key to the success of our reclaiming our rightful place on this earth, Jesus gave a very poignant illustration of how important our words were in pursuit of dominion in Mark 11:23-24. “...that whosoever shall say unto this mountain ...and shall not doubt in his heart...he shall have whatsoever he saith.” Our confession and our faith are linked to our ability to take dominion in every area of our lives.

The third weapon is our faith. As I stated above, our faith is linked to our confession and is rooted obviously in the Word. Our faith and how we exercise is vital to our have dominion the way that God had original intended us to have dominion. When we operate in faith, our potential is limitless, our boundaries are limitless and our dominion is limitless. By linking both our confession and our faith together things and circumstances that were never meant to restrain us are again brought under our dominion.