

## 2.1 EVERY BELIEVER CAN MOVE SUPERNATURALLY

Key Verse: 1 Cor 12:7

“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all”

Insights:

- Every believer has been given something that will advance the Kingdom of God
- Every believer is given opportunity to manifest the life and power of the Spirit of God
- Every believer is called to be an ambassador of heaven (2 Cor 5:20)
- Every believer needs to be equipped and prepared for apostolic ministry (Eph 4:11-12)

## 2.2 EVERY BELIEVER HAS A SPIRITUAL TERRITORY

Key Verse: 2 Cor 10:13

“We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us - a sphere which especially includes you. <sup>14</sup> For we are not overextending ourselves (as though our authority did not extend to you), for it was to you that we came with the gospel of Christ; <sup>15</sup> not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other men's labours, but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere, <sup>16</sup> to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's sphere of accomplishment. (NKJV)

Insights:

- ‘Metron’ - NT:3358 - a portioned-off measure, a determined extent, a measure or limit

- 'Kanon' - NT:3583 - one's sphere of activity; a definitely bounded or fixed space within the limits of which one's authority or influence is confined; a province or region assigned to a person
- Every believer has a ministry assignment entrusted to them by the Holy Spirit
- Your 'metron' is a territory that God has measured out and given you responsibility for
- Your 'metron' is your ministry assignment and responsibility, your sphere of spiritual influence
- Your metron is a specific location where you have a physical presence and spiritual authority. It could be a physical place, or a position of responsibility, or a group of people
- The Lord measures out to you a specific territory in which you can move in power and make the Kingdom of God known

### 2.3 HOW TO IDENTIFY YOUR TERRITORY ('METRON')

Key Verse: 2 Cor. 10:15

"Not boasting of things beyond measure that is in other men's labours but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere."

Insights:

- Paul clearly recognized his territory, the area of assignment and responsibility measured out by God to him
- Paul was careful not to go beyond his territory
- Going beyond your territory can empower evil spirits to operate (witchcraft)
- Every person has a 'metron', a spiritual territory
- It is your responsibility to identify your territory and to govern it
- Your territory includes everything over which God wants you to take responsibility
- Your territory includes:
  - Yourself...spirit, mind, will, emotions, imagination, body, skills
  - Your spouse...your relationship
  - Your family...values, culture, training, discipline, boundaries
  - Your money...the management and growth of your finances
  - Your home...maintenance, management, hospitality
  - Your possessions...maintenance, management
  - Your job/workplace...spiritual atmosphere, influence
  - Your ministry...development and growth

- Your community...relationships, spiritual atmosphere, evangelism, justice (Wherever you are – you are a walking embassy of heaven!)

NOTE: A mature believer develops a strong sense of personal boundaries, constantly aware of what he is responsible for and what he is not.

## 2.4 YOUR KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Key Verse: Gen 2:15

“Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it” (NKJV)

Insights:

- Adam and Eve were entrusted by God with a territory to govern. They were given two primary responsibilities  
“Tend” = OT 5647 = to serve, to work as an act of worship, to cultivate or develop,  
“Keep” = OT 8104 = to guard, to watch over, to protect from an enemy
- Adam was given responsibility to cultivate his territory as a representative of God and to bring a flow of the life and creativity of heaven to earth
- Adam was also required to protect his territory from destruction and invasion by an enemy
- Adam failed in governing...he became silent and passive in the presence of a spiritual enemy Gen. 3:6

## 2.5 THE CONSEQUENCE FOR FAILURE TO GOVERN

Adams failure to govern and to exercise spiritual authority had devastating consequences:

- Broken relationships  
He damaged his relationship with God and with his wife (Gen 3:7-12)
- Loss of spiritual authority  
He lost his spiritual authority and yielded it to Satan (Luke 4:6)
- Oppression and sickness  
He became oppressed by Satan using the authority he had usurped (Eph.2:1-2)
- Generational problems and curses

The negative consequences of his failure had generational impact (Rom. 5:12)

Key Verse: Luke 19:12-17, 26

“<sup>12</sup> Therefore He said: “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. <sup>13</sup> So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Do business till I come.’ <sup>14</sup> But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We will not have this man reign over us.’ <sup>15</sup> And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. <sup>16</sup> Then came the first, saying ‘Master, your mina has earned ten minas.’ <sup>17</sup> And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.’ (v26) “For I say to you that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him”

Insights:

- The nobleman going into a far country (v12) is Jesus Christ Himself
- The servants of the nobleman are believers in Christ
- Every believer is a servant of the Lord, entrusted to advance the Kingdom of God
- God expects every believer to be productive (v13)
- It is your responsibility to use your talents and abilities to establish order and become productive within your territory
- At the coming of the Lord, every believer is called to give an account to Him of how productive they have been (v15)
- Servants who have been productive will be commended, and rewarded with increased responsibility and authority (v17)
- Servants who have failed to be productive will be rebuked and experience loss of opportunity, and authority (v26)
- Notice that God takes pleasure in, and rewards, faith, initiative, and perseverance

## 2.6 GOVERNING YOUR SPIRITUAL TERRITORY

### A. Hold Your Territory in Your Heart in Prayer (Phil.1:6-7)

- Paul held the Philippians in his heart in prayer
- He was confident that the Spirit of God would continue to move upon them because he held them in his heart in prayer
- To hold someone or something in your heart you must welcome and embrace

them in prayer, and assume responsibility to do what God has entrusted you do

- Hurts, difficulties, disappointments, distractions and passivity can cause us to let people and responsibilities go out of our heart.
- When we then draw back and fail to engage, spiritual forces enter and operate

B. Seek direction from the Holy Spirit (Jn. 16:13)

- It is the work of the Holy Spirit to give direction and guidance
- Ask for His help. Ask for wisdom. Ask for understanding. Expect a response

C. Develop a clear vision – a picture of what is possible (Prov. 29:18)

- Use your imagination to see the possibilities for your territory
- Be original and creative...your territory is unique, so are you
- Search the Word of God for promises to take hold of (Exod. 23:30)
- Write down some specific goals that focus your attention and give vision substance

D. Arise in your Spirit and use your voice to (Heb.11:3)

- Subdue opposing spirits...decree they are subject to you, forbid their operation
- Speak the Word of God...decree God's word and promises over your territory

E. Become Physically present and actively engaged

- In order to have dominion within your territory, you have to demonstrate your presence
- Your territory must know you are there! You cannot be hidden and exert authority
- Actively and continually engage in cultivating and developing your territory
- When working with people you have to build their trust before you can have access into their lives
- Expect God to work and be proactive to all opportunities that arise
- Persevere! Don't yield when unexpected difficulties or resistance arise (Heb.10:36)