



## Work and Ministry:

### *Becoming a Fruitful **Leader** in the Marketplace*

#### Hold Fast to Your New Identity: A New Creation

More than a label, your (new) identity **defines** who you **really are** \_\_\_\_\_.

God's Word declares this identity: 2 Cor 5: 17, Gal 2:20

A Gospel Centered Identity: 2 Cor 5:21, Col 3:1-4

*From Being in Adam (crucified) to being (made alive) in Christ*

Everything we do must flow out of that understanding.

#### Activate Growth: Growing in Christ

*Leaders must be sure they are always **growing**.*

- John 15:4-8 & 2 Peter 3:18

You are a **branch** on the vine that is Christ.

You are **partaking** of the spiritual life and vitality that is in Him.

Growing in the **grace** and **knowledge** of God.

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*"We grow into business; we don't go into business."*

-Dr. Richard Spann

*"God is not opposed to effort; he is opposed to earning."*

-Dallas Willard

- Name 2 **enemies** of growth in Christlikeness.

Pride

Laziness

- Name 6 **allies** of growth in Christlikeness.

\_\_\_\_\_see handout from TMS growing in Christ

## Live As an Apprentice in God's Kingdom

God is *with* you. You are *with* Him, **learning** to be like Him.

Every square inch of your workplace is the Kingdom of God.

Disciples **follow** Christ.

Disciple-Leaders seek His direction **before** moving forward.

Fruitful Leaders Rely on His **resources**.

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Spirit, Strength, Faithfulness, Peace, Provision, Help in Temptation

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"I am the one in whom Christ dwells and delights, and I live in the unshakeable kingdom of God." -James Bryan Smith

# 5 PRINCIPLES OF FRUITFUL LEADERSHIP

## Hold Fast to Your New Identity: A New Creation

**You are a new creation.** Receive and embrace your new identity. More than a label, your new identity defines **who you really are** (2 Cor 5:17).

## Activate Growth: Growing in Christ

**You are a branch** on the vine that is Christ, partaking of the spiritual life and vitality that is in Him (Jn 15:4-8). Drawing from His resources and His character, you are to make every effort to grow in the grace and knowledge of God (2 Peter 3:18).

## Living *With*-God

**You are with Him**, learning to be like Him. Without lagging behind or getting ahead of Him, the fruitful Christian leader **follows** Christ and seeks His direction *before* moving forward (Lk 9:23, Joshua 1:8).

## Valuing People

God speaks with your life, not simply your words. Fruitful Leaders invest in others, modeling what they want them to be. (Col 1:28-29, Lk 6:40)

## Commissioned Worker

**You are commissioned for Eternal Kind of Work:** Your life work is discipleship; integrating others into a team with a vision of multiplying disciples, offering encouragement and support (Mt 28:18-20).

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# Key Elements of a Healthy Financial Plan

## Vision

*Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keeps the law, happy is he (Prov 29:18).*

Having a clear vision for your financial plan is crucial to gaining control over your money and achieving long term financial **peace**. It empowers you to make intentional choices, prioritize your goals, and live freely with significance.

## Time

*Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil (Eph 5:15-16).*

The time value of money is essential in financial planning as it helps individuals account for the opportunity cost, inflation, investment growth, risk, and uncertainty associated with future cash flows. By considering these factors, financial planning enables individuals to make better-informed decisions and optimize the financial resources for both short-term and long-term goals.

## Counsel

*Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed. Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered (Prov 15:22; 28:26).*

## Accountability

*He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise. He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding. (Prov 15:14; 31-32)*

## Perseverance

*Steady plodding brings prosperity. Hasty speculation brings poverty (Prov 21:5).*

Steady plodding is a better strategy than hasty speculation because it promotes disciplined and consistent progress over time, reducing the risk of impulsive and potentially costly decisions. By taking a measured and patient approach, individuals make more informed choices, minimize losses, and increase the likelihood of achieving sustainable long-term success.



## “Living Freely in an Expensive World”

### The Disciple’s Guide to Purposeful Money Management

#### God Owns Everything

*Everything in the heavens and earth **is yours**, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as being **in control** of everything. Riches and honor come from you alone, and you are the Ruler of all mankind; your hand controls power and might and it is at your discretion that men are made great and given strength (2 Chron 29:11). What do you have that you did not **receive**? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not (1 Cor 4:7).*

#### Purposeful Debt Free Living

*The borrower is slave to the lender (Prov 22:7). Owe no one anything, except to love one another (Rom 13:8).*

Being out of debt provides individuals with freedom and peace of mind, as they no longer have to allocate a significant portion of their income towards debt payments, and they can instead use that money for savings, investments, or other financial goals leading to increased generosity/giving.

#### Purposeful Investing: Eternal Things

*I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.  
(1 Cor 9:19-23)*

Abundant living means having the capacity in your life to **invest in eternal things**. The essential skill of a fruitful leader is reserving time for optimizing physical, spiritual, and emotional vigor while preserving and protecting close relationships.

## **Friendship**

1. Leadership begins with listening.
2. Evangelism: Inviting People into God's Own Story
3. Empowering Individuals
4. Encouragement and Support



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Name

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Email Address

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Cell Ph. Number:

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Where do you work?

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What is your role at work?

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Are you Married? Spouse's Name

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Do you attend Church? If so, Where?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you meet with another individual/small group on a regular basis to read the scriptures, pray, and to encourage one another?

