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THE SUM OF ALL THINGS

“ Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have a high priest, who is seated on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched and not man. ... But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. ...For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord: ‘I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God and they shall be to Me a people.’”

HEBREWS

We’ve come to another transitional moment in time as we turn the page to 2008. Like birthdays, New Year’s is a milestone that can be used to measure growth and evaluate whether we’re still on the right course before planning new goals and strategies.

Every year God gives us a particular word for better perception of His plan for our life. In 2007 our word was ‘determined.’ Many committed to the ‘Ultimate Challenge’* to reinforce being determined and develop a greater passion for good works.

You actually learn whether you take yourself seriously by how successful you were in accomplishing what you determined to do last year. What did you accomplish? Why did it work out so well or why didn’t it work out for you? Did you have a plan to act upon?

“You are the person who has to decide. / Whether you’ll do it or toss it aside;
/ You are the person who makes up your mind. / Whether you’ll lead or will
linger behind. /Whether you’ll try for the goal that’s afar. / Or just be
contented to stay where you are.”

EDGAR A. GUEST

If you’re contemplating on how to activate the supernatural in your life it’s really simple: it’s thoughts plus actions—you think and do. Obviously this isn’t something

new. Some of us learned grammar by using a series called “Think and Do” books—a workbook used in the primary grades for teaching the fundamental principles of English.

The fundamental approach to learning (think and do) may be very similar to the spiritual application of “*faith by our works?*” One thing we’ve learned—it’s first the natural then the spiritual. You learn from the natural realm and apply it to the spiritual. That’s why Dr. Hanby’s ‘Like/As Principle’ is so ahead of its time—it’s a remarkable discovery for interpreting the spiritual language.

As children you begin learning the structure and vocabulary of language with the objective to eventually interpret your natural world—but what about the spiritual language? So far we’ve managed to identify the letters and some vocabulary, but do we really understand the language and function of the Kingdom?

“For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” He energizes your thoughts (beliefs and purpose) with the ability to accomplish them. The thoughts and actions together release the power of God—there’s no life activating power unless combined. Just like “*faith without works is dead*” so are thoughts without actions!

The activation of God in your life is the fusion of your thoughts with actions. “*Without faith it is impossible please God.*” If what you’re doing is the plan of God for your life, then it’s the outworking of His tabernacle in the earth.

Jeremiah prophesied, “*For I know the thoughts (or plans) that I think toward you,*” says the LORD, “*thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*” You’re the product of your thoughts and actions. It’s the combination of thoughts plus action that makes you successful. One without the other is unproductive.

The Apostle Paul calls unproductiveness ‘the futility of the mind.’ Action is not busy work. Action is being a “work in progress” and refers to the steps involved in fulfilling the plan for your destiny. If you don’t know the meaning or purpose for your existence it’s difficult to evaluate whether you’re busy or truly “*pressing towards the mark of your high calling in Christ.*”

Shakespeare wrote, “To thy own self be true.” Do you know who you are? What you’re good at doing? You’re here for a reason—do you know the meaning of your life and where you’re going? It’s only when you know where you’re going that you become a leader to others.

Leaders are those who have gone beyond their self consciousness to view God’s plan as their ultimate purpose in life. They are ‘determined’ to reach their high calling and step beyond any fear ... of failure, the unknown—whatever. The Apostle John calls those determined souls overcomers.

“We all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect (mature) man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: that

we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”EPHESIANS

Children run from whatever they’re afraid of and make excuses for their inaction—but the mature deal with their fears and are willing to do their part or share of the work. You can either make excuses for yielding to fear or grow up by facing them.

“You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face ... the danger lies in refusing to face the fear, in not daring to come to grips with it ... you must make yourself succeed every time. You must do the thing you think you cannot do.”

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

If you determine to search deep enough you’ll discover that truth sets you free. Truth is a motivator—it generates energy and power. David was moved by truth. Truth gave him the ability to run against a troop and leap over whatever wall of hindrance that stood in his way. David didn’t look at the size of the opposition but at the truth of the promise—and he was unstoppable!

The same possibility of success dwells in you. God chose to release unstoppable power through your earthen vessels. That means there’s a vast amount of power waiting to break free in you to fulfill the call on your life.

“Cherish your visions; cherish your ideas; cherish the music that stirs in your heart, the beauty that forms in your mind, the loveliness that drapes your purest thoughts; for out of them will grow all delightful conditions.”

JAMES ALLEN

Some people don’t appreciate who they are. God put valuable treasure in them but their waiting for some kind of volcanic eruption to release it. There’s an easier way—you can release it by acting on your thoughts. Successful leaders are decisive. They think and then do something—and it generates astonishing energy for good works.

Recently I saw a man’s chest area begin to swell and a branch burst forth. It was incredible to see! And it wasn’t just him—I noticed that out of everyone came a branch that eventually entwined with other branches to become the crowning glory of the tree. If this is indicative of a groundswell then we’re ready for a corporate breakthrough.

“The high prize of life, the crowning glory of a man is to be born with a bias to some pursuit which finds him in employment and happiness - whether it be to make baskets, or broadswords or canals, or statues, or songs.”

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Emerson pressed towards fulfilling his dreams—and defined “the high prize of life” as “the crowning glory of a man.” He understood that when you discover the meaning of your life, what you do gives you tremendous satisfaction. Doing the work of the Lord is acting out your thoughts to reach your destiny—affecting those around you for good.

In the vision of dry bones Ezekiel was commanded to prophesy to the breath of life *“and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.”* The groundswell begins in the breath within and causes a supernatural eruption or breakthrough: *“Thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.’”*

God breathed life into you. Abiding in Him takes your life to another level—it creates the groundswell that breaks through into the supernatural. The profound connection of His Branch in you becomes the manifestation of the glory of the Lord in the earth! Your submitting one to another is the crowning glory of the tree ... *“that you may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”*

“We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.” You need a groundswell—something churning inside until you overcome every resistance and break through *“into the glorious liberty of the children of God ... conformed in the image of His Son.”*

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies.” 2 CORINTHIANS

His treasure is hidden in you until the transformation. He never said it was easy to go through all the difficult situations of life but He did say you’d overcome. *“They overcame ... by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.”* At the breakthrough point your testimony reveals its richest anointing and you glorify God for Who He is to you personally—it’s because your testimony is all about Him.

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.” Speaking to each other about what God’s doing in and through you produces glory—causing a breakthrough. When you testify of the goodness of God you glorify His name in the earth! It doesn’t matter what you say. You don’t have to be an eloquent speaker to testify about what God’s doing—the ‘sum of all things’ dwells within you and is superbly poured forth in your testimony.

The scripture says, *“God inhabits the praises of His people.”* Your testimony of Who and What God means to you is praise that glorifies His Name—creating an atmosphere for glory and He manifests His power.

“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.” W. A. Chiswell interprets the scripture as “the kingdom is pressing forward vigorously and the vigorous seize it eagerly.” You’re passionate for the spiritual kingdom—you’re determined. You don’t stop with a dream, you press forward to make it real. You’re a doer holding onto the prize. Isn’t that what transition is all about—the process of becoming one with what you behold?

“Without ambition one starts nothing. Without work one finishes nothing. The prize will not be sent to you. You have to win it.” RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Ambition is a burning passion that sets the mind on fire—energizing or fueling your purpose. Paul wrote that he didn’t run a race with uncertainty—he was running to win the prize. He wasn’t vague about the details either but chose to be decisive in what he did. You win the prize because you chose to do the work to attain it.

Doers are different than dreamers. You can dream about things being another way but unless you implement a plan—nothing changes. Doers have ambition to daily work towards an end result. This is nothing new—Jesus spoke of those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. Like hunger, ambition is a daily drive and not a once in a lifetime thought—it’s ‘the sum of all things’ empowering change through you.

Ambition is an inner vitality that pursues the prize of the upward call of God in your life. It’s the drive and determination that motivates you to not only seize the moment of transition but press into it for all its possibility. Your goal or objective is more than an aspiration or dream—you passionately press towards a Kingdom lifestyle.

There is a desire to become the manifestation of the risen Body of Christ. This type of ambition means a change is eminent. Transition is the period of time in which the church undergoes a change that passes from one state, stage or form and evolves into another.

The Body of Christ is between phases of changing in form and structure. In the Old Testament the manifestation of God was visible in the Tabernacle of Moses. It took on another form and structure in Jesus. That’s why the Apostle John interpreted the symbolic lamb offered in the Old Testament as the Word become flesh in Jesus saying, *“Behold the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”*

The ambitious are desirous for change—transformation. Yet the Tabernacle has elements of both the old and the new until the full transformation has overtaken it—until the transition is complete and the manifestation attains to the resplendent stature of the fullness of Christ. *“They without us could not be made perfect (mature or complete).”*

The Tabernacle of Moses and the Tabernacle of David were both in operation simultaneously while the Temple of Solomon was constructed. Likewise Jesus said *“I go to prepare a place for you ... and I will come again and receive you to Myself that where I am there you may be also.”* The new man is also under construction—in transition.

In this New Year let's endeavor to fuel a passion to move into deeper spiritual terrain by pursuing the high calling on your life. To see the 'new' means you understand the symbolism of the 'old.' If we seek to comprehend what's happening in the transition—it creates a spiritual awakening. If we weren't so close to what's happening we'd see it for what it really is—the greatest unveiling in the history of mankind!

The Temple of Solomon incorporated the foundational truths of Moses' Tabernacle along with the life altering worship and praise of David's. In Jesus we have the culmination of the old and new—the “sum of all things.” Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*

Those with a passion for the Kingdom break into the realm of finished works—into ‘the sum of all things.’ You activate the supernatural by the application of thought—seizing the NOW moment to press into the greatest dimension of power the world has ever seen!

Let your thoughts and passion for God break out in the outworking of His Tabernacle—become the transitional piece that implements transformation in the risen Body of Christ. There will always be challenges along the way to keep you busy. But a determined, ambitious doer finds a way to breakthrough. After all, *“a doer of the work ... will be blessed in what he does.”*

* Ultimate Challenge—Email us at rk-roth@juno.com if you'd like a copy.

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