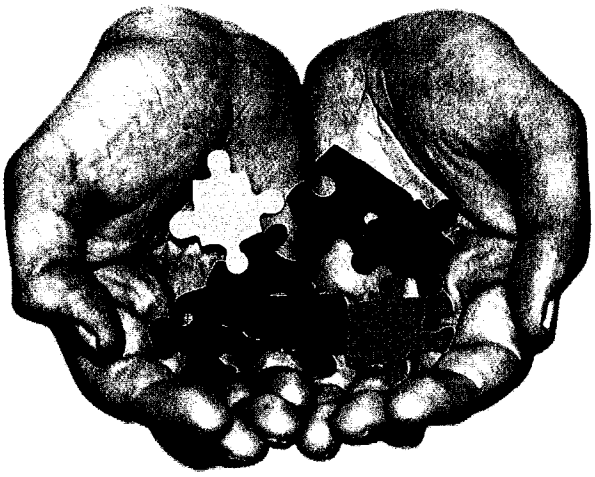

Ruler

The ruler is God's empire-builder. The ruler is an administrator, a leader, and an implementer. He is willing to own his own problems and fix them. Under God's direction, he can significantly expand the work of God. Rulers thrive under pressure, can motivate others, and are independent. Rulers need to learn that although they don't need others, others need them to invest in fathering and nurturing those in their care (or on their team), so others can develop as God intended for them. Rulers can use imperfect people and tolerate a level of compromise. Failure to seek God's direction will cause rulers to accomplish many good things, but not God's best, and end their life with a sense of futility like Solomon. While rulers can be very busy, the question is are they doing what God called them to do? They are commonly seen as people who establish organizations and put people in order. However, the true birthright of rulers is to establish generational blessings for their family and ministry that outlast their life.

Biblical Examples Of Ruler: Boaz, Joseph, Nehemiah, and Solomon.

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Principle Of Freedom

The principle of freedom parallels the gift of ruler. Freedom is the fruit of effectively weaving together resources, principles, and blessings to move toward your birthright. The principle of freedom is knowing how to fight and how to build. In fighting you have to learn how to weave together resources, principles, and blessings to move out of bondage into the positive numbers. Once you are in the positive numbers, you need to know how to weave together resources, principles, and blessings to build into your society. Everyone needs to leave a deposit behind them that is greater than the resources that they've used up during their lifetime. Everybody needs to leave a larger deposit for their children than what they inherited from their fathers. Each person needs to leave the world a better place.

True freedom is achieved as four elements come together. Those elements are (1) submitting to God's agenda, (2) looking at the resources and identifying the raw materials God has given, (3) studying the principles to learn how to assemble them, and (4) expecting God's intervention in the form of blessings. Each of these activities is a different facet of building. All of these elements require three factors: resources, principles, and/or blessings. Most people default to one of the three. Freedom comes from seeing a vast array of resources and knowing when and how to use them. Freedom comes from having your toolbox full of biblical principles that can be applied selectively, weaving together multiple principles at any given time. Freedom comes when you can access a wide range of God's blessings to build his kingdom.

Authority Of Ruler

- To live in the highest level of generational anointing.
- To reclaim dominion of the earth.
- To impart blessings to bring freedom.

Birthright Of Ruler

- Release spiritual generational blessings to their physical and spiritual seed.
- Go beyond obedience and honor God.
- Seek God for his desire.
- Live in freedom and holiness.

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Number Line For Scale Of Responsibility For Ruler

+100 **Complete restoration.** Extending Eden on a global scale. Isaiah 11:6-10; 41:17-20

+80 **Restoring devastation.** Looking for wreckage and seeking to restore it in an individual or institution. For example, Nehemiah in the restoration of Jerusalem.

+60 **Applying the principle of freedom to an institution.** Pursuing personal birthright and blessing the community around you (churches, businesses, schools, etc.).

+40 **Applying God's principles to the family.** Ability to live for personal calling and for the next generation at the same time. Multi-generational focus. Meshing personal calling with the calling of the children.

+20 **Committed to the process of God's agenda.** Has identified the resources God has placed in and around them. Knowing God's principles and how to operate in them and expecting God to grant his blessing personally.

0 **Ordinary Christian.** No overt bondage. Generally godly and has personal, moral, and financial freedom. Gives a little more than they take.

-20 **Poverty spirit.** Unable to see resources around or within themselves. Focused on the next fix or instant relief, not on moving forward.

-40 **Personal bondage.** People living in chronic bondage, addiction, "bad luck," etc. Their issues spill over and effect those around them. For example, alcoholic parent who causes children to feel the consequences of bondage to addiction.

-60 **Institutional predatory leadership.** Leaders who exploit their followers in businesses, schools, church, sports enterprises, etc.

-80 **National exploitation that results in national bondage.** Demonic control brought by curses or violation of God's principles. Leader is not overtly dedicating his nation to evil, but by his leadership he produces curses that have the same effect.

-100 **Demonic control by a covenant.** Intentional public dedication of a nation to the demonic. Intentionally God's will and relying instead on Satanic resources on a national scale. Or an influential person in a government practices Freemasonry or some other form of Luciferianism.

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Jotham's Curse

Biblical Basis: Judges 9

Jerub-Baal was the rightful leader of Shechem. Jerub-Baal had 70 sons. His nephew Abimelch went behind his back to the people and convinced them that it would be better to kill all 70 sons and make Abimelch the leader. He convinced the people to revolt with him, and they killed the sons, except for the youngest son, Jotham, who escaped. Abimelch became king, but Jotham returned and said to the citizens, *Now if you have acted honorably and in good faith when you made Abimelech king, and if you have been fair to Jerub-Baal and his family, and if you have treated him as he deserves and to think that my father fought for you, risked his life to rescue you from the hand of Midian... if then you have acted honorably and in good faith toward Jerub-Baal and his family today, may Abimelech be your joy, and may you be his, too! But if you have not, let fire come out from Abimelech and consume you, citizens of Shechem and Beth Millo, and let fire come out from you, citizens of Shechem and Beth Millo, and consume Abimelech!*

When Abimelech heard that the citizens were assembling, he set the tower they were in on fire and killed about a thousand people. At the next tower a woman dropped a millstone on his head and killed him. Thus, God repaid the wickedness that Abimelech had done to his father by murdering his seventy brothers. God repaid the wickedness of the men of Shechem. The curse of Jotham came on them (Judges 9:55-57). Jotham told God that the people deserved to be wiped out, and if he was right, God should allow the people to destroy each other. Jotham desired to destroy their social capital (morale, organization, team dynamics, shared history, group identity). Jotham's curse causes betrayal from within an organization, usually by trusted leaders. Its goal is to destroy the momentum and group capital that has been gained.

Legitimacy Lie

"I am legitimate when I am over people, and I have institutional authority."

Signs Of The Curse

- Team or institution is destroyed by betrayal from within. The devouring is seen when the people who are supposed to be in a covenant relationship with you turn around and rob you.
- In a family there is a history of division. In every generation there are siblings or relatives who won't talk to each other. A continual pattern of division.
- In churches, a trusted leader (associate pastor, deacon, elder) who has been a trusted member of the team decides to leave the church and take members of the church with him. In ministry teams, dishonoring words are spoken about other team members.

Possible Cause

- You or somebody in your family line or institutional line violated a covenant relationship.
- You or somebody in your family line were ungrateful toward those who were good to you. You chose to discredit others to whom you owed a debt of gratitude.

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Prayer Of Renunciation Of Jotham's Curse

Almighty God and heavenly Father, you are the God of covenant, of community, of institutions, and of government. You have designed human institutions to be life-giving, to be generational, and to be strategic. Institutions that deliver death instead of life are the work of the enemy and not the work of your hands. Open the books in my generational lines and show me the roots of this curse. I confess, reject, and renounce the sins of ingratitude to those who have been life-givers to me. I confess the sin of covenant-breaking regarding life-giving relationships. I confess, reject, and renounce the sins of sedition and lawlessness. I repudiate the lie that legitimacy can come from having power through an institution.

Father, you have designed some institutions to have great power. You use institutions to transform societies, but I reject the deception that legitimacy comes through institutional power. I have seen the curse of Jotham operating in my life and in my culture. The death that it brings is painful, and yet you are a just God, and you only empower Jotham's curse where there has been covenant-breaking. So I accept the justice of your judgment.

Father, I embrace the justice of your restoration. Because of the blood of the Lamb and the word of my confession, those iniquities are now under the blood, and the enemy is disempowered. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I command every demonic entity that has been operating through Jotham's curse to leave me, my family line, my ministry, my business, and my physical and spiritual seed to a thousand generations. Teach me about covenant, and empower me to be a covenant-keeper. Release the blessing of freedom of movement in my life so that I walk on a smooth road.

I bless the institutions that you have chosen for me. Give me your grace to stay in covenant with those who are covenant-breakers. Give me the grace to finish the course that you have laid out for me. Release the blessings that have been blocked that are rightfully mine. Release them into my life, my family, my ministry, my business, and my institutions. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, because he kept covenant and finished his course. Amen.

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Blessing Of Nehemiah

Jotham's curse causes betrayal from within an organization, usually by trusted leaders. When the curse is broken, there can be a stable organization that grows normally. When Nehemiah's blessing is operating, the social structures are supernaturally, synergistically life giving. Nehemiah demonstrated this by building the wall of Jerusalem with people who were not builders, who had no previous relationship with him, and who had every reason to fail at their task. Because the blessing was flowing through him, ordinary people worked as a team doing something they had never done before, and they got a hugely disproportionate result for their effort. Their minimal skills meshed in a supernatural way to produce an outstanding result. When substantial capital is married to a synergistically life-giving social structure, the impact in the world is massive.

Signs Of The Blessing Of Nehemiah

- Ability to establish a social structure that synergistically releases life into your calling and culture. You might be able to possess your birthright alone, but you cannot be a person of destiny outside of community.

How To Develop In The Blessing Of Nehemiah

- Think of those who have been life-giving to you in a major way. Have you destroyed, dishonored, reviled, or exposed those who have been life-giving to you? Make a list of those whom God used to build things into you that you continue to use for years, especially those who later hurt you or defrauded you. Thank God for the ways they built into you, although they hurt you. We can focus on the fact that we have been defrauded and miss the goodness of God.
- Celebrate the times that God sent people to build you up.
- Embrace a lifestyle of honoring the spiritual awakening and growth process in others, as well as their godly character and wisdom (not skill).

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Sevens In Scripture

Creation

The sixth day of creation parallels the gift of ruler. On the sixth day God made animals, insects, and human beings. God told Adam and Eve to take dominion over the earth. He blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground" (Genesis 1:28). Dominion over other people may be assumed, perhaps, but God did not say that on the sixth day. God designed rulers to organize and administer social units, groups of people and resources and to live in dominion over creation. Psalm 8:6-8 says, "You made him (man) ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas." Rulers have a wonderful ability to mobilize many people to accomplish a task. They understand when to push people, when to inspire them, when to command them, and when to lead. Also on this day God breathed the breath of life into the first man, creating the human spirit. As good as rulers are at dealing with logistics, structure, people, and projects, the ruler's call is to the human spirit. Rulers are made in the image of God and are made to father people's spirits. The ruler's call is to nurture the human spirit, to weave together a community based on oneness of spirit, and to lead the spirit with God-given dominion toward the goals of God.

Items Of Furniture In The Tabernacle

The sixth item of furniture is the ark of the covenant (Exodus 25:10-16; 37:1-5). Inside the ark, there were three things that represent the basis of a ruler's authority of leading a human community.

1. The law. The ruler needs to be submitted to the law of God, because all human authority is derived from submission. One must be submitted to God before he has legal right to exercise authority over others.

2. A golden pot of manna. Manna was God's life-sustaining provision for Israel. A ruler has a moral right to lead when he can provide for those who follow, when life flows from him to them.

3. Aaron's rod that budded. The first two items preceded Aaron's rod by a significant period of time. God spoke and appointed the Levitical tribe to their task because of carnality and rebellion in the camp. It represents the sovereign appointment to an office by God.

True leadership is not based on our title or our position in a structure. It is based on the degree to which someone is submitted to God's law and is life-giving to those around them. Rulers must choose to receive their authority from submission to God's Word, rather than relying on human power and manipulation. This is an area where rulers tend to compromise, believing that the ends justify the means. As rulers submit to God's authority, their moral and spiritual authority will grow. Rather than using human power to achieve greatness, rulers must allow God to be the one to say, "This is my appointed leader."

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Compound Names Of Jehovah

The sixth of the compound names of Jehovah is Jehovah-Tsidkenu, "The Lord our Righteousness" (Jeremiah 23:5-6). Righteousness is an unswerving adherence to God's standard of what is right. Righteousness is the battlefield of rulers. Rulers must choose to rule by righteousness instead of manipulation, bribery, or compromise. Truly effective rulers possess character enough to take a stand on righteousness even if it costs them. The individual righteousness of rulers is the foundation from which their dominion and authority flow.

Seven Last Sayings On The Cross

Each one of the seven sayings of Christ on the cross parallels a challenge for that redemptive gift. The sixth thing that Christ said on the cross was, "It is finished." He was referring to paying the price for sin. When we come to the Father for salvation, we receive justice, not just mercy or grace. We receive justice because Jesus Christ has paid in full for every one of our sins. God is not merely choosing to look the other way or bend the rules, the payment has been made. As rulers apply this truth to their own lives, realizing that there is nothing they have "to do" to stand righteously before God, they will come into a large place of freedom.

It is easy for rulers to absorb themselves and invest their lives in the visible and the tangible. The issue is not whether rulers are productive or busy, but whether they are doing the thing that God called them to do. Solomon is an example of someone who was very busy with many good and tangible things. He had wealth, fame, reputation, resources, priests, worshipers, and a large army, and he established peace in the land. Yet, he had the potential to make a major impact for the kingdom beyond his many achievements. Everyone around the world heard about the king of Israel through commerce. But God's call was for people to hear about the God of the king of Israel, not just about Solomon's achievements. In this sense, Solomon missed out on an important part of his birthright.

Looking at Christ, by contrast, it would have been easy for him to amass a following, to organize a group of leaders, and to establish an army to drive out the Romans. He could have cleansed the temple and changed the priesthood. Instead, he poured his life into the spiritual dimension, not the natural one. He deliberately left the crowds. He withdrew from Israel several times. He went to the cross instead of taking the momentum of Palm Sunday and overthrowing everything that was evil and wicked. Because Jesus invested his best effort into the one thing he was called to do, he paid for all sins past, present, and future, and we can have freedom.

The greatest gift that rulers give is freedom, but it comes at a price. That price is backing off from the social structures that they can build in order to focus on the spiritual structures. Rulers must step into the greatness that God has called them to, avoiding the seduction of the soul and culture, becoming passionate about cleansing their spiritual line and building a spiritual heritage for their physical and spiritual seed. This is the lasting heritage that Jesus Christ left for all rulers.

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Seven Letters To The Churches In Revelation

The redemptive gift of ruler parallels the church of Philadelphia in Revelation 3:7-13 NKJV. **"These things says He who is holy, He who is true..."** Righteousness and holiness are the issues on which rulers will rise or fall.

"I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name." God blesses the righteous ruler. When rulers are going through the door that God has opened for them, there is a grace upon them to find resources that other people don't see, and they weave together resources to make an impact that is disproportionate to the resources they have at their disposal.

"Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie— indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you." Rulers know and rest on the Word of God. Rulers do not need the validation or affirmation of others. When they have made up their mind that they are called to do something, they can do it even if no one is affirming them. The only validation a ruler needs is validation from God.

"Because you kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial." When other churches were destroyed during the Islamic invasion, God preserved this church with supernatural protection. God's desire for rulers is to go beyond the natural to partnering with him and accomplishing that which only he can do, leaving a generational impact.

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Blessing Prayer For Ruler

I bless your leadership call to organize and administer social units, groups of people, and resources. Your maximum leadership quotient is based on God's gifting, being submitted to God's law, and being life-giving to those around you. I bless you as an implementer who takes a vision and effectively implements a plan from incremental steps. You know the resources available and needed to reach a goal. You can visualize the final result of a major undertaking by a group, and at the same time break down major goals into smaller achievable tasks for individuals, as Nehemiah did. I bless how you pull together a group based on loyalty to own a problem together. You need loyalty and confidence from those who are being directed and served.

I bless your strength of seeing the opportunity to use imperfect, broken people and position them to draw the best out of them without letting their brokenness damage the whole. I bless how you position others for success while minimizing their weaknesses that would hinder a project. You can overlook character faults and woundedness, inexperience, immaturity in people who otherwise have valuable skills to offer in reaching the goal. I bless you for bringing out of people the very best that they can contribute to the whole group.

I bless your ability to know what you should and should not delegate to others. You can orchestrate the details by delegating, and you do not involve yourself in details in order to focus on the ultimate goal.

I bless your ability to thrive under pressure and also to motivate people to do more than they think they can do. I bless how you challenge people to go beyond anything they have done before, but you are sensitive to know when you are putting other people under too much pressure. Jesus has given you the life-giving treasure of himself in you with which to be life-giving, even when you are expecting people to go beyond where they have ever been.

God has given you the gift of being task-oriented, focused on the objective. I bless your ability to endure reaction from insiders and outsiders to reach a higher envisioned goal, as you appropriately balance suggestions, appeals, and valid complaints of those on the team. I bless you to be totally in tune with God and doing what he says to do. You do not need the affirmation of other people when you've heard from God. You can receive your vindication from God and wait a long time for it. Your example is Jesus, who was willing to be humbled and accepted the reviling of others to bring freedom to the world. He endured the scorn, despising the shame (Hebrews 12:2), when sinful men tortured him and crucified him, thus bringing salvation to us.

Some will not appreciate the work that you are doing or the way you are doing it. Some will resist and resent you, and others will be jealous of you. I bless you to carry on, because God has designed you to be less influenced by public opinion than most. You can endure opposition and criticism by those over, under, and around you. I bless you to press on when people who should support you don't.

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I bless you as you inspire and encourage a team through cheerfulness, approval, praise, challenge, personal sensitivity, and nurture. I bless you to give explanation to each strategic part of individual roles in the big picture. Everybody needs to know that their role is vital, even indispensable, and where their contribution fits into the overall scheme. I bless you to not overlook individual needs of workers and not to view them as resources, as pieces on a chessboard to accomplish goals or tasks. I bless you to shepherd people. It is a beautiful part of being a ruler when you see your call to shepherd the people who are involved in the organization or objective at hand.

I bless your independence in a positive way. You have no welfare mentality. You don't look to others for solutions. You are not into blame, either yourself or others. I bless your strength of figuring out how to fix it when something goes wrong. You are willing to own problems and accomplish the task rather than wasting time blaming and assigning fault.

I bless you with a singleness of heart and the ability to focus on what God has called you to do. The result of your godly work is disproportionate to the investment of resources. The example of Nehemiah is your heritage as a ruler. You get results that are beyond brilliant administrative skills when you are partnering with God, doing the main thing or the one thing he has called you to do.

I bless how you see the open door God places before you and use inadequate resources to accomplish extraordinary things. This is how God made you, and it brings him pleasure when you accomplish that. When you are following God, at the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing, God's grace is upon you to find resources that others don't see and weave them together for a hugely disproportionate impact. Your Father is pleased when you do the impossible, so that he gets the glory when the only explanation for it is "God was in it." He is tapping deep into what he placed within you, and your Father delights in watching you in operation. That is his great joy.

I bless you to pursue the full range of dominion that God intended for you. You are so gifted and talented in the natural, that it would take two lifetimes to do everything you are good at. You look at anything and want to make it bigger and better. Beware of the danger of success, when you are talented and gifted enough to succeed on your merits. Your success can become a trap as you camp out on success when God wants you to partner in the spiritual realm and do the supernatural, and accomplish what only God can do.

I bless your diversity. You have your finger in many pies, and you do it with great skill and grace. You seem to be good at everything you touch. You organize and you lead. You see opportunities and possibilities. There are things you may do that will bring you pleasure and leave a legacy in your community. Nevertheless, the good is the eternal enemy of the best. Sometimes you can settle for man's plans and fall short of God's design. Jesus is your model, as he finished the one thing his Father sent him to do (John 17:4). On the cross Jesus said, "It is finished." He got the key thing done. There is no greater satisfaction at the end of the day or of a lifetime,

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than to know that you have glorified your Father by doing exactly what he wanted you to do. I bless you to find your greatest fulfillment there, as his kingdom will be extended, and the world will be changed for generations to come.

A potential weakness of your gift is compromise, settling for what is OK instead of God's best. That is not God's highest and best for you. God designed you for living in righteousness, holiness, and life-giving. On these values you stand or fall. I bless you to use the moral authority that comes from submitting to God as the basis of your authority. Where you have integrity, you will have spiritual authority, greater influence, and everything necessary to lead people. As you do that, your moral and spiritual authority will grow and you will give life to your community as the righteous leader God wants you to be.

I bless your joy and fulfillment in seeing all the parts come together in a finished product. Hebrews 12 says that for the joy set before him, Jesus endured the cross where he paid in full the total legal penalty for sin. Because of that finished work on the cross, we have freedom. I bless you to live in freedom and fight for freedom for others. I bless you in the principle of freedom that is the fruit of effectively weaving together resources, principles, and blessings to move toward your birthright. I bless you in the fullness of your calling to show the world what freedom can be.

I bless your God-given authority in a high level of generational anointing. You desire to impart generational blessings. God's call is for you to concern yourself with the spirit realm in your family, purging and cleansing the generational lines and building a generational blessing and heritage for the generations after you. Your birthright is to invest in a community of faith and to cleanse others from the defilement coming down from their ancestors, to build a deposit of blessing that will carry them for generations after you leave. I bless you as you step into the greatness that God has called you to and become passionate about cleansing your spiritual line and building a spiritual heritage for your physical and spiritual seed. You were made to leave a great spiritual heritage as you accrue a high level of spiritual dominion over spiritual issues and pass on to your physical and spiritual offspring generational blessings that will pursue them all their days.

I bless you with expanding your thinking about your gift. It is more than dominion over people as of a leader of organizations. That is a portion of your birthright, but that is not the original mandate of God. Based on the sixth day of creation, God designed you for dominion over the animal kingdom, although you have not lived it yet. Your birthright is to set the spiritual dynamic of the day and to call the right living creatures to do the right thing, whether in motion, or sound, or color, etc. You may be nowhere near there yet, but I bless you with releasing what God has placed in you that has been carried for hundreds of generations since Adam and Eve without seeing its full expression. I bless you in your generation with unleashing the power that God has placed in creation. I bless you with living in the original blessing that God gave to you, son of Adam and son of the Second Adam.

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As a ruler you may not have developed in your capacity for fathering and leading the human spirit. On the sixth day of creation God created the human spirit and placed it in the first man. The spirit is the righteous domain of the ruler, not just command and power and control. I bless you as you grow and become accomplished in your spiritual DNA of leading the spirits of others. I bless your capacity for fathering the human spirit, for knowing when to build and when to war, that comes with your gift. You are called to know more about how to guide, lead, shape, and use the spirit, as well as the soul. I bless your call to father by nurturing the human spirit, not just the soul. I bless you in your challenge to understand the spirit as profoundly as you understand the soul. I bless you as you nurture your spirit and rely on the power of heaven to supplement what you can do in the natural. Mobilize the spirits of people— leading, grouping, deploying their spirits. Create the synergy of one person's spirit with another, of one team's spirit with another team's spirit. You were made to father the spirit, not just the soul. I bless you as you understand how to bless the human spirit for the good of the kingdom of God. I bless you as you live in your anointing to nurture the human spirit and weave together a human community based on oneness of spirit, not common goals for the soul. When the spirit is dominant, it draws out the best of the soul. The soul operates at a better level when it is under the leadership of the spirit. I bless you to use the resources of the spirit and the resources of heaven in fathering the next generation.

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