

# TOOLS FOR MARKETPLACE RULERSHIP



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The Bible lets us know that we are in constant warfare, it is a consistent and continuous engagement. We are always fighting battles – we either just finished fighting one, are about to finish one, are in currently one, or about to start one. It’s inescapable and inevitable that there are and will always be battles.

Most of us will spend the majority of our productive years in the marketplace as a provider of either goods or services or in some cases both. Every day we get up to go to work, we must understand that we’re going into a battleground as the marketplace is a critical location because of its sensitivity. This makes it imperative that we understand what marketplace warfare is and more importantly how to win.

This series we are digging deeper into the tools for rulership in the marketplace and pray that the Holy Spirit will bring illumination, clarity and victory.

## **Day 1**

### **Battle for Rulership**

“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:9-10

“in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” 2 Corinthians 4:4

One of the key strategies to winning a battle is understanding why there is warfare and what the battle is all about. We live in a fallen world under the rulership of Satan, but when Jesus taught the disciples about prayer, one of the key elements He shared was bringing God’s kingdom into the world and enforcing His will. This automatically draws the battle lines because intentionally aligning with God makes believers ‘rebels’ who are trying to reduce the territory of the kingdom of darkness.

“How could you worship two gods at the same time? You will have to hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You can’t worship the true God while enslaved to the god of money!” Matthew 6:24 TPT

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Whenever a believer functions in the marketplace there is a clash of kingdoms because the believer will be enforcing God’s agenda which is contrary to that of the enemy. This is why there will always be contention especially around growth and expansion as this is a battle for territory and influence. Once we understand that our warfare is a battle for rulership then four critical things become clear:

It’s not personal – the enemy fights against all believers and does everything possible to try and defeat us.

It’s continuous – Territory is constantly being contended for and because the battle is against spirits not people, we are dealing with entities that have outlived many humans and will continue to do so. The battle didn’t start with you and I and will continue until Jesus returns. (1 Pet 5:8)

It’s intentional – Putting on the armour of God requires intentionality on our part because we are dealing with an enemy that is very strategic and systematic. (Eph 6:13-18)

Knowledge is power – God knows we will face warfare and has equipped us with the tools of warfare. But if we don’t know what they are, we will be greatly disadvantaged. (Hos 4:6). Over the next few days we will go into more detail about the tools available to us.

**Prayer:** Thank You Lord for revealing to me what I am contending with daily. Your kingdom come, Your will be done in my life and all that You put in my care.

## Day 2 The Silent Battle

“their gold, silver, jewels, and pearls... and the trafficking of the bodies and souls of people.”  
Revelation 18:12-13 TPT

The marketplace is a platform for exchanges to take place. Typically, we focus on the physical exchanges – goods and services in exchange for consideration – but the Bible makes it clear that there is also a spiritual aspect to any marketplace. And from the spiritual perspective the commodity of choice is the souls of people. This means that the key reason for any battle is to win over a soul – either to the kingdom of light or the kingdom of darkness.

‘You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed and placed and purposefully planted you, so that you would go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit will remain and be lasting, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name [as My representative] He may give to you.’ John 15:16 AMP

The marketplace is also a platform for rulership and dominion and the ruling powers on each side must do everything possible not to lose territory. The two kingdoms have opposing objectives, and neither is casual about it. When we go to our offices, businesses etc, we show up as representatives of Jesus and He is very intentional about extending His government over not just our lives, but also of those we engage in our daily dealings at work. Likewise, the enemy is also intentional about establishing their own human representatives and putting stumbling blocks our way either in the form of people or circumstances in order to try and frustrate God’s agenda. Everyday we show up, we are declaring our intention to expand God’s kingdom.

“The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit in the place of honor at my right hand until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet.” The Lord will extend your powerful kingdom from Jerusalem; you will rule over your enemies...” Psalms 110:1-2

We must understand that we have a right to excel in the marketplace – it’s part of our divine mandate. This perspective equips us to face marketplace challenges strategically – not just from the angle of what we’re seeing, but with an understanding of what is sponsoring what we’re seeing or experiencing.

**Prayer:** Lord thank You for opening my eyes to what is going on behind the scenes. Grant me heightened perception and the ability to understand what is sponsoring whatever I see at my place of work so I can address it accurately.

### Day 3

#### Engage the Heavenly Council

“I know, Lord, that our lives are not our own. We are not able to plan our own course.” Jeremiah 10:23

When we encounter challenges in the marketplace the tendency is to focus on what we see, but the Bible tells us that there’s always something happening behind the scenes sponsoring the outcome we’re experiencing. Therefore if we only deal with matters in the natural, chances are high that we won’t be consistently victorious, and that’s not God’s plan for us as we are supposed to live as more than overcomers.

“I watched as thrones were put in place and the Ancient One sat down to judge...” Daniel 7:9

“... we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” I John 2:1

The Bible speaks of the heavenly council over which God presides. At this council decisions are taken that impact on what happens on earth (Job 1&2; Isa 6). This means that when things happen to us, our immediate response shouldn’t be to talk to people. We should first take the matter to the heavenly council for judgement because our God rules with justice and righteousness. We also have an advocate in Jesus who is constantly interceding for us, thus we know we will get a fair hearing.

““Present your case,” says the Lord. “Bring forth your strong reasons,” says the King of Jacob.” Isaiah 41:21

“...For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.” Psalms 138:2

It’s critical we understand that presenting our case doesn’t mean being emotional or complaining. Rather it involves bringing the word of God back to Him and stating how what we are experiencing contradicts His word. God is committed to honouring His word, as such we have confidence that He will judge fairly. As a good lawyer must understand the relevant statutes, precedents etc in order to make a case in the courtroom, likewise believers have the responsibility of being conversant enough with God’s word to know what it says concerning our situation. Ignorance leads to the enemy taking undue advantage of us.

**Prayer:** Lord let Your word be my greatest treasure, open up scripture to me and give me understanding so I know my rights in You. Give me the grace to always successfully present my case

## Day 4

### Disbanding the Enemy's Council

"Indeed they shall surely assemble, but not because of Me. Whoever assembles against you shall fall for your sake." Says the Lord." Isaiah 54:15

The Bible tells us that there will surely be gatherings against us where entities come together to deny us access, promotion, expansion, peace in your business, etc. These councils are the ones behind the formulation of policies and decisions that seem to be specially designed to frustrate your enterprise and progress. We shouldn't be ignorant or naïve about these meetings. The good thing is that as a believer we have the power and authority to disband such meetings.

"Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the Lord? And there is no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; There is none besides Me." Isaiah 45:21

"Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues..." Psalms 55:9

"Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; Sit on the ground without a throne..." Isaiah 47:1

Any gathering that is based on bringing down a believer is illegal as it doesn't align with God's word, and the outcome of such gatherings is also illegal. One of the strategies to disband these councils is by dividing their tongues – meaning there will be no agreement regarding any decisions they are trying to make against you. Another is to declare God's authority over your life as the only One who has the final say regarding you and all that concerns you. We must also intentionally issue an instruction to dethrone every authority seated against us.

"My enemies retreated; they staggered and died when you appeared. For you have judged in my favor; from your throne you have judged with fairness." Psalms 9:3-4

"For the wicked will be destroyed, but those who trust in the Lord will possess the land. Soon the wicked will disappear. Though you look for them, they will be gone." Psalms 37:9-10

"The nations have fallen into the pit they dug for others. Their own feet have been caught in the trap they set. The Lord is known for his justice. The wicked are trapped by their own deeds." Psalms 9:15-16

If we keep quiet, we give the enemy's council a free run of our lives, but as we speak God's word, we give the Lord the right to intervene on our behalf. In doing so, any form of such gathering automatically retreats and disappears because darkness cannot stand in His presence. Not only that, the Lord causes them to be trapped by their own plans.

**Prayer:** Father in the name of Jesus I disband any evil council that has met against me. I dethrone them of their authority over my life and subject them all to Your righteous judgement.

## Day 5

### Nullify Negative Decisions

“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Matthew 18:18

We have established that there are gatherings that take place against us that must be disbanded. However, it's not sufficient to simply disband the gathering, we must also address whatever decisions were made that were designed to negatively impact us so they are not implemented. The Bible tells us that what we bind on earth will be bound in heaven as such we must intentionally bind the impact of these decisions, so they're not manifested in our lives.

'The Spirit said to me, “Son of man, these are the men who are planning evil and giving wicked counsel in this city...Therefore, son of man, prophesy against them loudly and clearly.” Ezekiel 11:2,4

We are to nullify such decisions loudly and clearly! This isn't an action that's done by thinking, we must speak audibly and actively nullify such decisions. We need not know the specifics of what was discussed, what we need to know is that it is illegal and therefore doesn't have a right to stand.

“having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.” Colossians 2:14-15

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me,” Says the Lord.” Isaiah 54:17

The Bible tells us that no weapons formed against us shall prosper. It doesn't mean the weapons won't be formed – we already know that the enemy is consistent in the objective of trying to bring believers down. However, the assurance we have is that such efforts will not succeed and part of what ensures they don't succeed is our speaking against them. Jesus paid the price for our total freedom and that includes wiping away any evil report against us. Therefore, we must boldly declare that nothing that is outside of God's word for lives will stand in our lives or anything that concerns us.

**Prayer:** I declare in the name of Jesus that no weapon formed against me shall prosper and that every tongue that has risen in judgement me is condemned. Jesus has wiped away every requirement contrary to me and nailed it to the cross therefore it no longer exists. The hand of the enemy is bound over my life and all that concerns me.

## Day 6 Planting Our Own Decisions

“Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.””  
Jeremiah 1:9-10

Yesterday we looked at nullifying negative decisions made against us, but it doesn't end there. This is because there can be no vacuum in our lives, there must always be something speaking over us and if we keep quiet, the enemy's decisions will stand. The Lord says He has given us authority not only to root out but also to build and plant using His words spoken through our mouths. Therefore, we must speak what we want to see.

“Where the word of a king is, there is power; And who may say to him, “What are you doing?””  
Ecclesiastes 8:4

Kings we have the authority to issue decrees over lives, territories and situations. God's word has creative power. When we combine our kingly authority with the power in God's word, we create the future we want to see. If we don't know what God's word says, then planting successfully will be challenging. To help us, we have shared a declaration below with the relevant scripture references, trusting that the Holy Spirit will help us individually to adapt and build up on this.

**Declaration:** Father I come by the blood of Jesus and decree that according to Your word, I increase daily in wisdom, stature and favour with God and people (Lk 2:52). I speak to every area of my life where there is darkness and command there to be light which brings direction and clarity (Gen 1:3). I speak to every mountain acting as a stumbling block to fulfilling my God-ordained purpose and command it to move out of my way immediately (Mk 11:22-23). I decree that I move with ease as my steps are awash in cream, and situations that appear difficult respond to and are a source of blessing to me (Job 29:6). I spread out through Lord's prosperity (Zech 1:17) and the earth yields its increase to me because God has blessed me (Ps 67:6). I receive the blessing of the Lord that makes a person rich and adds no sorrow with it (Pro 10:22). I decree that this is my season of enlargement, and my coast is significantly enlarged as I expand without limitation (Isa 54:2-3). Because I obey the Lord, the Lord opens the heavens over me and sends me rain in due season. I operate in divine acceleration and the Lord satisfies me and keeps me in safety (Lev 26:3-5). In the Name of Jesus.



## Day 7 Standing Strong

“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” Ephesians 6:13

We're dealing with an enemy that is defeated but not tired. Even though Jesus has triumphed, the enemy and his cronies will keep acting as though that's not the case and will try to convince us otherwise so they can wear us out in the process. Our responsibility is to keep reminding the enemy and ourselves of what Jesus has already done and the truth that the battle is already won.

“Once more he asked them, “Who are you looking for?” And again they replied, “Jesus the Nazarene.” “I told you that I Am he,” Jesus said. “And since I am the one you want, let these others go.”” John 18:7-8

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.” Colossians 2:15

What is the enemy trying to take from you that Jesus didn't already pay for? Remember what he's trying to usurp is the authority of Jesus thus we must remind him that Jesus already won the battle. Because Jesus already paid the price, the enemy doesn't have the right to demand payment from us for anything that concerns us.

“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:19

The contention isn't about our jobs, businesses, families etc. It's about enforcing the will of God in our lives and expanding the boundaries of God's kingdom. Another thing we must persist in reminding the enemy and ourselves of is that we have God's authority to enforce the expansion of God's government and will for our lives. And not only that, our authority also extends to dealing with the enemy's wiles. So when the enemy rages, we stand strong despite what our eyes see because we know we have already won.

**Prayer:** Lord thank You for reminding me that I am already an overcomer and greater is He that is in me than he that's in the world, so I stand strong.

## Day 8

### Witnesses to God's Victory

'You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.' Psalms 23:5

The Psalmist says the Lord prepares a feast for us in the presence of our enemies and we know that He is always faithful to do what He says He will do. One of the assurances we have is that the Lord always ensures there are witnesses to His victory in our battles for His name's sake. This means that presence of those who are against us doesn't present a constraint to God. Rather He turns things around such that He honours us in their presence. The Lord permits witnesses to His acts for two key reasons. First is to make the nations aware of His sovereignty and secondly to honour His children before them.

'For we have heard how the Lord made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed. No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the Lord your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below.' Joshua 2:10-11

We see throughout the Bible that there were always witnesses to the outcome of those who opposed God's people which served both as a warning and also a pointer to draw people to God. In Rahab's case she made it clear that inhabitants of Jericho were already in awe of God and afraid of Israel because of Israel's prior victories. Witnesses are an important tool for evangelizing.

'...says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. "On the day when I act in judgment, they will be my own special treasure... Then you will again see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.'" Malachi 3:17-18

As part of God's justice system, He draws a distinction between those who serve Him and those who do not and publicly honours those who honour Him. Honour isn't something that happens in secret, there will always be witnesses to confirm that God is at work.

**Prayer:** Lord thank You for judging in my favour and for clothing me with a garment of honour. I thank You for the banquet You have placed before me in the presence of witnesses that You will use to magnify Your sovereignty and draw men to You.

## Day 9 Praise

'But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel.' Psalms 22:3

There is power in praising the Lord. When we praise, we acknowledge who God is and what He has done. By doing so, we place our circumstances and situations in the right perspective as we realize just how small everything is compared to God. Praise is a declaration of faith because as we praise God, we acknowledge that He alone has the capacity to handle whatever we see or are experiencing.

'Let the praises of God be in their mouths, and a sharp sword in their hands— to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with shackles and their leaders with iron chains, to execute the judgment written against them. This is the glorious privilege of his faithful ones. Praise the Lord!' Psalms 149:6-9

'At the very moment they began to sing and give praise, the Lord caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to start fighting among themselves.' 2 Chronicles 20:22

'Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!' Acts of the Apostles 16:25-26

Beyond shaping our perspectives, praise is also a powerful weapon in our spiritual armory. When we praise God in the midst of challenging circumstances it confuses and disarms the enemy as they're not able to understand how we can do so in the midst of what we are seeing or experiencing. Praise releases a lot of victories for us in the spiritual realm as angels are activated to go into battle on our behalf to turn situations around. The verses above show us just what sincere praise can do to overturn negative decisions and win battles for us. Proximity to and trust in the Holy Spirit is critical as He alone knows when we need to unleash praise as warfare and He inspires us to do so. So whenever we get a prompting to praise, let's do so unreservedly as we don't know what battles the Lord is winning on our behalf.

**Prayer:** I praise You Lord because your mercies endure forever. I praise You with all my heart and acknowledge Your sovereignty over all things in the heavens and on the earth. Enthroned Yourself in my praises Lord.

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