

# Kingdom Engagement

## “Stewardship Living and Giving



**1 Corinthians 4:1-2, Acts 20:35  
Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

- **This weekend, we are celebrating 35 years of Ministry.**
- **God has been so good to us throughout this entire journey. (Psalms 124:1-2, 8)**
- **We thank God for faithfully fulfilling every promise given to us through His Word.**
- **We thank God for our Founder and Bishop, Michael Thomas, and His family. God gave him the vision of Love and Faith in 1981 in San Antonio, Texas.**
- **There's just one Vision for the house of Love and Faith – "To equip the people of God for the work of ministry."**
- **We are One Church in Two locations. Not two separate churches with two separate visions.**
- **When you join in Greensboro – "You are joining Love and Faith."**
- **When you join in Kernersville – "You are joining Love and Faith."**
- **I have a mandate from God – "To build the lives of His people and prepare them for what He's going to entrust to us in the future."**
- **We are Building toward the Future – Where we are now is not where we are going to end up. "What you see now is not what you're going to see in the future."**
- **We are building a community of Believers both from within and outside these four walls. (Hebrews 10:23-25)**
- **By encouraging believers to hold fast and stand firm in their confession of hope without wavering for He who promised is faithful. (vs. 23)**
- **By considering (giving attention to or continuous care) toward one another as believers. (vs 24-25)**
- **By exhorting one another to keep fighting the good fight of faith. (vs. 25)**
- **We are Love and Faith and not Hate and Doubt. (Hebrews 11:6)**
- **We are to love people and not use and abuse them. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)**
- **We are to believe in people and never give up on them. (Galatians 6:1-3)**
- **We are to make disciples of Jesus Christ and not disciples of men. (Matthew 28:19-20)**
- **We are to always be a blessing and not a burden. (Acts 20:35)**
- **We are to always walk in humility, not with pride or arrogance. (Matthew 23:11-12, James 4:10, 1 Peter 5:5-6)**
- **This is God's House and you are the sheep of His pasture.**
- **Purpose: To teach us the importance of being a good steward and an active participant in the Kingdom of God.**

- Goal: To encourage us to engage and embrace our role and responsibility in order to advance the Kingdom of God in the earth.
- Spiritual Principles: Stewardship, Sowing and Reaping, Authority, Obedience, Agreement, Faith, Grace
- Objective: 1) The Principle of Giving 2) The Priority of Giving 3) The Promise and Provision that comes with Giving
  - The Theme for 2026 is “Kingdom Engagement.”
  - I believe that 2026 is going to be exciting for those who faithfully embrace and engage in the Kingdom of God.
  - We have “crossed over” into another year. (Joshua 1:1-17, 3:1-17)
- 1. The word “cross over or crossing over” means a significant shift or transition.
  - It has a greater significance for every true believer and their relationship with Jesus Christ.
  - It means leaving the past behind and moving forward toward a great future in Jesus Christ.
  - It means embracing our new identity and destiny in Jesus Christ.
  - It means walking in a greater awareness of God through faith in Jesus Christ.
  - It can also mean moving beyond our limitations, mediocrity, complacency, procrastination, excuses, unbelief, insecurities, and stepping into your God-given call and purpose in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - It means shifting your focus from your priority to prioritizing Jesus Christ and God’s will for your life.
- 2. The “transition” is birthed out of a process of submission and surrendering to God through faith in Jesus Christ. (John 11:21-26, Romans 10:9-10, 13, 1 John 5:11-13)
  - The “transformation” is birthed out of “transition.” (John 1:1-4, 11-14, 6:38-40, Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 5:8-10, Colossians 1:13-14, Philippians 3:20-21, 1 Peter 2:9-10)
  - Another word for “transformation” is the word “metamorphosis” which means passing, variance, growth, progress, reshaping, turning or conversion.
- 3. Jesus Christ has changed and transformed our lives for His purposes and for God’s glory.

- We can no longer be satisfied with just knowing about Jesus (practicing being religious) and not have a personal relationship with Him.
- We can no longer be satisfied with just coming to the “church building” and not being “The Church” (The Bride and Body of Christ), that Jesus Christ died for and is coming back for.
- We can no longer be satisfied with just knowing the Word and not becoming the Word.
- What does the word “Kingdom” mean and how does it apply to our life?

1. The word “Kingdom” means rule, dominion, authority, realm, reign and sovereignty.
- The “Kingdom” is the rule, reign, realm, dominion and sovereignty of God.
- The realm of God’s Kingdom rule, reign, authority, dominion, and complete sovereignty, covers all that exists in both the heavens and the earth.
  - There are Four Key components of every Kingdom.
1. It has a king – Jesus Christ is the King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19:16, Luke 1:33, Daniel 2:44, 7:14)
2. There is territory that exists and belongs to the king. (Psalm 24:1-2, Revelation 11:15)
3. It has citizens that are subject to the king’s rule and authority. (Ephesians 2:19-22, Philippians 3:20-21, 2 Corinthians 5:20)
4. It has laws, systems, and principles that govern the lives of every citizen. (Matthew 4:4, John 1:1-4, 14, Romans 10:17)
  - What does “Engagement” mean both practically and spiritually?
1. The word “Engagement” is synonymous with the word’s commitment, appointed time, participation, involvement, interaction, taking part in, battle, fight and betrothal (commitment to marry).
2. The word “Engagement” is commonly associated with a couple (man and woman), which involves a public announcement and a time period when the couple makes future plans to get married.
3. The word “Engagement” has a biblical and spiritual significance as it relates to Jesus Christ and His Church (The Bride and the Body of Christ).

- **There are Six Important components of a Divine Engagement:**

  1. **It has been divinely established upon Jesus Christ and His future return, that has been set by God Almighty. (John 1:1-4, 14, Matthew 16:18-20, Mark 13:32-37, Hebrews 12:1-2)**
  2. **It requires faith in Jesus Christ and being attached to the Body of Christ in order to produce divine fruit. (John 15:1-8)**
  3. **The Holy Spirit is the power source that enables and empowers the believer's life. Without Him, every spiritual battle will end in defeat. (2 Corinthians 4:7, Ephesians 6:10-18)**
  4. **The Word of God is one the most powerful weapons when nurtured and cultivated in a believer's life. (Matthew 4:4, 2 Timothy 2:15, Hebrews 4:12-13)**
  5. **Prayer is one of the greatest weapons given to every believer and the power behind our spiritual armor. (Matthew 6:5-6, Ephesians 6:13-18, James 5:13-18, 1 John 5:14-15)**
  6. **Praise and worship from the heart welcomes God's dwelling presence and strength in their lives and brings victory over our enemies. (Psalms 22:3, 28:7, 18:3)**

  - **Kingdom Engagement through stewardship living and giving. (Psalm 35:27-28, John 10:10, Matthew 6:31-33, Acts 20:35)**
  - **Some of you here and those who are watching, "You are still standing at this cross road in your life." The question for you for the Year of 2026, is simply this?**
  - **Will you continue living life as an observer (spectator) of the Kingdom of God?**
  - **Will you continue living life as an active participant (engaging and embracing) life in the Kingdom of God?**

  - **It is the difference between a "settler and a meddler" in the Kingdom of God.**

  1. **A "settler" refers to a believer who is rooted and grounded in the faith in Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 3:14-19, Colossians 2:6-7)**
  - **They are actively engaged and embrace their role and responsibility in the Kingdom of God.**
  - **They are actively fulfilling God's Kingdom purposes in the earth.**
  - **Their life reflects the life and character of Jesus Christ.**

2. A “meddler” refers to a carnal Christian who seek to uproot and discourage those who desire to live and please God.

(1 Thessalonians 4:9-12, 1 Peter 4:12-16)

- They are unstable and cannot be trusted by God.
- They're busy meddling in everyone business in order to create gossip, division, anger, envy, strife, and bitterness among the saints.
- They choose to remain inactive and unwilling to commit to do anything for the Kingdom of God.