

Intentional —Godly Investment

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Series: Intentional Spiritual Ministry

*“For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God,
who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.”
1 Timothy 4:10 ESV*

*“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people
producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces;
and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.””
Matthew 21:43–44 ESV*

(Also Matthew 21:23)

God Will Use Those Willing to Be Used!

God’s Plan is for me to be intentional investing in ministry!

I. God is Working in My World!

- God is Always Working!

“But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.””

John 5:17 ESV

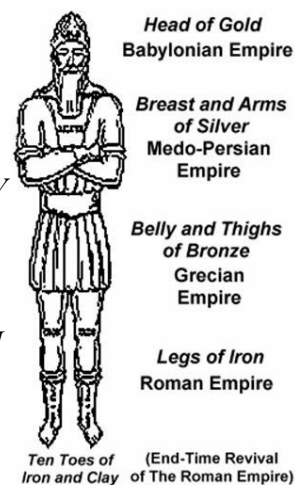
(Also Genesis 1:1; Revelation 22:20)

History is His-Story!

- God’s Works through Secular Government!

*“This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation... A great God
has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its
interpretation sure.””
Daniel 2:36-45b ESV*

*““Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have
sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: But seek the welfare of the city where I
have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you
will find your welfare.”
Jeremiah 29:4-7 ESV*



Embrace What God is Doing!

*“For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are
among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are
prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the LORD.”
Jeremiah 29:8–9 ESV*

God's Builds Infrastructure to Accomplish His Plan!

- God's Plan is On-Track

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." Galatians 4:4–5 ESV

The Birth of Jesus

"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria." Luke 2:1–2 ESV

(Also John 5:17)

Examples of God's Infrastructure

- Roads

"While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus." Acts 13:2–4 ESV

- Language

"As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the tribune, 'May I say something to you?' And he said, 'Do you know Greek?'" Acts 21:37 ESV

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness," Ephesians 6:12–14 ESV

- Citizenship

"But when they had stretched him out for the whips, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, 'Is it lawful for you to flog a man who is a Roman citizen and uncondemned?' When the centurion heard this, he went to the tribune and said to him, 'What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman citizen.' So the tribune came and said to him, 'Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?' And he said, 'Yes.'" Acts 22:25–27 ESV

- Currency

"He [Jesus] said to them, 'Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'" Luke 20:25 ESV

This is My Time!

"For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep," Acts 13:36a ESV

How Would the Lord Have Me Invest!

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