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Here is some more information about Terry, his experiences and his teaching.

It was 5 minutes before we were to start the morning meeting at a <u>business conference</u> in Denver. A man on crutches approached me and asked if I would pray for his back and legs at noon at the end of the session.

Of course, I agreed. I had been praying for the sick ever since I confessed and committed to Jesus as my Lord (Romans 10:9). And through those prayers, God had healed hundreds and hundreds of people.

I wasn't a pastor. I was a business guy. I had merely been doing what I believed Scripture told all Christians to do (John 14:12 & Mark 16:17-18).

Now the word had gotten out that God healed people as I prayed for them. So it had become commonplace for people around the country to approach me before out-of-town business meetings and ask me to pray for them. Sometimes they wouldn't even be attending the conferences. Often a friend of a friend of a friend would tell them how God had used me and that I was going to be in town. They would show up to the meeting with terminal bone cancer or <u>multiple sclerosis</u>.

At noon, at the end of the morning session, I led the man on crutches into a stairwell to get away from the attendees and have some privacy. He was accompanied by a few of his friends. We dealt with some unforgiveness issues. And then I prayed.

He immediately threw down his crutches, and started running up and down the stairs yelling: "I'm healed! I'm healed!"

We all just stood there awestruck, wide-eyed and tearful.

I believe we are in a season where God desires to bring revelation to the body of Christ of who they are in

Christ, and what they are called to do as his bondservants.

One night in 2003, the Holy Spirit woke me at 2:00 AM and downloaded into me a storyline and Biblical teaching of how we are to deal with money and what we are called to accomplish on Planet Earth as Christians (Christ-followers). The backdrop of the book is the historical account of the rebuilding of St. Peter's Basilica that took place around 1500 AD. in Rome. Twelve principles of marketplace ministry and Kingdom finances are taught, as the plot unfolds.

Section 2 of the book offers a thorough 12-session personal and/or small group Bible study on ministry in the marketplace, including a discussion about every area of money one can imagine.

Nationally-broadcasted commentator Dave Ramsey writes a forward to the book, and his teachings on how to navigate one's <u>personal finances</u> are woven throughout the study.

The teaching begins with Revelation 1:6 that says: God " has made us kings and priests..."

The verb "has made" in the verse is in the continuing-present tense. The New Testament was originally written in Greek, and the Greek language has a verb conjugation that we don't have in English. It is the same conjugation used in Matt. 7:7. The Amplified Bible Translation says: "Keep on asking and it will be given to you; keep on seeking...; keep on knocking...."

So the correct translation of Revelation 1:6 is: God "continues to make us kings and priests...." We are all kings, or people who have authority and influence over a group of people. Those who are parents are all "kings and kingettes" over their children, as their young children are under their authority. Most people have authority or influence over individuals in the workplace. You might have influence in your neighborhood, or in organizations you have joined. Your financial position has possibly given you influence. Or the way you've lived your life. But all have influence and authority. All are kings.

We Christians are also all priests. This was not the case before Jesus walked the earth. Numbers 3:5-10 describes the Tribe of Levi as the one tribe of the 12 tribes of Israel that was set apart to be a priesthood and make service unto the Lord. All the other tribes had to work through the Levites to connect with God.

But under the New Covenant, because Jesus was crucified on our behalf, was resurrected back to life, and now lives at the Father's right hand in Heaven, we have the Holy Spirit living in those of us who are His bondservants (people who have freely given up all their rights to live 100% for their Master). This is explained in John 16:7.

1Peter 2:5,9 explains that all believers are priests. Ephesians 4:12 says that all believers are in ministry. In John 14:12, Jesus explains that because He is going to the Father and because we who believe will all have the Holy Spirit in us, we will be able to do the same things Jesus did, and even greater things than He did.

Thirty years ago, as I first committed to living for Jesus as my Lord, I was innocent enough to believe what the Bible said. I was in a business of my own, but understood that as a Christian my life was one of ministry. I had the revelation that I was to be a priest 24/7, not just on Sunday mornings. I saw that the building we conducted services in was not the church; and that we were to be the church Monday through Saturday, not just on Sunday; and that we were to be the church in our homes, in our neighborhoods, and in our businesses.

One way we can do that is by being salt and light in the world (Matt. 5:13-14). We call it "lifestyle evangelism". People see your love, your peace, your integrity, and the Galatians-Chapter 5-fruits of the Spirit. And they want what you have. They will actually approach you and ask you about it.

We know that a primary purpose for being born-again believers on this earth is the "Great Commission" written about in Matt. 28:18-20. Here Jesus is teaching in His resurrected body before He is about to ascend to Heaven.

And He says: "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth." In other words, He is saying: Listen up! I've got the authority to say what I am about to say.

And He continues: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you." In the Greek, the word "go" means to leave the place you are at and go somewhere else. In other words,

leave the 4 walls of your fellowship. The word "disciple" means "teach". And the Greek word for nations is "ethnos", meaning people or people groups.

In Matt. 22:9 Jesus explains that we are to go into the highways (the marketplace) and bring people to the Lord's wedding supper.

Part of discipling is teaching people the good news of what Jesus has done for us. This is called the Gospel of salvation. So we are to evangelize and lead people to salvation.

But we are also called, as disciplers, to teach people to observe all the things that Jesus has commanded (Matt. 28:20).

So it's common for me, as I'm placing an order with a waiter/waitress in a restaurant, to say: "You know, I'm going to be praying over this meal. As I do that, is there anything you'd like me to pray about for you? Health issues? Finances?"

More times than not they have something they'd like me to pray about. From there I ask: "Are you Christian in background?" And often through that answer I have a chance to disciple them, and sometimes lead them to salvation.

Let me end with a true story that took place in China a few years ago. I was the main speaker in Xiamen at a leadership conference with 1000 attendees. The administrator who organized the event was Winnie. As I was about to go on stage and give my first talk, Winnie told me that she wouldn't be able to stay. She had a migraine headache and would need to retire to her hotel room.

I told her: "Winnie, if you'd like I can pray for you right now, and God will heal you of that migraine.

She hesitantly agreed, and we got off into a quiet corner backstage. I laid hands on her head and prayed for her, and immediately God healed her and she stayed for my talk.

Later that day Winnie approached me and told me that her 12-year-old daughter had had a skin disease and horrible rash for 3 years, and that doctors were unable to come up with a cure for her. Winnie asked if I would be willing to pray for her daughter the next day.

∩f course I agreed, and the next day I prayed for her daughter's healing. Within 24 hours the skin condition was ompletely gone.

hen Winnie asked if she and her husband could come up to my hotel room and talk to me privately. We got ogether the next day. They explained that they were Christians, but that their understanding was shallow. They anted a deeper experience with the Lord.

Ve looked at what the Bible said it took to have eternal salvation, and they realized that they really weren't aved (Eph. 2:8-9, Romans 3:23, Romans 10:9; James 2:17, Matt. 7:21-13, Luke 9:23-24, Galatians 2:20, 'olossians 3:3). They were cultural Christians in name only. They had never heard Biblical Truth. So they now ade a Biblically-based commitment to live for Jesus as their Lord and enter into a relationship with him.

Remember, all of this took place in the marketplace, "in the highways", and not in the 4 walls of a church building.

As Christ's ambassadors (2Cor. 5:20), we are to be His representatives here on Earth. In other words, we are as representatives to re-present Him.

My prayer is that all of you, as believers, awaken to who you are in Christ and what you are called to do...all to His glory!