B R I N G  Y O U R “ A ” G A M E

Corporate America understands the principles of economy such as supply and demand, speed and simplicity, consistency and personality. These principles are directly connected to the success or failure of any business. When reviewing resumes, employers know what they are looking for. They are looking at the whole package. Hence, those who enter the work force, as well as those who advance in corporate America, enter with their “A” game. In fact, there are all kinds of books and seminars available to teach methodologies to develop foundational behaviors of work ethic that managers demand - Attendance, Appearance, Attitude, Ambition, Acceptance, Accountability, and Appreciation. First the natural, then the spiritual.

Kingdom principles, such as faith and expectancy, belief and trust, sowing and reaping, should be understood by disciples. These principles are directly connected to the success and significance of ministry or the failure of ministry. When preparing to fulfill the commission to “go and make disciples” it is necessary to look at more than one aspect. We need to consider the “whole package”, not limiting ministry to our ability or what we can see and/or understand. The mission cannot enter half-heartedly. Disciples are advised to enter the mission field with their “A” game. In fact, there is a Book – The Bible- that teaches us the way, the truth and the life and helps us develop foundational beliefs and behaviors of work ethics that the King requires if we are going to be both successful and significant in Kingdom building. They are Acknowledgement, Acceptance, Alpha, Almighty, Adonai, Author and Able. Let’s take a closer look at each of these and activate your “A” game!

**ACKNOWLEDGE** - “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.” Revelation 4:11. God is worthy of your best. Your best effort, your best offering, your best sacrifice. Acknowledge that God is God and offer yourself to Him!

**ACCEPTANCE** – Accept the “Isness” of God. If God is…. and you, through Christ Jesus, are in God…. then accept that you are who God says you are! Accept that all things are possible when you surrender to God’s will. Accept that the mission is possible! You can do all things through Christ which strengthens you!

**ABLE**- Nothing is impossible for God!(Luke 1:37) God is able! You are created in the image of God. In God you are able… Able to go where God sends you! Able to be who God created you to be! Able to do what God wants to do through you! You are more than a conqueror through Christ Jesus!

**ALPHA** – God has always been and will always be! He was at the beginning of all things and all things began in Him. Through Christ “all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made” (John 1:3), As God incarnate, He has no beginning, nor does He have any end. He can use you now!

**ALMIGHTY**- God holds all power and all might. He cannot be stopped from accomplishing His purposes. He does whatever He pleases, and His power is superior to all other powers. What that means for you as a child of God is summed up in 3 words, reverence, recompense, and refuge. Knowing that God is The Almighty brings joy, freedom, and power that spills over into a life of radical obedience to the Jesus Christ no matter what happens on this earth.

**ADONAI** – Adonai is a one of the many Names of God used in the Old Testament. It expresses authority and the exalted position of God. In order for you to be successful in fulfilling the mission, respect God as The Authority and humble yourself so that He is exalted in and through your life.

**AUTHOR** – God is the Author and finisher of your faith (Hebrews 12:2). Look away from all that will distract you and stay focused on Jesus. He is the first incentive of what you believe and the One who brings your faith to maturity so that you can experience joy in accomplishing the goal of missions. In other words, Jesus has