

**YEAR OF GLORY TO GOD:**

**“HOW WILL MY TESTIMONY MAKE THE "GLORY LIST OF 2021”?**

**“FOCUS ON VALUE CREATION”**

*... Subdue The Earth*

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# FOCUS ON VALUE CREATION

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“Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

**Dictionary definition:** ‘subdue’ means overcome, quieten, or bring something or someone under control.

Examples:

**2 Kings 6**, Elisha subdued the river Jordan and caused an ax-head to float

“<sup>4</sup>And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. <sup>5</sup>But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron *ax head* fell into the water; and he cried out and said, “Alas, master! For it was borrowed.” <sup>6</sup>So the man of God said, “Where did it fall?”

And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw *it* in there; and he made the iron float. <sup>7</sup>Therefore he said, “Pick *it* up for yourself.” So he reached out and took it.”

In **2 Kings 6**: Elisha subdued distance/secret discussions. <sup>8</sup> the king of Syria was making war against Israel; BUT Elisha could over-hear the King's discussions <sup>9</sup> And the man of God (Elisha) sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there." <sup>10</sup> Then the king of Israel sent *someone* to the place of which the man of God had told him. He warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was **greatly troubled** by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?"

<sup>12</sup> And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who *is* in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."

**Acts 19:12**, Paul's power subdued. "<sup>11</sup> God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, <sup>12</sup> so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them."

## Acts 10:38

And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

**What we should be asking God for is true baptism of the Holy Ghost and power so we can subdue the earth.**

### Text 2: Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; ... <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. **And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."** **BRETHREN, THIS SCRIPTURE MEANS: CREATE VALUE, MAKE IMPACT AND SUBDUE THE EARTH.**

**Brethren, the Value We Create, Impact We Make And The Earth We Subdue Draw People To Christ; People Are Inspired To Serve God. The Filling Of The Holy Ghost And Power Enables Us To Subdue The Earth And Inspire People To Come To Christ.**

**John 12:32 Jesus said, “when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” We lift him up through the value we create (subduing and making impact). God wants us to create value as His Children because that enables people to come to Christ and accomplish the demands of the great commission.**

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO CREATE VALUE, MAKE IMPACT OR SUBDUE THE EARTH? Examples:

**Through his value creation, Cornelius took the word of God to many people. Acts 10: 10 there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. <sup>2</sup> He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. <sup>3</sup> One day at about three**

**in the afternoon he had a vision.** He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, “Cornelius!” <sup>4</sup> Cornelius stared at him in fear. “What is it, Lord?” he asked. The angel answered, “**Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God (value creation).**” <sup>5</sup> Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. <sup>6</sup> He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.”

Cornelius was creating value through His giving and drew men to Christ through it. The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along. <sup>24</sup> The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and **had called together his relatives and close friends.** <sup>25</sup> As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. <sup>26</sup> But Peter made him get up. “Stand up,” he said, “I am only a man myself.” <sup>27</sup> While talking with him, Peter went inside **and found a large gathering of people.** <sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts

**from every nation the one who fears Him and does what is right.**

.....<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” <sup>48</sup> So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Brethren the word of God is true:**

**John 12:32** “When Jesus is lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”

## **Conclusion:**

Brethren, we are given the great commission. The Lord is very interested in creating value through us because, like Cornelius, we will use the value created to draw men to Jesus and achieve the great commission.

Rather than focus on just testimony, let us Focus On Value Creation And How You Can Use That Value To Lift Jesus Up So That He Will Draw Men To Himself.

### **2 CORINTHIANS 9:10**

“Now He who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed for sowing [that is, your resources] and increase the harvest of your righteousness [which shows itself in active goodness, kindness, and love].”

**If we just want food, we can ask for testimony but I believe it is better to go for seed because it produces food in multiples.**

Let us go and create value with the Holy Ghost and Power given to us.

**GOD BLESS YOU!**