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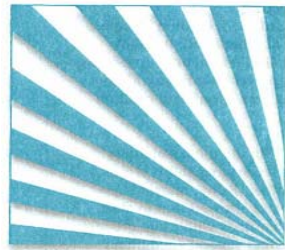
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# Kingdom Business Network

## Releasing Supernatural Ministry Into the Marketplace

### What will you do when “all else fails”?

By Rod Davis, KBN Director

That’s a common cliché...”when all else fails”. It basically means a circumstance in which something must be tried as a last resort, when you have exhausted all your resources, creativity and ideas, to no avail. Then you must do something that you believe probably won’t work, but ... what have you got to lose?

This is the highway that God travels on. This is when he can become” the God that is more than enough...El Shaddai”. He is always aware of the trials and pitfalls that befall His children. The problem is, He usually doesn’t show up in these times.

Rod, you ask, how can you say that? How can that be? **“Master, carest thou not that we perish?”**

The problem is you, my friend. The problem is me. Our Father does not want to be our “last resort.” He does not want you to exhaust yourself trying to fix situations, beyond your control. He desperately is waiting for us to take Him off the “all else fails” list and place him on the “Seek ye first” list.

What I am trying to say is, SEEK HIM FIRST. Don’t tell Father by your actions that you *really have little confidence in Him*, or else you would have called on His

name FIRST.

I have been very vocal to tell any one who cared to hear that I gave God all the credit for any success I may enjoy. I have and still do, believe that with all my heart. However, recently I have experienced some changes in business relationships that stand to affect my income negatively. That can happen from time to time in the business I am in.

I have to confess, I let myself get into fear. I worried and fretted and ran countless scenarios through my mind how I could “fix” this situation. I plotted and schemed, then worried some more.

Once I was tired of feeling sorry for myself, God had to get me quiet enough to whisper,” Has my arm been shortened? Can I not save you? Who brought you this far?” I remember years ago, when I was going through tougher times and things were always tight, God always came through. Always! A bill never went unpaid. We had little extra, but God was faithful while He worked on the bigger problem...me. As my heart changed and softened, my success grew.

But I still remember how He taught me to praise him and magnify His name, even when things were not great,

when we had only enough. He taught me to praise Him THROUGH the process. Where was God when things were slow? Where was He?

He was right there, bringing about a better purpose for me, even through the refiner’s fire. When I came out the other side, my heart was more pure. I no longer was seeking His hands, but was taught to seek His face.

It has been easy to praise him when things have been going great. He is reminding me He is still “more than enough” no matter what the circumstances.

I have made the adjustments He requires. I have turned away from fear and back to my faith in His Word and His promises that cannot fail, when He is put first, and my heart relies on Him as my sole source.

The Bible says to SEEK him first. That means even when things go badly. Promote God in your sight from” when all else fails” to El Shaddai.



## Salt and Light?

By Rod Davis, KBN Director

I was tired from the long drive over the mountains to the resort in Virginia. I was there for a trade show that would hopefully lead to lots of new business opportunities. I checked into the Homestead resort in Hot Springs, Virginia. The Homestead is old world, genteel type of place that was founded 10 years before the Declaration of Independence was written. It is legendary for golf, dining and exceptional service.

The Homestead imports much of its domestic staff from Asia and the Caribbean, due to its isolation and lack of local workers.

At the front desk I was being waited on by a very large black man with a name tag that said "Barrington." I made an assumption that this man was of Caribbean descent, due to his very British sounding name.

"Where are you from?" I asked. He instantly responded in crisp British English, with a Caribbean lilt, "Jamaica!". Like every one else at the Homestead, he was incredibly precise,

helpful, and most of all, professional. I'm not sure why I mentioned it, but I then said that I travel to the Caribbean on missions trips, and in fact was recently in Belize.

A look came over him that transformed his face in an instant. It was startling even to me, when his professional courtesy was dropped and in a child like voice, he said, "Ooo, I want so much to serve! God bless you." He went on to say, "I gave my life to Him on January the 4th, two years ago!" I looked up and saw the tears welling in his eyes. I saw that here, in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, at a high mountain resort, a young man from Jamaica, made a connection with me. He was busy about his daily tasks, when I reminded him of his home far away and of the Savior he served.

I never saw him again during my stay at the Homestead, but I came away wondering, just how many of us are really out here in the marketplace?...hundreds, thousands, millions? Since I started the KBN ministry, I never cease to be amazed

at how many of His little candles are hiding there, just waiting for me to pick up their "bushels" and see them. Our culture has made it unfashionable, un-popular and downright dangerous to one's career to call on His name, but so many will pop up and be counted if someone like me sounds off and let's them know it's okay to stand and be counted.

The old Baptist hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" should be our calling. Many times I have decried our tendency to ruin our witness by promoting religion. Let us let the world "know we are Christians by our love."

My friend, you don't have to preach (probably better if you don't try), you only have to declare:

**I...Am...His!**



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## Feeding the Spiritually Malnourished

By Steve Hill, founder and senior pastor of Heartland World Ministries Church



**Steve Hill**, founder and senior pastor of Heartland World Ministries Church, says the body of Christ is moving into a new season

in which God will initiate the greatest outpouring of His Spirit to date. He will use believers to minister to strangers on a regular basis so that this new outpouring will reach masses of spiritually hungry, unchurched people.

Something powerful is on the horizon. The Lord is equipping His church for the greatest outpouring the world has ever seen. We must do everything possible to prepare our hearts and to train others for this soul-saving revival. We also must be willing to be used by the Lord in new, unfamiliar ways.

A fresh evangelistic anointing is about to rest upon true believers. Fear will give way to Holy Ghost-boldness as the Spirit of God directs His people into uncharted spiritual territory. The thirsty masses are about to be handed an unsolicited cup of cool water that will

change them for eternity.

In a recent interview with a major news organization I was asked if the evangelical church should be responsible for solving the world's starvation and disease epidemic. Though I don't believe the answer lies solely with the church (it's a little more complex than that), I do believe that we are mandated to feed, clothe and help the poor. If we don't, then according to the Word of God, our religion is lifeless.

However, we can't ignore those who are starving for fresh bread and fresh water from heaven. Their deep hunger pains can only be satisfied as we offer more of God's presence, power and prophetic insight.

We can do this by allowing the Lord to show up in our church services and home groups without restraint and by showing the hungry and thirsty multitudes that God wants to meet their needs. He can save, He can heal, He can deliver—and we can prove it.

The world is craving a touch from the Creator. We must provide the atmosphere and the

opportunity for miracles to take place.

I believe God is going to empower us by sending a new wave of revelation as a foundation for operating in the prophetic. The Lord is going to take the anointing we enjoy inside the sanctuary to those who need it most—outside in the marketplace! Our cup is running over and we're about to offer it to strangers.

In the months and years ahead God's people are going to become acutely aware of the spiritually malnourished around them. He will reveal to us the depth of their cravings as if we were watching a documentary on starvation.

The spiritually sensitive are going to experience revelation knowledge of those who are dying of spiritual malnutrition and disease. Vivid images of their desperate plight will be dropped into our spirits. This will take place in schools, shopping malls, the local grocery store—anywhere we find the spiritually destitute.

Without warning, the Lord will use His obedient followers to delve into the very core of the

lives of strangers. Hidden secrets will be revealed to the believer, and out of a heart of compassion, he or she will share them with the lost to prove that Jesus Christ is alive. These words will be so direct and precise that conversions will take place.

My favorite prophetic words have always been those that are given outside the church walls. These are the divine appointments that reach into the lives of people who often know nothing of biblical principles and doctrine. All they know is that some brave heart just read their mail.

Such precious, God-ordained meetings will become more commonplace in the days to come. God wants our words, anointed of the Holy Ghost, to penetrate their darkness of doubt and fear. These words, fitly spoken, will literally shock the unbeliever into reality.

Ask God, this year, to give you words in season for the unconverted. That cup of cold water and taste of fresh bread could be the beginning of the end of spiritual world hunger.

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## My Declaration

By Anonymous

I recently just wrote this in my journal and while I don't necessarily love the idea of exposing my heart so openly, the Lord told me to share. I know it is a small thing compared to what He has done and is still doing for us all. His Love is unapologetic and bold. So here is the state I am in—God has messed me up. I am undone.

"I am sick of all the world. I love my family and my friends and I am thankful for the blessings in my life. But I am weary of this world and the day to day redundant oppression of it's

systems. I cannot go through the motions of life". Nor can I endure another second of the formulas of man whether it be at work, play or even church. I am lovesick for Jesus. He must come and change me. He must come. Let all this pass away. Let His kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. I am not content with the partial, I must have Him in all His fullness even if I can't fathom what that means. I know that it costs this life I have known and grown comfortable in, but I don't care. I've made up my mind to do whatever He says. I want Him to completely take over and BE through me, be-

cause most of all I am sick of my "self". All I want is Jesus. I have been stripped of the worldly decorations that I adorned myself with and the distorted images I wore like a mask. I am naked. I have nothing but a desire for Him. I don't want material things. I don't care if I understand or if I gain new pieces of information about Him. If I am given spiritual gifts, I am thankful. I know that they are to build others up, but I'd rather have all of Him. I am not searching for my purpose. I will minister to Him and let it flow from this place. I am not seeking the anointing. I want His glory to

wash this all away like a flood. Come Lord Jesus, come. Burst open the fountains of the great deep. Open the windows of heaven and come forth. Do not tarry. Hear what my heart cannot speak, what I cannot find the words for. I want what is in Your heart to become a reality in Your Bride. Let all the desires of Your heart be fulfilled. Let the knowledge of the glory of the Lord cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

I pray this accomplishes God's purpose and that it encourages whoever reads it in some way. thanks for enduring my rantings.

# The Leadership Principle of Criticism



“If you profit from constructive criticism you will be elected to the wise men’s hall of fame.” Proverbs 15:31

By John e. Schrock, Businessman

*Underline the key concepts found in this principle.*

“I hate it!” is the most common response to the word criticism. The dictionary defines criticism as “the act of analyzing or passing judgment.” As strange as it may seem, we can benefit in our business and in our personal lives by receiving criticism. The benefits vary:

1. Become wise—we learn from the good and the bad.
2. Gain a powerful perspective—because we understand the critic.
3. Gain good judgment—because we pursue truth not personalities. Our value for truth should always be greater than any feelings we have toward the person revealing the truth.

Since we all want to grow and experience the good life, we had better be prepared to listen to the critics. But first, we must differentiate between the humanistic way and God’s way of criticism. One popular positive mental attitude theory says that there is no such thing as constructive criticism. They say criticism is all a negative approach to things. But the Proverb above implies that there is a way that criticism may be profitable. To say that criticism is wrong is the same as saying that we cannot bring correction to what is wrong—that is not common sense.

The root word of criticism is “critic.” Nobody likes a critic, but Solomon admonishes us to profit from them. A critic is someone who criticizes and makes accusations. What he

is saying may be true, so we should always be open to receive. It may be what we need.

A critic is usually branded as a fault-finder with a rotten attitude. In most cases we will not listen to what he is saying because of his attitude. Some take the attitude that it’s like getting kicked by a mule; you have to consider the source. However, we should be thankful for the critics—at least they have the guts to tell us what they think. Others may feel the same way about us, but would never have the courage to confront us, denying us the privilege to grow.

If we accept criticism we will profit. The criticism may not be true, but then again, it may! So the value is in listening to it, and not measuring it by the person giving it. That’s what Solomon was trying to tell us. He said we would be elected to the wise men’s hall of fame if we learn from them!

Yes, some criticism may stem from fault-finding people with a bad attitude, but we must still choose to carefully consider what they are saying. It may be something we need to hear that our friends would never have the courage to tell us.

So when criticism comes, we must ask ourselves if there is an objective standard or value that we are violating indicated by the criticism. If so, submit, not necessarily to the person, but to the principle or value. Use the content of the criticism for personal growth. How about this truth, Great peace have they which love thy law, and nothing shall offend them” (Psalm 119:165). This means that if we are of the “right stuff,” criticism will not offend us. We would rather be thank-ful

and take it into consideration.

Food for thought ... Someone said that if you want to know how to live the good life, ask a critic—he might have some good instructions.

*This principle is part of the one year character development program:*

**Foundations for Achievement.**

## Discussion:

What is your attitude toward criticism?

Do you have a harder time with critical words or critical people?

## Measuring up to the plumbline:

How well are you currently applying this principle in your life? (10 being highest, 1 being lowest)

Can you see the value of raising your rating?

## Thoughts to Ponder:

There are three things that are extremely hard: steel, a diamond, and to know one’s self. Sometimes, we need the critic to help us.

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