

A man in a dark suit and a long, flowing purple cape stands on a rooftop, looking out over a city at night. He is holding a small object up to his eye, as if looking through a telescope or a pair of glasses. The city lights are visible in the background, and the sky is dark with some stars or distant lights.

# I AM A PLANET SHAKER

**9 Keys To Being a  
Change Maker  
In Your Generation**

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## BE KINGDOM DRIVEN

“In God’s eyes, you are not just a singer,  
An employee, a preacher, a social worker  
etc., He sees you as a planet shaker, a  
world changer, a culture shifter, who he  
designed to impact the world with his  
Glory”

In every generation, God chooses the most unexpected and uncommon individuals and groups of people to arise and answer the call of their time. I believe you are one of those individuals. In these critical, significant and monumental times that we are living in today, God is raising up mark makers and planet shakers, such as yourself, in a world of corruption, wickedness and hopelessness to affect change and bring about reformation. You have been chosen for such a time as this to be a leader in these critical moments of history to impact the destiny of your generation.

### **God's kingdom impacting our generation**

Being kingdom driven is being constantly driven by a dream, a plan and a vision that is so much bigger than your own ambition and dream. It's being a person who is driven by God's heart working within you to see his kingdom come and be demonstrated in all the world. In Matthew 6:10 Jesus said that the foundation and heart of our prayers should be this, "Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven". If you study the life and ministry of Jesus you will discover that the mission of his heart was just that, to see the kingdom of God impact and transform the lives of people in every way. In everything that Jesus did, he proclaimed the kingdom, he demonstrated the kingdom and he lived the kingdom as he blessed and empowered the poor, healed the sick, loved the lost and impacted the systems of society. This is what God is calling you and me to be driven by, not by personal success, not by money or fame, not by the American dream nor by building our own mini-kingdoms but driven by his heart.

We think that Heaven is just clouds, gold streets and nice looking landscapes, but it's a kingdom. A kingdom that has the solutions to every problem in this world. The greatest of arts, of music, of ideas, of inventions, of businesses etc. has yet to be tapped into. They have been reserved in heavenly places for such a time as this and God wants to release it into the earth through you, so the world may be filled with his glory. There is a glory, a greatness, an anointing that God wants you to carry and demonstrate through your sphere of influence that will show the world how good he is.

### **New mission fields**

In our generation God is raising up more than just traditional pastors and missionaries, he is raising up music artist, dancers, teachers, entrepreneurs, social workers, etc. who desire to partner with heaven and live out one of the greatest moves of God in history.

If you do any research on any industry in the world we live in today, you will begin to see that our medical systems, music industries, educational systems, business worlds,

governments and even some of our religious institutions are in great need of hope, love and reformation. These industries and or spheres of influence are what impact and in a way determine the well-being of our youth, our communities, our families and our nations. So if the heart and culture of our schools, governments, companies, music etc. are broken, corrupt, and void of God's love, then the heart and culture of our society as a whole is going to reflect that.

That's why in our generation, mission fields are not just the streets, and third world countries but the music industry, the educational system, the medical field, the business world etc. are now a part of our mission fields. There are literally, schools, campuses, companies, communities, record labels, government systems and places of influence that are crying out for the power of the kingdom of God that is within you.

## BE PURPOSE DRIVEN

“You weren’t born to just earn a paycheck, you were born to fulfill a destiny. A destiny that God put in you to fulfill, that will impact eternity and leave a mark on your generation that can’t be erased. Always live with the mind-set, that the earth is not your home, it’s your assignment”

“Satan’s goal is for you to enrich his world system, but Gods plan, is for you to enrich your destiny in his kingdom.”

God is looking for people who are not just consumed with picking a major but who are passionate about answering the call, young people who are not just focused on advancing their career but who are focused on advancing his kingdom.

You were made for so much more than a nice house, a nice car and a picket fence, you were born-again to live out a significant destiny that enriches Gods kingdom on earth and that enriches your life. You are not in this world just to make a living, you were chosen to make a difference. Even as you are in college, pushing to get an education and get a good job, when you are kingdom driven, your primary goal is not to get an education just so you can get a job but your primary drive is to get an education so you can be equipped to change the world. There is greatness in you, specific reasons why you are in the earth, and that measure of purpose that God put in you he put in you to impact your generation.

My friend, God has not saved you and taken you out of darkness, so you can sit in a religious building and play church, light was made for darkness, he has put his spirit in you to be the light in a world full of darkness. You were made for hostile environments, for world crisis, and for crazy work places.

### **Vision Focused over paycheck focused**

God is calling us to be a generation of believers who are driven by kingdom purpose rather than money. What Satan tries to do is push us in a corner and make us think that our lives are all about making money, but when you start living out Gods vision for your life, money will work for you! God has a vision for your life and when you align yourself with that vision, all the haters in the world can't stop you. In the world we live in today it is so easy to be consumed with meeting your own needs and desires, and pursuing the American dream. But as we do that, what happens is, our kingdom assignment goes unfulfilled, but when you seek first the kingdom of God, God says he will take care of your needs and give you the desires of your heart.

### **Going from occupation to calling**

When you began to partner with the purposes of Gods heart to see his kingdom come, your occupation, your career, and your passions become an assignment, a kingdom assignment. As you align your career, your talents, your dreams with Gods agenda, you arise as a game changer in a world of mediocrity. The rap game as usual is over with, the business world as usual is over with, the arts industry as usual is over with, God is raising up leaders in every industry to change the game.

We have been doing things for the most part on a lower level than what God intended, but that is why God is raising you up for such a time as this. The holy spirit is empowering individuals right now to release the most epic invasion of heaven on earth the world has ever seen. Satan doesn't mind us having church, just as long as he can control the media, the economy, our communities and families, the music, the government etc. but God is sending us out on an assignment into all the world to build his kingdom.

As a kingdom driven leader, you don't see yourself as just another working professional, another aspiring artist or just another college student but you see yourself as a world changer and a kingdom agent of change no matter what your passion or career is. Where ever God places you and whatever field you go into, the spirit and kingdom of God is within you to bring change, increase and blessing to the field you have been called to. As a kingdom driven leader in this generation, the world is not your home, it's your assignment.



## BE HEART DRIVEN

“It’s one thing to know the God cares for people, it’s a totally different thing to feel how much he cares. Knowing his heart is one of the greatest joys of life”

“Your greatest calling is not to be used by God, your greatest calling is to know god”

God is birthing world changers, planet shakers, reformers and kingdom leaders who have been marked by his presence. Leaders who haven't been equipped from just man-made systems and traditional training but from having an intimate relationship with Jesus.

### **Our ultimate Calling**

Many of us think our greatest calling is being used by God, being a prophet, an evangelist, a pastor etc. but really our greatest calling is to be intimate lovers of God. Being used by God is not what brings him the most joy but being sons of God is what pleases his heart greatly. We all want to work for God but nobody wants to walk with God, but God desires that you know him personally. It is one thing to know about God from a pastor's sermon but it is a totally different thing to know him from being alone in his presence. It is one thing to know a spiritual method, or a biblical principle, or to know how to have church but it's a whole different thing to know Jesus in an intimate way. The cry of my heart as a young leader and I challenge you make this the cry of your heart, that, "I don't want to be just an associate, or a distant friend or just a ministry partner of Jesus but I want to be a close friend of Jesus".

### **Knowing his heart**

Jesus is inviting us to be so close to him that his heart is literally your heart. His heart is a burning fire for the world and as an emerging leader he wants to put that passion in your heart. My friend, beyond our ministries, and kingdom occupations and business endeavors, I want to be one with his heart. Because without his heart, were just in mundane religion and I strongly believe that until you have encountered and know the heart of Jesus, you are not ready to lead in his kingdom. Too many leaders in our day and age are leading with barely any fire or strong passion to build Gods kingdom, but God is raising you up to be a burning one, one who is burning with the love of God because of your intimate relationship with him.

### **His presence makes the difference**

When we become less worried about getting on a stage and more determined to get alone in God's presence for the sake of just desiring his heart and his face, that's when God will begin to awaken and empower you for what he has called you to be. It's in his secret place where Gods purpose for your life go from just being knowledge in your head to being a conviction in your heart. It is your intimacy with God that will make you significant for God and it is your relationship with God that prepares you for ministry with God. Let us be worship driven leaders who are not after Gods favor nor Gods hand but who are intimate lovers of God who desire to live in his presence, worshipers who see their lives as worship unto God.

## BE PRAYER DRIVEN

“Living a lifestyle of prayer will empower you to become a person beyond your wildest dreams”

“When you take time to pray, God will take time to move. Just imagine what we could change in our world if we were committed to praying for our world”

In the busy world we live in, it's so easy to have an "I can do this by myself" mentality and push God to the side while striving and stressing to be successful and effective. My friend life was never meant to be fully lived without Gods help which comes from prayer. Prayer empowers your heart and mind to function at its full capacity. Peace, joy, wisdom, confidence, love, and patients are all attributes that make someone a great leader and these attributes all come from a place of prayer. Praying to God is not a religious thing nor just for some group of spiritual elite people. Praying to God is all about opening up your heart, grabbing a hold of the faith you have, to listen and communicate with God. The more close you walk with God, the more effective you become to the world. So just imagine if you lived a lifestyle of prayer!

### **Prayer Changes things**

Prayer is not just some little thing we do as a religious activity, prayer is real and prayer is powerful, when you first, hear God and know his will and secondly, when you believe he hears your prayer of faith and you believe he will respond. God gave us prayer so that we could see miracles, miracles in our home, on our job, in our businesses, and through-out our world for his glory. Prayer moves heaven and prayer moves-mountains. You must understand that God is a good God and that it's his heart to bless people, for the Bible says that "it's the goodness of God that draws men to change their evil ways" (romans 2:4), and as we pray from that place, we will see our society's healed and reformed with the goodness of God.

### **Living a lifestyle of prayer**

Just imagine if we took time to turn off our electronics and pray, just imagine if we held prayer gatherings in our schools, on our jobs, in our government facilities, in our homes with our families, we would truly see incredible things happen for the better. God is waiting to pour out amazing measures of his presence and power that would bring healing, freedom and justice to people's lives and to cities and nations but he is waiting for a generation to humble themselves and ask for his help! I have learned that something amazing happens when we just ask Jesus for his help! I challenge you to be a young leader who lives a lifestyle of prayer, for as you commit to praying for your own heart and for the lives and destinies of friends, family, cities and nations you will began to live life to the fullest.

## BE CHARACTER DRIVEN

“What’s going to separate you from the crowd and what is going to make you great in heavens eyes, is not how gifted you are but rather how much do you walk in love.”

“You’re gift will give you temporary success, but it’s your character that will give you long-term significance”

One of the greatest things that shall hinder our generation from being everything God intended for us to be, is not a lack of talent, a lack of education, not a lack of opportunity, not a lack of resources, but rather a lack of character. We are probably the most talented and educated generation to ever live up to this point, and we definitely have all the talent we need to be successful. But God has not called us to just be successful, he has called us to be significant, leaders who leave a mark that impact generations to come, and for us to become that, we must be leaders of great character.

### **The fruits of the spirit**

I don't know about you, but I don't want to just be a gifted leader, I want to walk in the fruits of the spirit. The fruits of the spirit are things such as, love, joy, meekness, humility, patience and peace. God wants you to be more than just a leader who can preach well, who can prophecy, who is educated or who has charisma but he is calling you to be a mature leader, one who walks in love. Honestly, at the end of the day, who cares if you are doing what seems to be "great works for God" if you do not have love in your heart. We waste so much time on trying to be deep, on debating the Bible, but what we need to start getting passionate about is simply just loving our neighbor. Having a Joshua anointing or a Joseph anointing is fine, but above all else I want to be like Jesus, and one of the main things that separated Jesus from all the others, is the love he walked in. His love for God the father and his love for people.

### **You are more than your gift**

As you are gaining influence and becoming more successful in your aspirations, people will tell you how great of a singer you are, or how great of an artist or preacher you are and it is easy to take those compliments to the head, but don't! My friend always know that your talent nor your title defines you, for your identity is not wrapped up in what you do but in who you are in Christ. Began to make one of your main prayers, "God put more of your love in my heart", because when it is all said and done it is love that makes the difference and matters the most.

# BE SERVANT DRIVEN

“Don’t worry about being a success, focus on being a servant”

“Greatness in the kingdom, is measured by how well you serve others”

God is calling you to be a leader in your generation that inspires everyone around you and shows a dying world the love and light of Christ through humbly and joyfully serving the world around you. In our generation, the greatest of leaders shall be those who have a servant's heart. It shall be those who are passionate about living every day to make a difference and not doing it to be seen nor to be celebrated but simply because they want to be the hands and feet of Jesus and serve like he did. When you think about Jesus, the most powerful and influential man to ever walk the face of the earth and his statement was this, "The son of man did not come to be served but to serve", in the kingdom of God greatness is measured by how well you serve others.

**There are 3 things about leadership that I want to challenge you to live by:**

1. Leadership is not about the position you carry, it's about the people you are serving. (The title means nothing, if you are not properly serving the people God called you too)
2. All leadership is, is an opportunity to serve people in a greater capacity
3. Leadership is less about privilege and more about responsibility.

**Being a Game changer**

If you want to be a game changer, don't focus on just merely being successful, focus on being a servant. God doesn't just want to make you successful, he wants to make you influential in your generation. Success, a house, a car, a job affects only you, but influence inspires and affects your generation, your family, your industry and your city. When you do whatever it is that you do with the mindset and heart of 1. I am doing this to serve Christ and 2. I am doing this to serve people, you are advancing the kingdom of God. Whether you are singing, teaching, rapping, running a business or family etc. and you are doing it not to just be the next success story but rather doing it to serve God and people, what you are actually doing is empowering your generation to be everything God has called it to be.

When Jesus chose to wash his disciples feet instead of having them wash his (which they would have happily did), he expressed the heart of what leadership is about. We must be leaders who live this type of leadership out in our generation, for the world is waiting for it.



## BE SPIRIT DRIVEN

“It’s not the title behind your name, the people you’re connected too, nor the school you went too, it’s the spirit of God working in you that empowers you to fulfill your glorious destiny”

“The spirit of God within you is what makes the difference and is what qualifies you to be an agent of change”

In Isaiah 59:19, it says “When the enemy comes in like a flood, the spirit of the lord will raise up a standard”. In our day and age, evil is all over the place and definitely growing stronger in every sector of society. But I believe that as the kingdom of darkness is most ruthless, the people of God are going to be most powerful. God’s spirit is in you and upon you to raise a Godly standard in the midst of corruption, sin and perversion.

### **His spirit is with you to give you the advantage**

The spirit of God is what empowers you to excel so the kingdom of God can be advanced through your life. There will always be plenty of people in your field that have talents, education, resources and ideas but with the spirit of God working within you, you have the advantage. Galatians 3:13-14 says, “(13) Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangs on a tree. (14) That the blessing of Abraham might come on the gentiles through Jesus Christ: that we might receive the promise of the spirit through faith”. What that scripture is saying is, through faith in Jesus Christ, you have the blessing and spirit of God on you to impact and transform the world around you.

Through the spirit of God you have the empowerment to live like Jesus lived, to do exploits with God like Moses, Joshua, David and the disciples did! You can raise the dead, you can walk in unconditional love, you can heal all manner of sickness and disease, you can cast out demons, you can lend to nations, you can be a difference maker in a world of conflict because the spirit of God within you makes the difference. The spirit of God not only enhances what you do but he empowers you to maximize your gift and potential so that lives can be touched and changed as you walk in the fullness of your calling.

The spirit of God that’s within you is greater than the wickedness that is in the world. The spirit of God is a world changer, a barrier breaker, a healer, a mountain mover, a culture transformer, an atmosphere shifter, a wisdom giver, an innovator, a cycle breaker and so many other things, and he lives in you! So as you embrace him and you are more and more conscious of his presence that is always with you and in you, you will see incredible things accomplished for the glory of God.

As demons attempt to torment, corrupt and keep people bound, the spirit of God upon us empowers us to set people free and bring light into darkness. The spirit of God that’s within you is greater than the wickedness that is in the world, and because of that truth, we don’t have to tolerate the devil, we can dominate him. We can take back our communities and our nations as we realize that with the spirit of God we don’t have

to take sides but we can take over, we don't have to fit in but we can stand out and show the world the love, beauty and power of our God. Let us be a generation of kingdom leaders that embrace the presence of the Holy Spirit daily and partner with him to see our world saved and transformed.

## BE JUSTICE DRIVEN

“You were called to be a giant killer, to contend for the goodness of God to come to dark places and make them places of blessing”

“Fighting for those that can’t fight for themselves, bringing healing and blessing to cities and nations shall be what this generation of believers will be known for, for it was what God always intended for his people to be known for in the first place”

As you are pursuing your dreams, attending church, developing relationships and living your life, I pray that God awakens your heart more and more to the injustices that are all around us. I pray that he not only gives you a fire and a passion about various injustices but that God opens your eyes more and more to the fact that you were born to do something about it!

There is a giant killer in you that God put in you before you were even birthed out of your mother's womb, and just like he called David to stand up to the 10 foot philistine giant who was planning on destroying Israel, God is calling you to stand up by his grace and fight for the things that are on heavens heart, which is to see justice in the earth.

There is injustice all around us, from human sex trafficking and poverty, to abortion and aids. Pain, suffering and hopelessness is happening all over the world. If you take the time to research even just a little bit about the suffering going on in Africa or the injustices going on in India or even the dark things going on in our backyard of America your eyes will be open to just how in need our world is for the kingdom of God. Children, youth, people young and old all over the world are waiting for the people of God to rise up and bring forth the justice of our father's kingdom.

### **Heavens justice plan**

We see heavens justice plan lived out in many stories in the Bible, from the Hebrews who were in slavery for over 400 years to Egypt, when God raised up Moses to free the Hebrews and bring them into a land of flowing with the provisions of God; to Jesus demonstrating kingdom justice in his ministry by healing the sick and feeding the poor. God's justice is even greater than the world's definition of justice. God's heart and plan for justice in an individual life or for an entire nation of people is to help their needs, save their souls but also empower them to live a life of heavenly abundance, purpose and victory. Psalm 89:14 says that Righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne. So justice is not just an after-thought to God nor should it be just an extra-curricular activity to followers of Jesus, it should be a significant part of our lives as believers. I believe we shall be a generation that will go down in the halls of history as a generation who contended for the things that were on the heart of the Jesus. No matter what your field or ministry is, we have all been called to stand up and fight for those who can't fight for themselves.

## BE IMPOSSIBLE DRIVEN

“Faith doesn’t just wish for change, faith creates change”

“God will do extraordinary things with ordinary people who dare to believe all things are possible with him”

Satan wants our generation to be filled with fear, worry, stress and unbelief but God is raising up a generation of believers that are full of faith! A faith that's strong, a faith that's bold, a faith that changes things. The world tells us that we have to have an "it is what it is" attitude, but the bible doesn't teach us to have an "it is what it is" attitude, it tells us to have an "all things are possible with God" attitude. See faith doesn't just wish for change, faith believes for change, and God is calling on a generation to not just "believe in him" but to believe all things are possible with him. God is calling on a generation to not merely believe that he exist but to believe that he can heal and change the world around us.

God wants to do unusual miracles, signs and wonders through our generation. God is bringing back the miracles that were done through the prophets of the Old Testament, through the ministry of Jesus and the disciples and even greater works! Jesus said, that "whosoever believes on him, the works that he did they shall do also, and even greater works" (John 14:14). My friend, you are a whosoever! The faith that's within you has the potential to move God in such a way, that nations can be saved, school systems can be reformed, industries can be disciplined and life's can be changed. God is calling and inviting us to live a lifestyle of faith, to where he can use us to set people free in our workplaces, in our families, and through our talents, whether that be music, art, writing, business, teaching, coaching etc.

Our generation doesn't need just more counselors, and nice sermons, greater technology and new programs, what our generation needs is to experience and know the power of the one true living God. The power of God is greater than any drug addiction, any alcohol addiction, any sickness or disease, any money situation, any title and any government or force that's on the earth.

### **Your age doesn't matter**

As an emerging leader coming up in the world today, never believe the lie that says you are too young to do great things with God. It's easy to live by the excuse that you don't have enough experience, or that you don't have enough education, or that because of the city you live in or the family you come from, you can't be what God put in your heart to be. He said he would move mountains on our behalf because of one thing, our faith! Be a leader, be a believer who lives a lifestyle of faith, for through your faith God will do the impossible.

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