Monday
Manifest vs. Market

"Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water" Num 20:7-8.

The Bible says that Moses had a unique walk with God. God said Moses was the most humble man on earth and He spoke with him face to face (Num 12:3 and Exodus 3:11). When Moses met God at the burning bush, God said, "Moses, I'm going to perform miracles through your staff." And He did. He turned his staff into a snake. He brought plagues upon the nation and even parted the Red Sea with his staff. He even struck the rock with his staff to bring forth water.

But later, God called Moses to operate on a new level. Instead of using his workplace tool (his staff) to perform miracles, God was calling Moses to manifest the miracle through his words. "Speak to the rock Moses!" But Moses, frustrated by the stiff-necked people, struck the rock instead out of anger. Amazingly and in spite of his disobedience, God still allowed Moses to get water out of the rock. God will often work through your anointing, even when you do it in your flesh, just for the sake of others. But beware my friend, it will be at a great cost. Like Moses, you will not enter your promised land and may lose your inheritance.

Tuesday
Don't Give Up

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9 NIV

Failure is never the end nor is it the final destination. You’re never a failure until you quit, and it’s always too soon to quit! You don't determine a person’s greatness by his talent, his wealth, or his education. You determine a person’s greatness by what it takes to discourage him. So what does it take to discourage you from going after your dream? It may be as simple as a friend or relative or family member telling you,

God works in your life according to your faith. The Bible says, “Without faith it's impossible to please God” and “Whatsoever is not of faith is sin” and “According to your faith it will be done unto you.” So what are you doing in faith? You need to ask yourself every day when you get up, “God, what can I do today that will require faith?” That’s an important question, because that’s what’s going to please God. Remember, do not give up.
Wednesday
You Need a Plan

“Sensible people always think before they act, but stupid people advertise their ignorance.”
Proverbs 13:16 GN

If you want to achieve the goals you’ve made for yourself in 2014, you’ll need a plan to get from where you are to where you want to go. You’ll need a plan to overcome the expected problems you’ll face on that journey. Without a plan all your goals will go up in smoke this year. Genesis 24 tells the story of Eliazar’s ingenious plan to find a wife for his master’s son, Isaac. Eliazar had two major obstacles to fulfilling this goal. Where would he find a wife for Isaac in his master’s homeland? And how was he going to find a high character woman without observing her long term?

Eliazar devised a predetermined plan to solve both of these problems. First, Eliazar went to a place where women gathered in those days — a well. He had much higher odds of finding a wife at that well than any other place he could have gone. And, Eliazar knew exactly how to get the type of wife he wanted for Isaac. He wanted to find a compassionate woman, so he looked for someone who would offer to draw up to 15 gallons of water for each of his 10 camels. That’s a lot of water. He was successful. In doing so he proved what the Bible says in Proverbs 13:16.

Thursday
No More Reproach

..."Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you".... - Joshua 5:9

Joshua and the people had just crossed the Jordan River. They were camped at Gilgal. But before they could proceed they were required to circumcise all the males, because a whole new generation had grown up while living in the desert. This is where Israel, like a worm in a cocoon, was transformed. Circumcision is bloody, personal, and it exposes all that you are. God was saying that before you can become His army, you must roll away the reproach of the Egyptian way of life.

You are no longer a slave to the ways of Egypt. It is a time to put aside the old way of life. Many are walking around as goats in sheep’s clothes, practicing a form of religion without the true source of truth and power. Sin in our midst testifies against us. It keeps us in Egypt and never allows us to enter the Promised Land. Our lives must be circumcised in order for us to come out of Egypt into our own Promised Land of spiritual blessing with God.

Friday
The Skilful Worker

Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men. - Proverbs 22:29
The Lord has called each of us to be excellent in what we do. Those whom God used in the Kingdom as workplace ministers were skilled and exemplified excellence in their field. Not only were these men skilled, they were filled with God's Spirit. Then the Lord said to Moses, "See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts - to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of craftsmanship" (Exodus 31:1-5).

Consider Joseph, whose skill as an administrator was known throughout Egypt and the world. Consider Daniel, who served his king with great skill and integrity. The list could go on - David, Nehemiah, Acquilla and Priscilla. Your name can get into that list. Why not?

Saturday
Recognise Your Source

But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth. - Deuteronomy 8:18a

Pride is the greatest temptation to a successful workplace minister. When we begin accumulating wealth, managing people, and becoming known for our workplace expertise, we are most susceptible to falling to the most devious sin in God's eyes -- pride. The Bible tells us that God is the reason we are able to produce wealth. It is not of our own making. As soon as we move into the place where we begin to think more highly of ourselves than we ought, God says he will take action.

You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me."....If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. Like the nations the Lord destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the Lord your God (Deuteronomy 8:17,19-20).

These are strong words from God. It demonstrates His utter impatience for any people who think that what they have accomplished has anything to do with their own power. It is God who gives us the skill, the mind, the resources, the energy, the drive, and the opportunities in life to accomplish anything.

Sunday
Marketplace Minister and Pulpit Minister Partnership

When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. The LORD's anger burned against Uzzah because of his
irreverent act; therefore God struck him down and he died there beside the ark of God. 2 Samuel 6:6-8.

David was the ultimate marketplace leader. He began his life as a shepherd. He later became a warrior, then king. He never lost a battle. He amassed wealth and was responsible for building the greatest physical testimony to the living God on earth when he established the plan for his son Solomon to build the temple of God in Jerusalem.

David wanted to honor the Lord by bringing the tabernacle home from Balah of Judah. He prepared for this glorious day and worshiped God during the entire trip. However, David moved the tabernacle using a cart being drawn by oxen. During the journey, a crisis took place. The cart tilted and one of his favourite men grabbed for the cart in an effort to sturdy it. He was immediately struck dead by God. Yes, by God! David was devastated. He thought he was doing a good thing. He became so angry with God that he delayed the transfer of the ark for three months. The lesson here is that David moved out of presumption. His presumption cost him dearly.