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*A Framework for Kingdom Expansion*

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**The Creation Mandate | GEN 1:27-28**

27 So God **created** mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, “**Be fruitful** and increase in number; **Fill the earth** and subdue it. **Rule over** the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

**Our job is to create like God and to care for creation as He would.**

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#### The Bad

**Sin and  
The Fall**

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#### 1. Youth Taking the Lead | ISAIAH 3:4-5

4 And I will make **boys their princes, and infants shall rule over them.** 5 And the people will oppress one another, everyone one his fellow and every one his neighbor, the youth will be insolent to the elder, and the despised to the honorable.

- \* Youth are not wise yet
- \* Cultural display must be "fresh"
- \* Culture becomes shallow
- \* Destroys attention span to lean and gain wisdom

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1. Youth Taking the Lead | ISAIAH 3:4-5
2. Gender Wars | ISAIAH 3:12
3. People led astray by poor leadership | ISAIAH 3:12

12 My people -- infants and their oppressors, and **women rule over them**. O my people, **your guides mislead you**, and they have swallowed up the course of your paths.

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**GOD**  
Creates  
from  
Abundance



**HUMANS**  
Receive  
the  
Cultural  
Mandate



**DESTRUCTION**  
Born from  
Human Sin

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Re-Created to Re-Crete | What does God desire from his people?

**Counterculture**  
\* Imitating **Christ**

vs

**Cutting Edge Culture**  
\* Imitating "what works" in dominant culture

**Christian Culture is Culture that Imitates Christ | ROMANS 12:1-2**

1 I appeal to you, therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what the will of God is, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Re-Created to Re-Create | **What does God desire from his people?**

How does this new culture happen?

Holy Spirit, Grace

**WISDOM**

**"Wise and Skillful Living"**

**NOTE:**

In order for one to possess true wisdom, and to therefore be an agent of transformation, one must have **first been transformed**

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**Spiritual De-tox** | **An important tool in Transformation**

\* The grace to not **automatically connect** new thoughts or words with old suppositions

\* Pause and **challenge** the new thinking with the old supposition and **discern** if they should:

- 1 Be connected**
- 2 Old: thrown out and replaced**
- 3 New: rejected**

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**Spiritual De-tox | An important tool in Transformation**

\* Provides an environment to **produce maturity and honesty** in our development thoughts or words with old suppositions

\* Important, but only provides an environment to accumulate right thinking. Knowledge alone is dangerous | **1 COR 8:1**

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" **puffs up**, but love **builds up**.

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**Humility | Another important tool in Transformation**

**Another important trait of wisdom manifested | JAMES 3:13-18**

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 20 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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\* Wisdom is **experience and life**

\* When you have been through errors, mistakes, and failure, those experiences **build perspective**

**Older Saints** : They offer wisdom without the pain of experience

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**PROVERBS GOAL**

Helping us gain wisdom, that we might be faithful in making a world this is different than the world in which we live.

**The GOAL is a Jesus-Glorifying Culture**

\* A culture that is not confused about God, his word and his world

\* A culture that models clarity in purpose, celebrates rather objectifies, and hopes rather than despairs

\* A culture that has a respect for God's word and his rule

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