

# THE SEVEN MOUNTAIN MANDATE



Two generals in the faith, Loren Cunningham of Youth With A Mission, and Bill Bright of Campus Crusade for Christ, each had a dream they knew they were to share with the other – The Seven Mountain Mandate. The movement was later popularized by Lance Wallnau and Bill Johnson in their 2013 book *Invading Babylon*. It is a strategic framework for cultural transformation that identifies seven key spheres of society that shape culture. The mandate is God's order to occupy these influential spheres of society: Family, Religion, Government, Education, Business, Entertainment, Media.

## Biblical Foundation

**The cultural mandate, stewardship over all aspects of society:** *God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion... Genesis 1:28*

**The Lord's Mountain reigns over all other mountains:** *In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Isaiah 2:2-3*

**Influence beyond individual conversion, teach all nations:** *All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matthew 28:19-20*

# SEVEN MOUNTAINS

## 1. Family

- ✦ **Purpose:** Basic unit of society and foundation for all other institutions.
- ✦ **Current State:** Under attack through divorce, redefinition, breakdown, gender dysphoria, abortion, etc.
- ✦ **Kingdom Strategy:** We will restore the divine design for family and relationships that reflect God's love and authority.
- ✦ **Key Principle:** Strong families create strong societies.

## 2. Church (Religion)

- ✦ **Purpose:** Spiritual foundation, and moral compass.
- ✦ **Current State:** Somewhat isolated from culture rather than influencing it.
- ✦ **Kingdom Strategy:** Revitalize our Church beyond its four walls and impact culture through authentic discipleship and bold witness.
- ✦ **Key Principle:** Be the "salt and light" that preserves and illuminates culture.

## 3. Government

- ✦ **Purpose:** Establishes justice, order, and protection.
- ✦ **Current State:** Various levels of corruption and ungodly influence.
- ✦ **Kingdom Strategy:** Raise up Godly leaders in politics, law, and public service who will establish righteous governance based on Biblical principles.
- ✦ **Key Principle:** "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice."

## 4. Business (Marketplace)

- ✦ **Purpose:** Creates wealth, provides goods/services, employs people.
- ✦ **Current State:** Often driven purely by profit with minimal moral consideration.
- ✦ **Kingdom Strategy:** Marketplace leaders will build Kingdom-minded enterprises that transform economies and demonstrate God's abundance.
- ✦ **Key Principle:** Business is a ministry and wealth is a tool for the Kingdom.

## 5. Education

- ✦ **Purpose:** Shapes worldview and prepares future leaders.
- ✦ **Current State:** Often communism and secular humanism dominate the context.
- ✦ **Kingdom Strategy:** Install Christian educators and curriculum in public education, expand alternative education systems, and encourage home schooling.
- ✦ **Key Principle:** "Train up a child in the way he should go."

## 6. Arts & Entertainment

- ✦ **Purpose:** Expresses values and shapes imagination and culture.
- ✦ **Current State:** Heavy secular and often anti-Christian influence.
- ✦ **Kingdom Strategy:** Disciples will participate in music, literature and creative arts.
- ✦ **Key Principle:** Inspire and lead cultural transformation where creativity reflects the Creator and Kingdom culture.

## 7. Media

- ✦ **Purpose:** Shapes public opinion and cultural narrative.
- ✦ **Current State:** Mainstream media promote anti-Biblical values and false narratives.
- ✦ **Kingdom Strategy:** Expand our righteous voices in news, social media, and communication channels to proclaim truth and counter deception.
- ✦ **Key Principle:** Control the narrative, influence the culture.

## KEY INSIGHTS

### Marketplace Calling

The marketplace is not secondary to traditional ministry but is where most transformation occurs. Believers called to business and secular careers are not "second-class Christians" but are strategically positioned for Kingdom impact. The "marketplace ministers" will lead the reformation.

### Biblical Models

Joseph and Daniel illustrate Kingdom marketplace influence:

**Joseph:** Rose to power in Egypt's government and saved nations by listening to God's prophetic word and applying economic wisdom.

**Daniel:** Influenced kings by staying close to his Ekklesia for Spiritual input and maintaining his integrity while serving in Babylon's government.

### Esther Mandate

Like Queen Esther, believers are called to positions of influence "for such a time as this" - for Kingdom purposes.

### Personal Salvation and Cultural Transformation

Personal salvation is essential. However, this is only the beginning. Disciples are called to disciple the nations. This is cultural transformation, where believers engage in the systems that shape society rather than withdrawing from them. Revival is often marked by an awakened Church and the lost coming to the light.

But revival is not enough; we must move into transformation. Regional transformation is what happens to culture when the roots of an awakened Church sink deep into the soil of the community and the Light begins to invade every dark structure – turning things right-side up again. Transformation must be our mission.

## COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

### Concerns

- ✦ **Dominionism:** Political control is not the goal, but rather to influence the culture through service and excellence.
- ✦ **Prosperity Gospel:** Success is measured by Kingdom impact; not personal wealth. Abundance is a point of view that our wholeness and completeness does not depend upon outside circumstances. Abundance is based upon self-worth not net worth.
- ✦ **Replacement Theology:** God's mandate does not replace preaching the Gospel but expands the scope of Kingdom work into cultural reformation.
- ✦ **Elitism:** Regardless of position or status, every believer has a role. No matter where you are, you are the highest Kingdom authority.

# STRATEGIC THINKING

## Sovereignty

Each mountain has its own rules, culture, and gatekeepers. Effective influence begins where believers understand and work within these systems while promoting Kingdom values.

## Tipping Point

Cultural transformation does not require everyone to be converted, but rather strategic influence at key positions and a critical mass of Kingdom-minded people.

## Convergence

You are ready when you have been equipped from your life experiences and you have the personal capacity to interfere in or disrupt the status quo. Maximum impact occurs when we as believers work together toward common Kingdom goals.

# PRACTICAL APPLICATION

## For Individuals

- ✦ **Identify your mountain:** Recognize which mountain you are called to influence.
- ✦ **Excellence:** Increase your awareness and improve skills in your area.
- ✦ **Kingdom mindset:** Approach your work as a ministry, not just a career.
- ✦ **Strategic networking:** Build relationships that can advance Kingdom purposes.
- ✦ **Faithful in small things:** Demonstrate Kingdom values in daily interactions.

## For Churches

- ✦ **Equip the Saints:** Prepare believers for marketplace ministry.
- ✦ **Honor all callings:** Recognize business and secular callings as valid ministry.
- ✦ **Strategic partnerships:** Connect with marketplace leaders.
- ✦ **Cultural engagement:** Address societal issues from the Biblical perspective.
- ✦ **Prayer and intercession:** Organize our prayers around the 7 mountains.

## For Leaders

- ✦ **Knowledge and wisdom:** Start here; seek God for guidance in all our decisions.
- ✦ **Integrity:** Maintain Biblical standards in all dealings.
- ✦ **Influence:** Use position and favor to advance Kingdom values.
- ✦ **Contribution:** Raise up other Kingdom-minded leaders; share influence and wealth; blessed to be a blessing.
- ✦ **Courage:** Enter directly into challenging environments and speak truth.

## CALL TO ACTION

### Plan

- ⚡ Ask, listen, and understand the heart of the Lord for reclaiming the mountaintops.
- ⚡ Discern the strategies the enemy has used to establish and maintain his hold on a sphere of influence
- ⚡ Come into agreement with the strategy of the Lord for taking a mountain. What role does He have for us in recapturing the mountain(s) to which we are called? Our role may be one of support, like the logistics and support units in the military. Others among us are called to pursue and dominate a specific mountain.

### Act

- ⚡ Pray for revelation about your specific calling and mountain.
- ⚡ Pursue excellence in your field while maintaining and promoting Kingdom values.
- ⚡ Connect with other believers in your sphere of influence (Micro-Church).
- ⚡ Seek mentorship from successful Kingdom-minded leaders.
- ⚡ Begin where you are with what you have, trusting God for increase. *The horse is prepared for the day of battle but victory belongs to the Lord.* Proverbs 21:31

## CONCLUSION

The **Seven Mountain Mandate** represents a holistic approach to fulfilling the Great Commission by influencing the systems that shape culture. Believers are called not just to personal virtue but to initiate cultural transformation through strategic engagement in society's key spheres.

The ultimate goal is Kingdom influence that brings justice, righteousness, and blessing to society. This requires believers who are both *spiritually mature and professionally excellent* working with integrity and wisdom in their respective fields.

*For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.* Habakkuk 2:14