Vocational Power Assessment

"Power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love." – MLK



Dimensions of Vocational Power¹

Take the next few minutes to assess what aspects of vocational power God has given you, in order to participate in this kingdom coming?²

What areas of *knowledge and expertise* has God given you (Example: business finance, retail management, human resource, parenting, etc.)? List as many as you can think of (you don't have to be *the* expert in this area of knowledge to list it, simply list those in which you have knowledge).

¹ This material is derived from <u>*Kingdom Calling: Vocational Stewardship for the Common Good* by Dr. <u>Amy Sherman</u>.</u>

² Please reference *Kingdom Calling* pages 120-128 for detailed description of each dimension.

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What *platforms, or voice* has God given you (examples: journalist has a column, professor has students, father has children).

What *networks* do you have access to? (Examples: business network, photography groups, even informal networks of friends, college alumni, etc.)

What spaces, people, communities, or environments has God given you the ability to influence?

What *Authority or position* has God given you in your vocation?

List some of the skills God's given you?

Reflect on the reputation you have? Your reputation or notoriety (whatever the volume) is an aspect of vocational power.

Take a few moments to share about your reflections with a partner.³ What stuck out to you? What surprised you? What are the ways God is using these elements of vocational power, now, and in what ways might God be inviting you to use your vocational power?

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³ If you are working through this alone, plan to have coffee with a close friend and/or mentor and discuss your responses and reflection.

Community Vocational Power Assessment

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Dimensions of Vocational Power⁴

Participating with God in our work does not just mean using the vocational power he has given us to bless the communities love. Participating with God at work is so much more! God invites us to first notice what he is already doing in our communities and in our workplaces and join in what he is doing. So, take a moment to reflect again on Vocational power, but this time reflect on the **vocational power the community you are trying to love already has.**

What areas of *knowledge and expertise* has God given the community you are called to love? List as many as you can think of, think about specific people in the community if it's helpful.

⁴ This material is derived from <u>Dr. Amy Sherman's book *Kingdom Calling: Vocational Stewardship for the* <u>*Common Good.*</u></u>

What *platforms, or voice* has God given the community?

What *networks* does the community have access to (internally [community networks] externally [in the neighborhood, city, state, country, world])?

What influence does this community have?

What Authority or position has God given this community?

List some of the skills God's given the community?

Reflect on the reputation they have? The community's reputation can hold a lot of power.

Take a few moments to share about your reflections with a partner. What stuck out to you? What surprised you? *What may be some ways for you to partner with the vocational power God has already given the community?* How do you and the community differ or relate?

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