

The Gospel of Matthew portrays **Jesus as King of the Jews**. One author says it is about a **King teaching others to be kings**.

God intends that all of His sons and daughters walk in kingly anointing once we are through the process of training for reigning.

Matthew unfolds wisdom from God concerning steps Jesus followed in His sonship walk that released Him to fulfill His destiny.

I think we can safely say that Jesus was successful as a mentor and spiritual father to His disciples because they continued in **“all that Jesus began both to do and teach”** -Acts 1:1.

If we understand and follow the plan Matthew had provided through the Spirit of God, we can also be assured of success in raising up another generation to fulfill the plan of God. The six step plan is in sequence through this gospel as follows:

In Matthew 4:19 we find Jesus calling individuals to Himself. He carefully “selected” those

I. SELECTION

the Spirit led Him to call into relationship that would require them to give their all and follow Him. He said, “Come and follow me and I will make you to become fishers of men”. We must **identify** through the Spirit those we are to invest anointing and revelation into.

II. INSTRUCTION

In Matthew 5-7 we find Jesus taking the new followers up into the mountain to teach them the Word of God. This is the necessary next step in laying foundation in someone’s life. It is unwise in building to skim foundational information like Jesus taught in these chapters that deal with **the character** of kings.

III. OBSERVATION

In Matthew 8-9 the developing sons find themselves in the context of ministry observing the mentor in action. From this first hand experience, Jesus is able to illustrate things He taught them.

In the case of the Centurion’s sick servant, Jesus turned to His disciples who were WITH Him and said, *“I have not found so great faith in Israel”*, Matthew 8:10.

IV. DELEGATION

In Matthew 10:1-42 Jesus gives the disciples an assignment of ministry in response to the prayer in Matthew 9:37-38 to *“send forth laborers into the harvest”*. We can see that these steps build one upon another in the preparation for apostolic ministry.

At this point the disciples are still serving under Jesus directly and will come back and give account later for the results of the work they had done.

Delegation is an incremental process, *“He that*

is faithful with little shall be entrusted with much” (will be given greater responsibility).

V. CORRECTION

In Matthew 17:14-21 the would-be sons are not successful in casting out a demon because of their unbelief.

Jesus had authorized them to do so in 10:1-2, but they were struggling to believe that they can do what Jesus said they could do.

Spiritual fathers serve us well when they can help us see why our ministry is not producing the promised results.

This point is illustrated by Jesus when they disciples returned and heard about the deliverance of the child, they asked, *“Why couldn’t we cast the demon out?”* and Jesus replied, *“because of your unbelief which can only be cured by fasting and prayer”*.

Jesus diagnosed the blockage and the solution so they could be successful in their calling.

VI. ORDINATION

Matthew 28:18-20 records this final step in the process of raising fruitful sons and daughters who will carry a kingly anointing into the world.

People should be **ordained** to ministry only after a spiritual parent has taken them through all the necessary steps.

We are admonished in scripture to *“lay*