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## Metaxoi Memorandum: To Those Who Will Rule With Jesus in the World to Come

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Greetings to you who are the Metaxoi, the Partners of the Lord Jesus;

Have you ever heard of "The Order of the Black Eagle?" Frederic the Great, whom my mother named me after, was the first emperor of Prussia in 1701. His climb to power was aided by a loyal group of men who sacrificed in some cases their very lives to ensure that honor and glory be bestowed upon Frederic. After his rise to power and a secured kingdom, Frederic instituted and inaugurated the Order of the Black Eagle. This honor was awarded to his loyal men who proved faithful in every battle. The knights were issued hereditary nobility and a regal full dress uniform worn only by this band of royal dignitaries as a mark of the Faithful to Frederic. A special crest was created to be worn on the uniforms. The crest was also carved on the walls of select churches to make a memorial to the faithful men who made up this elite group.

The Order of the Black Eagle was a secular version of the sacred order of the Metaxoi, which is a group of faithful partners who will be selected by the Lord of the universe, King Jesus, to help in His reign over the world of the future. (Heb.2:5) The privilege to reign and the right to rule is a major motivation for Christians to endure whatever difficulties they may experience in this present world. (Revelation 2:26)

The book of Hebrews speaks to this truth in a variety of places, but the key is to realize that the world of the future is not to be ruled by angels but by men. Hebrews 2:5 and 12:19 speak of this future world. G.H. Lang captures this thought quite eloquently as he states,

*"In the purpose of God, the world (oikoumene) of the future has not been put under the control of angels, but of men. This is a key thought, the resolving of many obscurities and perplexities which hinder believers from grasping the exact significance of the plans of God and the final and highest outcome of redemption. It is the key to some present enigmas. At present, God is not saving the human race entire and its affairs corporate, but is selecting from it the company that are to rule the universe, superseding the existing government. He is preparing for a complete reorganizing of His entire empire, and is giving to these future rulers the severe training which is indispensable to fitting them for such responsible duties and high dignities. The gospel has not failed, but is fulfilling the purpose God plainly announced, though not the end that many preachers have mistakenly proposed, namely the conversion of the whole race. That general and desirable betterment of this sin cursed earth is in the plans of God, but falls for accomplishment in the next period of the divine programme, not in this age. There is manifest wisdom in a great Leader first training a body of efficient subordinates before seeking to reorganize society at large." ~ G.H. Lang*

Let us keep running the race set before us that we might hear these words from our Lord, "well done thou good and faithful servant," and be selected to serve as the company of the committed, who will be co-heirs of Christ, who will co-rule with Christ for we co- suffered with Him.

Having been a pastor for many years before becoming a professor, I know that time is tough to control in the ministry. The urgent often wins over the important. But you must never simply live by the clock at the expense of the compass. So, the "compass question" for you is this: How are you doing in your discipling of the next group of young leaders in your ministry? Who are you pouring your life into and influencing? You need to be close enough to infect so as to influence. I know this takes time and time is what you run out of all too quickly. "But anything less than a conscious decision for the important is an unconscious decision for the unimportant."

I believe and have acted on what the great Harvard scholar William James said: "The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it." I have tried to spend part of my life building into many of you so that you would one day return the favor to another. My philosophy has been that of the old Greek proverb: A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit under. Your lives and ministries shall eclipse mine, but you must provide the next generation, manifested by your life and lips, the truth of the grace of God.

Let me suggest some resources for your consideration.

--- If you are not already, let me encourage you to become a member of the Free Grace Alliance. [www.FreeGraceAlliance.com](http://www.FreeGraceAlliance.com). It is a group of Christian leaders who hold to free grace theology and seek to connect, encourage, and lead so as to promote grace theology. Let me invite you to the FGA national conference in Dallas, Texas October 4-6. The theme is, "Getting the Gospel Out." Plenary speakers include; Doctors Jody Dillow, Larry Moyer, Charlie Bing, Dave Anderson, and special guest Dr. Michael Eaton from South Africa. He wrote, "No Condemnation: A New Theology of Assurance" (Must Reading for you.) There will also be dozens of workshops at the conference. We also have the honor of hearing Dr. Charles Ryrie as he speaks at the conference banquet. I can promise you that this is going to be a great event that will energize and encourage your spiritual life and educate you in your ministry life.

--- A book to consider: "In Defense of the Gospel" by Lou Martuneac. This is the second edition of a book that seeks to evaluate the Lordship view utilizing Dr. John Macarthur as the primary target. The book is written at a basic level so it is easy to understand and makes use of many other works on the topic. For those who are familiar with Dr. Charlie Bing's work on this topic, Lordship Salvation - A Biblical Evaluation and Response, he has a more academic style and content. "The Defense of the Gospel" is written covering the same issues in a non-academic level so it is good for lay people who wish to understand the issue. At times it is a bit severe, but that is simply a reflection of the writer's convictions concerning the issues. The validation of some points is not at the right academic level utilizing older lexical works and not making use of the best argumentation on some points. But I believe it could be of use to you for your people. You might want to give it a look. [In Defense of the Gospel](#)

--- Many of you have asked when the revised edition of "Rein of the Servant Kings" will be out. As you may know, Jody Dillow had prostate surgery. He is recovering well, but it has put a damper on his writing schedule. So, be patient it will be worth the wait. He has sent me the rough draft of the old book and a new chapter to review. I can tell you it is going to be a lightening rod. In fact he is going to speak on some of it at the FGA conference. (Come see and hear!!!)

Last but not least--How is your prayer life? Since you men are having significant impact and your time is being pulled in all directions, it is then a possibility that your prayer life might be suffering. Remember- Prayer is not the only thing to do, but it is the first thing we must do if anything else we do is to be worth doing. If you have more to say to God in public than in private then you probably have a problem. If so, may I suggest you... fix it NOW.

The great British statesman, Benjamin Disraeli declared, "The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example." I want to be a hero of the faith and I want the Lord Jesus to give me a new and special name as an "Overcomer." (Revelation 2-3) I also want to leave a godly example for those who go beyond me. I assume that is your desire as well. If that is your desire, then remember--The prize will not be given. It must be earned.

Serving Him with you  
Until He comes for us,

Fred Chay, Ph.D.

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