

Violence By Force

Introduction

One of the challenges that we all face is our old behaviors, habits and sometimes relationships. These are the things that take our focus off of responsibility and destiny. Then there are those of us who are risk takers. We are looking for that opportunity to do something large and different. Usually, the greater the risk the greater the reward. That's why certain stocks are called high risk, they usually provide a larger yield.

In Matthew 11: 12, Jesus makes a statement that we often hear quoted: "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

I). Taking It By Force

One of the things we see here is that as the Kingdom of God advances in victory, it does so through violent spiritual conflict and warfare. Jesus reference to the nonreligious style of John and the confrontive, miraculous ministry of Elijah teach that the Kingdom of God makes its penetration by a kind of violent entry opposing the human status quo.

1. It transcends the "softness" of staid religious formalism and exceeds the pretensions of child's play (v. 8).
2. It refuses to "dance to the music" of society's expectation that the religious community provide either entertainment ('we played the flute') or dead traditionalism ('we mourned'). (V. 16 & 17)
3. Jesus defines the 'violence' of His Kingdom expansion by defining the 'sword' and 'fire' He has brought as different from the battle techniques of political or military warfare.

If you want to make a breakthrough in your finances, then determine right now that you are going to take **whatever action is necessary** to crush the devil's wall of containment around you, breaking through by force and violence into a new level of understanding and knowledge in the area of your finances.

All of a sudden, you will realize that God's Word is concentrated so strongly in you that you have enough spiritual energy to come with violent spiritual force against the invisible wall that is resisting you and pushing against your finances, and blow that wall away!