

Here is a short summary and the challenge of the 7 Mountain Message - Edited and abridged by Mark C. Smith, Pastor

History of the Seven Mountain Message

In 1975, Loren Cunningham, of Youth with a Mission and Bill Bright, of Campus Crusade for Christ each had a revelation that they were to share with the other. As they did, they discovered they had the same revelation from God. They'd both seen seven strategic mountains or "mind molders" (those who mold and shape one's thinking after a good or bad manner) that shape the culture of every nation. God told them to inform the other that if they could capture these strategic places, they would reap the harvest of (souls saved of the) nations as the nations are transformed by the Kingdom of God (Gospel of Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit filled people living transformed lives).

The years following this meeting, the "Seven Mountain Message" has grown, with Loren Cunningham eventually passing the mantel for carrying it to Lance Wallnau and others.

These mountains of mind molding influence are:

1 RELIGION – influences us to worship God in spirit and in truth or through a spirit of religion. The spirit of religion that dominates this mountain distorts worship and truth with the doctrines of man, and a denial that the Holy Spirit and power of God are part of His plan for man today.

2 FAMILY – empowers us with the blessing or enslaves us with the curse. As the alignment of God and man became distorted, so did the alignment within the family to the point that most parents have turned over their responsibility for molding the minds of their children to the schools and the media. This means the dominant influence in the lives of children and youth are the messages of the powers and principalities that currently control the culture.

3 GOVERNMENT – restrains evil or enables it to prosper. Prideful ambition and a spirit of control are primary influencers on the government mountain.

4 EDUCATION – communicates the truth and principles of God or the deception of the enemy. In most countries the focus of education has shifted from Godly principles, values and service to the rights and abilities of each man to reason truth for himself.

5 MEDIA – interprets information and events through the lens of good or evil. The doom and gloom that dominates the media is the result of the spirit of fear, one of the controlling spirits on this mountain.

6 ARTS / ENTERTAINMENT – celebrates or distorts values and virtue. Man was made to be a worshiper and to use his creative gifts to glorify the creator. Instead his gifts have been perverted to glorify man and bring pleasure to himself, resulting in what some are calling “Grand Theft Culture”.

7 BUSINESS – distributes resources used to honor God or celebrate man. The spirit of Mammon that is at the top of this mountain convinces us that money is the source of our prosperity and we have to get it ourselves or poverty will be our lot in life. The faith that holds to God as our source breaks the power of this spirit. This mountain finances all the others.

When godly leaders in these mountains are moved by God’s Word, implementing Godly principles, there is the right kind of change toward God. Remember the slavery issue was resolved in England through the efforts of William Wilberforce - one Godly man on the Government Mountain, then in America, the death and destruction wrought by our Civil War where the same self-interest, greed and rebellion had to be defeated. Slave trading abolished. All that was needed was one godly person to hear from God and begin to ascend the mountain God placed upon their heart.

Over time, a vision for reclaiming the 7 mountains for Jesus Christ has grown. Christians have been committing themselves to recapturing the positions of influence in and over the culture. Taking the words of Jesus seriously as stated in Mark 16:15; Go into all the world (into every nation and every area sector of society) and preach the gospel to every one of them. This is how godly change begins. One born-again heart at a time.

Many of us who hear this message are, in fact, called to one of these marketplaces. But that doesn't mean we will all become visible "mind molders" (those who mold and shape one's thinking after a godly manner), who determine the culture, or even directly influence the people who do. Instead, we may be working within one of the seven spheres or we may be part of a team that intercedes for, financially supports or otherwise serves those who are climbing the mountain and having a godly influence. Know that God has a specific call that He has placed on our lives to have or be an influence in one or more of these 7 mountains.

The Battle over the Mountain Tops

Even as we devote ourselves to bringing heaven to earth through prayer, sharing the gospel of Jesus and action. Knowing Matthew 6:10 "Your kingdom come. Your will be done. On earth as it is in Heaven." We see the warfare in the heavens escalating. Just as Michael had to do battle with the Prince of Persia before he could get to Daniel (Daniel 10:13), there are spiritual battles in all the high places over who is going to have the power to influence the culture. Reclaiming these high places in the Lord's power and ability will require doing battle in the spirit realm and in the putting action or feet to your prayers.

Become Spiritually Strategic

One definition of being strategic is "the process of determining long term goals and then identifying the best approach for achieving those goals."

For the 7 Mountain message, it means:

- Knowing the heart of the Lord for reclaiming the mountaintops.
- Discerning the strategies Satan has used to establish and maintain his hold on the mountaintops and break it.
- Coming into agreement with the strategy of God's Word for taking the mountain. What role, place or position does the Lord have for us in influencing, gain ground and recapturing the mountain or mountains to which we are called? For some of us the role is one of support, Intercession, employment, personal involvement, specific coordinated events, rally's, crowd funding for a specific targeted area, emailing officials, etc. Others of us are to a career pursue a path up one of the the mountains.
- Asking the Lord to show us the tactics He would have us use. Then we need to look and listen for His response.

All of this requires preparation. Some of that preparation is not what we normally consider part of our "Christian education" or "Christian Experience". It will also requires more cooperation among churches, ministries and other believers in Jesus who are thus inclined.

There will be "standard bearers" Those who are out front, who carry the 7 Mountain message, to light a fire, to be a marketplace missionary, a 7 mountain missionary. This will not be building a ministry but a lifestyle of going into this sector of society. Becoming a light of Jesus into the darkness. This is a building the Kingdom of God with King Jesus as the Director over you.

It must become a cooperative, coming together of like minded believers in one accord on the specific mountain God is calling you to ascend as His 7 Mountain Missionary.

- Are You Ready to be willing to be a different kind of missionary?
- Are we as the Body of Christ mature enough to be trusted with this mandate or your specific mountain?
- Are you passionately seeking a deeper fellowship with God through His son, Jesus?

- Have we learned to love one another enough to lay down our lives?
- Are we ready to seek, identify and remove any worldly lies, ties or deceptions we've believed, that has interfered with our relationship with the Lord through true godly repentance and forgiveness?
- Are we renewing our minds to be aligned with the mind of Christ?
- Are we living the faith that displays "Christlikeness" in accordance to the will and word of God?
- Have we caught the vision for co-laboring with Jesus Christ in His passionate desire for the fulfillment of all nations reached with the gospel of the kingdom (Matt. 24:14) and expecting Revelation 11:15?

If we can answer yes to these questions, we are on our way to becoming stewards of this move of God and seeing His Word and Holy Spirit presence go forth as never before. Through intercession, prayer and action, tearing down strongholds, releasing blessings, bringing heavens only answer to earth through Jesus Gospel of Salvation in each of the seven mountains of culture. Then establishing the presence of the Lord, exalting His Word, seeing lives transformed, godliness as the standard, true righteous justice being displayed and the Lord God of Heaven and Earth glorified.

Proclaiming Psalm 24:1 "The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein."

Then in the near future Revelation 11:15 will sound forth; "Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"