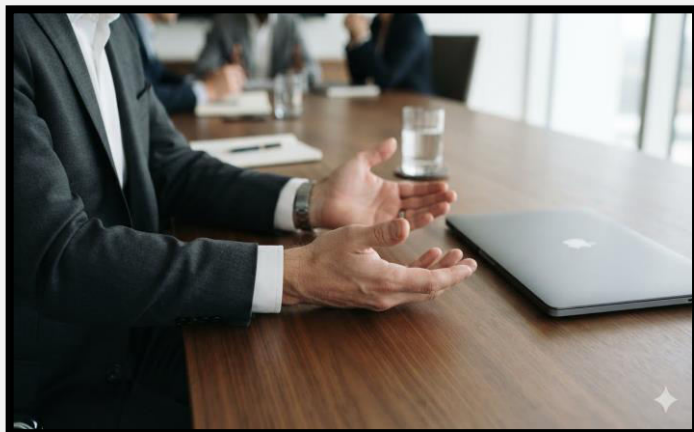




THE TRAPPINGS OF THE TEMPORARY THRONE

Judges 8:22-23

You just closed the biggest deal of the quarter. Your team is celebrating, the board is thrilled, and the industry is taking notice. In moments of peak success, a subtle whisper often echoes through the executive suite: *"You built this. You should rule it."* In Judges 8:22–23, the people of Israel approached their successful leader, Gideon. They offered him a hereditary dynasty, saying, "Rule over us—you, your son, and your grandson." They wanted to institutionalize his success. They sought security in a human leader they could see, touch, and hold accountable. Gideon's response was immediate and sharp: "I will not rule over you, nor will my son rule over us. The Lord will rule over you."



As a Kingdom executive, you face this exact temptation daily. The market invites you to build an empire centered entirely around your talent, your brand, and your intellect. It tempts you to occupy the throne of your business, carrying the crushing weight of ultimate ownership. But under the New Covenant, a radical reality shifts your leadership. You have been bought with a price. You are no longer the ultimate authority; you are a high-level steward. The resurrected Christ lives inside

you, and the government of your career rests entirely upon His shoulders.

Stepping off the throne of your business is not an act of weakness. It is your ultimate competitive advantage. When you hand the supreme rulership to God, you transfer the ultimate liability to Him. You no longer carry the sleepless nights of market volatility, cash flow crunches, or competitive threats alone. You manage the assets, but He owns the outcomes.

True Kingdom impact occurs when your industry looks at your corporate success and realizes that a human alone could not have engineered it. When you refuse to take the credit or play the absolute monarch, you point the marketplace directly to the true King.



Lead with excellence. Build with aggression. Scale with wisdom. But never mistake the manager's chair for the Creator's throne. Let Him rule, and watch how He secures the empire you could never protect on your own.

Practical Outcomes

Audit Your Language: Shift your vocabulary in meetings from "my company" or "my revenue" to "our stewardship" and "God's provision."

The Sovereign Pause: Before signing major contracts or executing layoffs, pause for 60 seconds to explicitly submit the decision to Christ's governance.

De-escalate Anxiety: When revenue targets are missed, remind your leadership team that the ultimate ownership of the vision belongs to God, removing panic from the

Faith Declarations

- "Jesus Christ is the ultimate Chief Executive of my business and career."
- "I refuse the burden of absolute ownership; I joyfully accept the honor of strategic stewardship."
- "Because God rules my enterprise, His wisdom guides my strategy and His peace guards my mind."