

THE MARKETPLACE MINISTRY

There are workers in the marketplace
Who put their hands upon the plow.
The call of God employs them,
and is upon them even now.

They are ordained in their professions,
And set apart in holiness.
They are a people of integrity,
They are men of righteousness.

Within culture of the trading
And the selling of the wares,
Where men are trafficking their merchandise,
The faithful labor there.

They are the servants of the people,
Of which the greatest is the least.
Their occupations are the vehicle
Through which their ministry is released.

Creative and inventive,
They are a great diversity.
They are the builders of the Kingdom,
They each possess their specialty.

They are committed to their calling;
They operate from dawn to dusk.
Working with their Master,
they're often inconspicuous.

They advance and are promoted;
In their business they have favor.
They cast their nets out skillfully,
There is a harvest where they labor.

Amidst the turning wheels of commerce,
They are protected sovereignly.
They prosper and they flourish
Through God's economy.

The strategy of their ministry
Has been directed by the Lord.
Their obedience and their diligence
Are emphasized and underscored.

They aren't taught in schools of doctrine,
But within the industry.
They are instructed by the Master,
Conducting business honestly.

They are the salt within the market place,
They are the wheat among the tares.
They are a light within the darkness;
Their lives are planted there.

Wisdom has promoted them
And it guards them through the day.
Discreet in all their dealings,
They walk a straight and narrow way.

Their lives become the witness;
They are epistles read by men.
And others see their excellence;
The God of heaven works with them.

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