



# PARADIGMS / PROCESS / PARADOX

## What is a Paradigm?

- A typical example or pattern of something; a model.
- A worldview underlying the theories and methodology of a particular scientific subject.

## What is a Paradigm Shift?

A change from one way of thinking to another. It's a revolution, a transformation, a sort of metamorphosis. It just does not happen, but rather it is driven by agents of change.

For example, agents of change helped create a paradigm shift moving scientific theory from the Plolemaic system (the earth at the center of the universe) to the Copernican system (the sun at the center of the universe), and moving from Newtonian physics to Relativity and Quantum Physics. Both movements eventually changed the world view. These transformations were gradual as old beliefs were replaced by new paradigms.

#### Few biblical paradigms are as follows:

- 1. The Great Commission is about discipling nations, not just individuals.
- 2. The marketplace (the heart of the nation) has already been redeemed by Jesus and now must be reclaimed by His followers.
- 3. Every Christian is a minister, and labor is worship.
- Our primary call is to take the kingdom of God to where the kingdom of darkness is entrenched in order for Jesus to build His Church.
- 5. The premier social indicator that transformation has taken place is the elimination of systemic poverty.
- 6. A dogmatic literal translation of scripture to an interpretive (theological) evaluation of scripture is fundamentally important to the continued relevancy of the Bible in the current context.
- 7. Correctly handling the Word of God.
- The Creation process.
- 9. Trinity / Savior Lord Jesus Christ / Sin / Repentance / Prayer / Study of Scripture
- 10. Love / Forgiveness

Identify the following statements to be a process, a paradigm, a paradox or a combination of these and explain?

1.	The Great Commission is about discipling nations, not just individuals
2.	Strength through weakness
3.	The Concept of creation according to the Bible
4.	Correctly handling the Word of God
5.	Receiving through giving
6.	"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (Romans 12:2)
7.	The premier social indicator that transformation has taken place is the elimination of systemic poverty
6.	Exaltation through humility
7.	Every Christian is a minister, and labor is worship
8.	Titus 3:5. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost
9.	Put on positive qualities – Put away negative qualities
10.	Gaining through losing (Philippians 3:7 - 8)

#### What is a Process?

A process is a collection of interrelated work tasks initiated in response to an event that achieves a specific result for the customer of the process.

### What is a Paradox?

Paradox is defined as a seemingly self-contradictory declaration but is in fact true. Some of the paradoxes from the Bible are as follows:

- 1. EXALTATION THROUGH HUMILITY (Phil. 2:8-9)
- 2. STRENGTH THROUGH WEAKNESS (II Cor. 12:10)
- 3. RECEIVING THROUGH GIVING (Acts 20:35)
- 4. FREEDOM THROUGH SERVITUDE (Rom. 6:18)
- 5. GAINING THROUGH LOSING (Phil. 3:7-8)