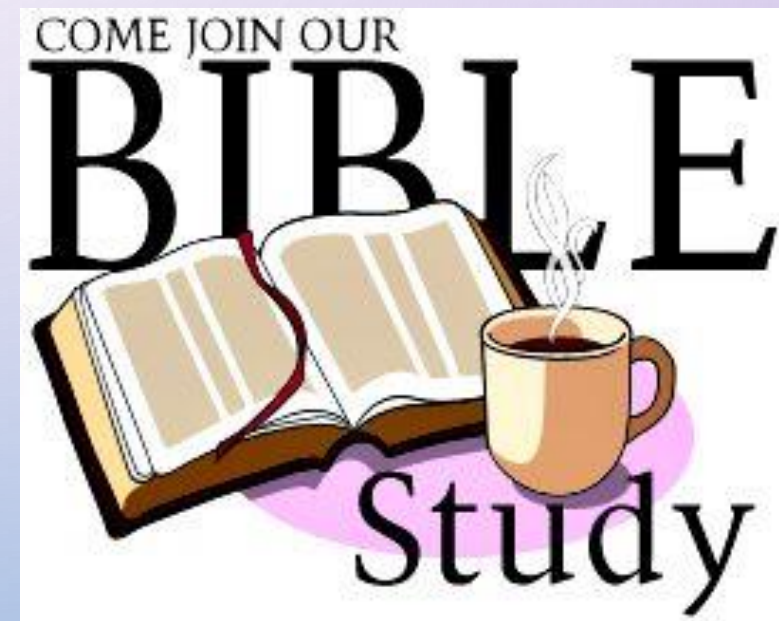


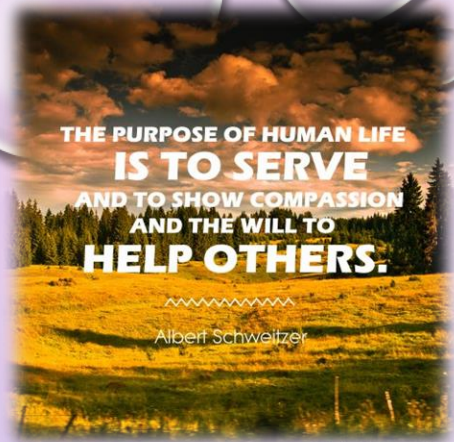


THE BIBLE AND THE MARKETPLACE

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BIBLICAL PURPOSE OF BUSINESS

- **STEWARDS OF CREATION**

- [GEN 1:28-31 KJV] 28 AND GOD BLESSED THEM, AND GOD SAID UNTO THEM, BE FRUITFUL, AND MULTIPLY, AND REPLENISH THE EARTH, AND SUBDUE IT: AND HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA, AND OVER THE FOWL OF THE AIR, AND OVER EVERY LIVING THING THAT MOVETH UPON THE EARTH. 29 AND GOD SAID, BEHOLD, I HAVE GIVEN YOU EVERY HERB BEARING SEED, WHICH [IS] UPON THE FACE OF ALL THE EARTH, AND EVERY TREE, IN THE WHICH [IS] THE FRUIT OF A TREE YIELDING SEED; TO YOU IT SHALL BE FOR MEAT. 30 AND TO EVERY BEAST OF THE EARTH, AND TO EVERY FOWL OF THE AIR, AND TO EVERY THING THAT CREEPETH UPON THE EARTH, WHEREIN [THERE IS] LIFE, [I HAVE GIVEN] EVERY GREEN HERB FOR MEAT: AND IT WAS SO. 31 AND GOD SAW EVERY THING THAT HE HAD MADE, AND, BEHOLD, [IT WAS] VERY GOOD. AND THE EVENING AND THE MORNING WERE THE SIXTH DAY.



BIBLICAL PURPOSE OF BUSINESS

- **SEEK PEACE WITH OTHERS**

- [JER 29:4-7 KJV] 4 THUS SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, UNTO ALL THAT ARE CARRIED AWAY CAPTIVES, WHOM I HAVE CAUSED TO BE CARRIED AWAY FROM JERUSALEM UNTO BABYLON; 5 BUILD YE HOUSES, AND DWELL [IN THEM]; AND PLANT GARDENS, AND EAT THE FRUIT OF THEM; 6 TAKE YE WIVES, AND BEGET SONS AND DAUGHTERS; AND TAKE WIVES FOR YOUR SONS, AND GIVE YOUR DAUGHTERS TO HUSBANDS, THAT THEY MAY BEAR SONS AND DAUGHTERS; THAT YE MAY BE INCREASED THERE, AND NOT DIMINISHED. 7 AND SEEK THE PEACE OF THE CITY WHITHER I HAVE CAUSED YOU TO BE CARRIED AWAY CAPTIVES, AND PRAY UNTO THE LORD FOR IT: FOR IN THE PEACE THEREOF SHALL YE HAVE PEACE.

INSTRUCTION IN COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP

- [1TI 2:1-3 NKJV] 1 THEREFORE I EXHORT FIRST OF ALL THAT SUPPLICATIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, [AND] GIVING OF THANKS BE MADE FOR ALL MEN, 2 FOR KINGS AND ALL WHO ARE IN AUTHORITY, THAT WE MAY LEAD A QUIET AND PEACEABLE LIFE IN ALL GODLINESS AND REVERENCE. 3 FOR THIS [IS] GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE IN THE SIGHT OF GOD OUR SAVIOR,
- [MAT 5:44 NKJV] 44 "BUT I SAY TO YOU, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, BLESS THOSE WHO CURSE YOU, DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU, AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SPITEFULLY USE YOU AND PERSECUTE YOU,





BIBLICAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN BUSINESS

- **GOOD AND EVIL CONTRASTED**

- [PRO 11:23-31 KJV] 23 THE DESIRE OF THE RIGHTEOUS [IS] ONLY GOOD: [BUT] THE EXPECTATION OF THE WICKED [IS] WRATH. 24 THERE IS THAT SCATTERETH, AND YET INCREASETH; AND [THERE IS] THAT WITHHOLDETH MORE THAN IS MEET, BUT [IT TENDETH] TO POVERTY. 25 THE LIBERAL SOUL SHALL BE MADE FAT: AND HE THAT WATERETH SHALL BE WATERED ALSO HIMSELF. 26 HE THAT WITHHOLDETH CORN, THE PEOPLE SHALL CURSE HIM: BUT BLESSING [SHALL BE] UPON THE HEAD OF HIM THAT SELLETH [IT]. 27 HE THAT DILIGENTLY SEEKETH GOOD PROCURETH FAVOUR: BUT HE THAT SEEKETH MISCHIEF, IT SHALL COME UNTO HIM. 28 HE THAT TRUSTETH IN HIS RICHES SHALL FALL: BUT THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL FLOURISH AS A BRANCH. 29 HE THAT TROUBLETH HIS OWN HOUSE SHALL INHERIT THE WIND: AND THE FOOL [SHALL BE] SERVANT TO THE WISE OF HEART. 30 THE FRUIT OF THE RIGHTEOUS [IS] A TREE OF LIFE; AND HE THAT WINNETH SOULS [IS] WISE. 31 BEHOLD, THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL BE RECOMPENSED IN THE EARTH: MUCH MORE THE WICKED AND THE SINNER.

WHAT'S
YOUR
STORY?

BIBLICAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN BUSINESS

- **EQUIPPED FOR GENEROSITY**
- **[2CO 9:8 KJV] 8 AND GOD [IS] ABLE TO MAKE ALL GRACE ABOUND TOWARD YOU; THAT YE, ALWAYS HAVING ALL SUFFICIENCY IN ALL [THINGS], MAY ABOUND TO EVERY GOOD WORK:**

**Honesty
without
Compassion
is brutality!**

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BIBLICAL ETHICS IN BUSINESS

- **HONEST AND COMPASSIONATE**

- [PRO 11:1 KJV] 1 A FALSE BALANCE [IS] ABOMINATION TO THE LORD: BUT A JUST WEIGHT [IS] HIS DELIGHT.
- [PRO 21:25-26 KJV] 25 THE DESIRE OF THE SLOTHFUL KILLETH HIM; FOR HIS HANDS REFUSE TO LABOUR. 26 HE COVETETH GREEDILY ALL THE DAY LONG: BUT THE RIGHTEOUS GIVETH AND SPARETH NOT.
- [PRO 22:16 KJV] 16 HE THAT OPPRESSETH THE POOR TO INCREASE HIS [RICHES, AND] HE THAT GIVETH TO THE RICH, [SHALL] SURELY [COME] TO WANT.

BUSINESS ETHICS

- BUSINESS ETHICS REFERS TO IMPLEMENTING APPROPRIATE BUSINESS POLICIES AND PRACTICES WITH REGARD TO ARGUABLY CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS. SOME ISSUES THAT COME UP IN A DISCUSSION OF ETHICS INCLUDE **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**, **INSIDER TRADING**, **BRIBERY**, **DISCRIMINATION**, **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**, AND **FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES**.



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BIBLICAL ETHICS IN BUSINESS

- **SELFLESS, NOT SELF-INDULGENT**

- [JAS 5:1-4 KJV] 1 GO TO NOW, [YE] RICH MEN, WEEP AND HOWL FOR YOUR MISERIES THAT SHALL COME UPON [YOU]. 2 YOUR RICHES ARE CORRUPTED, AND YOUR GARMENTS ARE MOTHEATEN. 3 YOUR GOLD AND SILVER IS CANKERED; AND THE RUST OF THEM SHALL BE A WITNESS AGAINST YOU, AND SHALL EAT YOUR FLESH AS IT WERE FIRE. YE HAVE HEAPED TREASURE TOGETHER FOR THE LAST DAYS. 4 BEHOLD, THE HIRE OF THE LABOURERS WHO HAVE REAPED DOWN YOUR FIELDS, WHICH IS OF YOU KEPT BACK BY FRAUD, CRIETH: AND THE CRIES OF THEM WHICH HAVE REAPED ARE ENTERED INTO THE EARS OF THE LORD OF SABAOTH.
- [MAT 6:19-21 KJV] 19 LAY NOT UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES UPON EARTH, WHERE MOTH AND RUST DOTHTH CORRUPT, AND WHERE THIEVES BREAK THROUGH AND STEAL: 20 BUT LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN, WHERE NEITHER MOTH NOR RUST DOTHTH CORRUPT, AND WHERE THIEVES DO NOT BREAK THROUGH NOR STEAL: 21 FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO.