

**Developing a
Biblical Philosophy
for
Business**

“Proposed Intentions of these Workshops”

To Specifically Serve Business owners & professionals with:-

- Instigate a **Spiritual Vitality** around this whole subject of Marketplace Ministry – “The Two Mountains”
- Understanding the **Calling** and **Placement** as Kingdom people within in the marketplace
- Create a forum for the continued **Development** and **Encouragement** for their ministry expression
- Assist young people with the **Identification** of their **Giftings** and **career paths** as Marketplace ministry people
- Provide a balanced teaching regarding **Biblical Finance, stewardship & wealth creation**

“Kingdom Business” or “Marketplace Ministry”

1. Not a New Concept....But a REVIVED ONE!

Luke 5:10 James, John & Simon Peter...Fisherman (Partners of a Fishing Co-op)

Col 4:14 Luke.....A Doctor (Medical Practice)

Acts 18:3 Paul, Aquila & Priscilla....Tentmakers, (mobile homes)

Acts 16:14 Lydia..... Fabric merchant (Dealing in Manchester)

1 Sam 17:15 David.....Shepherd (Junior Partner in the Family Husbandry Business)

Matt 13:55 JesusCarpenter (Local joinery company)

2. TODAY - A universal Phenomena is occurring regarding GOD & BUSINESS - “Your JOB is your MINISTRY” & “Your MINISTRY is your JOB”

3. God is dispelling “Business & Finance” as Taboo subjects from a spiritual perspective in the Church -The Spiritual & the Material are inseparable!

“Why the Devil FEARS Marketplace People!”

The Devil’s Empire is most VULNERABLE; to **HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERED PEOPLE** in the **MARKETPLACE!**

* Church has successfully impacted – Religion & Family

* 5 Essential Areas of Marketplace Influence:

- Education
- Government
- Media
- Arts
- Business (Commerce)

Interestingly enough most successful Government Ministers are made up of Successful Business People.

“Why the Devil FEARS Marketplace People!”

Joseph, Moses, Job, David, Daniel, Esther, Paul, Barnabas, all inflicted the most serious damage to Satan’s plans in the **MARKETPLACE!**

(These were all centres of Commerce & are his stronghold)

PAUL delivered the greatest blow in the Marketplace!

Acts 19: Ephesus was completely re-cultured by a supernatural outpouring of the Holy Spirit through the marketplace....happened on the streets!

(Ruined the Idolatry business of Artemis)

39 Divine Interventions of the book of Acts occurred on the streets, homes, prisons, city squares & ships.

God is up to SOMETHING.....?

1. There is a resurgence of being in FULL TIME Ministry as a Business Person.
2. TODAY – God is still wanting to redeem His Creatures and Creation, by infiltrating the WORLD with His KINGDOM – **Bring the Kingdom to your job!!**
3. GENDER: is not a restriction for God's appointment! Acts 16:14
(Today's women are as essential to God's plan & purpose as in the early NT Church.)
4. AGE: is not a restriction! Jesus called the rich YOUNG ruler! Matt 19:20 *(He simply failed the transition)*

**What are the ESSENTIALS
for being a
“KINGDOM”
BUSINESS - BUILDER?**

Why Develop a Theology for Business?

1. To Build a Kingdom Business; you need GOD!
2. Your Theology (theos & logos) will be tested!
3. Your Faith will be tested!
4. If your theology is “WRONG”; how can you succeed?
5. Only the WORD lasts forever!
6. God’s method will keep you on track!

1. ABILITY

Deu 8:18 But you shall remember Jehovah your God, for *it is* He who gives you **power** (Heb. "kôach"- ability, capacity, strength, means) to get wealth, so that He may confirm His covenant which He has sworn to your fathers, as it is today. (show me the GOLD Gen 2:11;12; Hag)

Hag 2:7 And I will shake all the nations; and the desire of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, says Jehovah of Hosts.

Hag 2:8 The silver *is* Mine, and the gold *is* Mine, says Jehovah of Hosts.

Hag 2:9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former, says Jehovah of Hosts. And in this place I will give peace, says Jehovah of Hosts.

ABILITY

Matt 25

v15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to each according to his **ability** (Gk. **“dunamis”** -miraculous power, ability, power, strength, violence, might).
And he went abroad at once.

BUSINESS LEADERS HAVE A GOD GIVEN GIFT TO CREATE WEALTH !

- The Wealth is in the GIFT (the ABILITY).
- With the GIFT is the CALLING; no CALLING without GIFTING.
- The Gift is either under the World's Rule; or Christ's Rule, (dedicated & developed).
- Wealth is a means to an end; not the end in itself.

2. APPOINTMENT

- God's CALL is His appointment.... (ordained)
- Joh 15:16 You have not chosen Me, but I have **chosen** you and **ordained** – “**tithēmi**” you that you should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain; that whatever you shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it to you.
- **Mat 12:18** "Behold My Child whom I have chosen; My Beloved, in whom My soul is well pleased. I will **put** My Spirit on Him, and He shall declare judgment to the nations.
- Confidence ...God be for us; who can be against us!
- Under pressure we must know OUR CALLING!

3. ATTITUDE

Phi 2:5 Have the same **ATTITUDE** among yourselves that was also in Christ Jesus:

Phi 2:6 In God's own form existed he, And shared with God equality, Deemed nothing needed grasping.

Phi 2:7 Instead, poured out in emptiness, A **SERVANT'S** form did he possess, A mortal man becoming. In human form he chose to be,

Phi 2:8 And lived in all **HUMILITY**, Death on a cross **OBEYING**.

- Have a **SERVANT SPIRIT**, worship the Lord through your Work!
- **SPIRIT OF HUMILITY!**
- **OBEDIENCE** - Submit to the **WILL** of **GOD!**
Give **THANKS** and be filled with **GRATITUDE!**
- What is your **ATTITUDE** toward your job?

4. ANOINTING

Anointing - King, Priest, Prophet

1Sa 10:1 Then Samuel took a flask of oil, poured it on Saul's head, and kissed him. He said, "Do you see what this means? **GOD has anointed you** prince over his people. "This sign will confirm GOD's anointing of you as prince over his inheritance:

1Sa 10:2 After you leave me today, as you get closer to your home country of Benjamin, you'll meet two men near Rachel's Tomb. They'll say, 'The donkeys **you went to look for are found**. Your father has forgotten about the donkeys and is worried about you, wringing his hands--quite beside himself!

1Sa 10:3 "Leaving there, you'll arrive at the Oak of Tabor. There you'll meet three men **going up to worship** God at Bethel. One will be carrying three young goats, another carrying three sacks of bread, and the third a jug of wine.

1Sa 10:4 They'll say, 'Hello, how are you?' **and offer you two loaves of bread, which you will accept.**

1Sa 10:5 "Next, you'll come to Gibeah of God, where there's a Philistine garrison. As you approach the town, you'll run into a bunch of prophets coming down from the shrine, playing harps and tambourines, flutes and drums. **And they'll be prophesying.**

1Sa 10:6 And the spirit of Jehovah will come powerfully on you, and you shall prophesy with them, and **shall be turned into another man.**

4. ANOINTING

1. Restoration of the missing – “looked & found”
2. Forward Progression – “Went up to worship”
3. Favour of God & Men – “Offer you....you will accept”
4. Transformed or Changed – “you’ll be a new person”

Joh 14:16 I will ask the Father to give you another **Helper**,
to be with you always.

- GOD knows we need **HELP!!**
- The Mission is in the name!