

Business In The Bible

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As we see in the Gospels, Christ spent much of His time ministering in the marketplace. And, of the twelve original apostles that Jesus called, most were businessmen—not synagogue ministers! Before Christ said “follow Me” (Matthew 4:19), six were fishermen operating established businesses in Galilee—most notably Peter, James and John. Matthew was a tax man with an office in bustling Capernaum. Another key follower, Luke, was known to be a practicing physician. Jesus himself was raised in a family business that supported a family of at least nine, and was more than a mere carpenter. Though translated as “carpenter,” the Greek word “tekton” actually describes a craftsman, one who constructs; a versatile builder and stone worker, making Him well known in the surrounding villages. This background formed a basis for His business knowledge shown later in the parables. Would Jesus have been categorized as a “Kingdom Business person” today?

Many of His public ministry appearances seem to have been in the marketplace and workplace. There are believed to be about 50 parables told, and from our count, 34 of them can be described as having a business, finance or workplace content as the illustration. Furthermore, many that supported the Apostles in the book of Acts were business people, such as Priscilla and Aquila, who operated a tent making business with Paul, and Lydia, a dealer of cloth, who may have provided a large home for the Philippian church meetings.

God is not finished surprising us with how He will be manifesting in His people today. Therefore, don't underestimate what He has in store for your business, and yourself, in the time of His appearing. We use the term “Kingdom Business” to signify a business dedicated to serving the Lord and His Kingdom. I believe business is such a key part of His plan in bringing forth the Kingdom on earth! After all, Jesus describes the Father Himself as a worker, calling Him “the Vinedresser.” Jesus said at twelve years old “*I must be about My Father's business*” (Matthew 3:12). God is in the business of people, creating both “prophets and profits” at the same time, as He uses the marketplace for many of His purposes. We hope the teaching on this

website will help reveal just how important the ministry of Kingdom Business is within the diversity of the Body of Christ.

Bible Study References

The wealth of the fathers in faith: Genesis 13:2, Genesis 26:12-14, Genesis 36:7, Genesis 39:2-3

God's covenant of blessing: Deuteronomy 8:17-18, Deuteronomy 28:8, Proverbs 10:22, Psalm 35:27

Financial giving: 2 Corinthians 9:7-12, Proverbs 11:25, Genesis 14:20, Hebrews 7:2, Proverbs 3:9-10, Malachi 3:10, Mark 12:41

Paul's "Kingdom Business" partnership of tent making: Acts 18:2-3, Romans 16:3, 1 Corinthians 16:19

Lydia's "Kingdom Business": Acts 16:14-15, Acts 16:40

Other women in business: Proverbs 31: 13,16,24, Acts 9:39

Businesses helping one another: Isaiah 41:6-7

Some of Jesus' business parables: Luke 16:8-11,13, Luke 19:13, Luke 14:28