

## LOVE YOUR BUSINESS, BUT LOVE GOD MORE!

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When we do what we love, we love what we do. Sounds like the same thing and it is mostly. But what happens when we love what we do more than we love God?

If God is the foundation of our business, then without Him our business will fail! There are many businesses that can claim worldly success, but without the foundation of the Word a business will not thrive God's way and it will not allow the Word to work through it for others.

A successful business begins from the heart before the intellect as we seek God's guidance for what we should do. We need to learn and practice the Christian ethic in order to have a well-rounded success in life and business. We need to let God guide us or we'll let the business lead us in a direction away from God rather than toward Him.

I was very honest when I first started my home business and great with customer service, but as I continued growing in the Word, I learned more about the places in my heart that needed fine tuning with God. He was trying to show me the power of owning a business through Christ, and I kept looking at it as something I loved so much that I let it rule my time.

"My time!" Nothing was mine, not even time, and until I saw the truth, I never seemed to have enough of it. I came to realize that God's timing blesses us, while my anxiety over it was creating fear that I would never have enough time to make my business grow. There are so many messages in my actions about who I was at that time, but I grew with God and learned how to be at peace while God lights the way for success.

I won't deny that there are many unscrupulous people who have highly successful businesses, but while they have a show of apparent wealth, they are bankrupt from within. They are void of true happiness, joy, and enthusiasm for all the simplicity that life has to offer, such as time spent with our families or sharing salvation with the lost.

Business owners who only care about "numbers" and making larger sums of money for personal consumption and power do not achieve true, well-rounded success. They are rich in money, but even though the world classifies financial wealth alone as success, it's not enough to live a fulfilling life where one can enjoy a sense of self-worth.

Business owners whose lives revolve around themselves, money and business 24/7, have temporary happiness that needs to be replenished with more and more money, Yet their thirst for money and power is never quenched. We need to keep our businesses centred upon God's Word in order to find the kind of success that makes us a blessing to God, not just ourselves. But in the process, we'll be greatly blessed!

### **KEEP YOUR LIFE IN BALANCE WITH GOD**

We need the mind of Christ to keep our business lives in balance with God's Word. If we don't, we risk having the kind of mentality that puts one's life out of balance and separates us from the values and integrity that brings true Godly wealth and success while creating in us an attitude of good stewardship.

As a Christian business owner or employee, it's important that you centre upon Kingdom Living before all things. If you don't, you'll obsess over everything about business instead of resting in Christ. You'll also live with the fear of losing what you have.

So don't let yourself become anxious about being on the leading edge of your business product or service, having the right products for transition, or hiring the best employees. Trust God by spending time with Him and He will show you the way.