

GOD IN THE BUSINESS LIFE OF MAN - AS THE INVISIBLE SENIOR PARTNER

Since God is interested in very part of man's life, He has rules for man's business life as well as for other parts. Study the following to learn these rules:

A. The Primary Aim of One's Business:

1. What should be one's primary aim in carrying on his business? Proverbs 22:1, 10:7

2. What too often is the aim of business people? Proverbs 23:4-5

3. What will be the result of the first aim? Proverbs 13:22, 28:20a, 13:11b

4. What will be the result of the second? Proverbs 28:20b, 22b, 20:21, 13:11, 10:2a, 15:27a

B. The Proper Way to Work at One's Business:

1. How should one go about his business, whatever it may be? Proverbs 22:29, 12:24, 10:4b

2. What will be the result of this? Proverbs 12:14b, 27b, 21:5

C. Things to Avoid in One's Business:

1. What is sometimes used by some people in their businesses? Proverbs 11:1a

2. What does God think of this? Proverbs 11:1b, 20:10, 20:23, 16:11

3. What do people sometimes do to get a better bargain? Proverbs 20:14

4. What does God call such tricks? Proverbs 12:22

5. What do people sometimes use to get their way in business? Proverbs 17:23, 8, 18:16, 19:6, 21:14, 25:14

6. If a gift is used "to pervert the ways of judgment" (Proverbs 17:23), what would we today call it?

7. How should one feel toward such gifts? Proverbs 15:27

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8. What else does God warn against? Proverbs 17:18, 11:15, 6:1-5, 22:26-27, 20:16, 27:13

9. What would be a particular temptation to those who own property or those who are in the real estate business? Proverbs 22:28, 23:10-11

10. What very common practice does God speak clearly against? Proverbs 14:5, 25, 12:17, 24:28, 25:18, 19:28

11. What will happen to people who do not heed God's warning in this regard? Proverbs 19:5, 9, 21:28, 6

D. The "Golden Rule" of Business:

1. What are two good rules to remember in all our business dealings?

a. Proverbs 15:16 _____

b. Proverbs 16:8 _____

2. What is the greatest riches one could ever gain? Proverbs 10:22

E. How to Use the Profits of Business:

1. What are the two extremes as to the amount of money one may have? Proverbs 30:8-9

2. What do the rich sometimes do? Proverbs 11:28a, 18:11

3. What is much better than riches? Proverbs 28:11, 6, 11:4

4. What do some people do with their money? Proverbs 11:24b

5. What does God want people to do with their money? Proverbs 11:24a, 21:27b, 11:25, 22:9

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Is God the Senior Partner in all my business dealings?

2. Am I willing to follow God's rules for business, even if it means I may not get as much money as I might otherwise have had? Proverbs 10:22, 22:1

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