

# WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS TO THE BUSINESS LEADER

## STUDY GUIDE

### Chapter 1: What You Can Do to Succeed Personally and Professionally

#### 1) Strive daily to glorify God through your business or area of responsibility.

1. Is glorifying God at the forefront of all that I do in business?
2. What can it look like for me personally to glorify God in the role I am currently in?
3. Am I sometimes tempted to behave unethically for a seemingly worthy cause? What can I do to resist that temptation?

#### 2) Obey God's Word in all things.

1. Is it hard for me to trust and obey God's word while at work?
2. What is a daily practice I can incorporate in my day to help bring me back to the truth of God's Word?

#### 3) Be ambitious to serve others.

1. Do I tend to be motivated by worldly ambition?

2. What are some practical ways I can counter my tendencies towards ambition rooted in worldliness?

3. What does it look like for me personally to humbly serve those I work with?

**4) Be a person of integrity—good character—above reproach.**

1. What does integrity mean to me?

2. How can I foster an integrity that consistently guides me and is pleasing to the Lord?

**5) Work hard—laboring willingly and diligently.**

1. Why did God design us to work?

2. How does it make me feel knowing that I will one day stand before God, at the Judgment Seat of Christ? Does that motivate me to work diligently?

3. Let this truth of work encourage and assure you that your labor is not in vain!

**6) Strive to walk humbly before all, especially before the Lord.**

1. What is the difference between healthy and unhealthy (sinful) pride?

2. Do I tend to exalt myself over others, God, and His creation?

3. Is walking humbly with God hard for me? If yes, why?

What are some ways to help guide myself into a more humble walk with Christ?

**7) Do not think too highly of yourself, nor too lowly.**

1. Am I quick to become “puffed up” or esteem myself too highly?
2. How can I be sure I am viewing myself accurately?

**8) Develop outstanding people skills: Learn to be gracious in all your interactions.**

1. Do I emphasize good people skills as an essential to effective leadership and business success?
2. What can I do to develop a more loving heart towards people?
3. What are 3 specific ways I can love my employees, customers, or suppliers today?

**9) Build healthy relationships with helpful individuals, companies, and associations.**

1. Think about a time when you had a healthy relationship with an individual or company. What were the benefits of that relationship?

Now think about a time when you had an unhealthy relationship. What were the consequences?

2. Do I have personal advisors or mentors in my life? Pray that God would provide that for you.

**10) Overcome a cynical attitude by focusing on the positive.**

1. What are my thoughts focused on?
2. Am I a noble example of a positive attitude? Why or why not?

## Chapter 2: What You Can Do To Help Achieve Your Vision Or Dream

### 1) Lay out your vision and plans.

1. Do I tend to look toward and think about the future without seeking God's direction?
2. Do I effectively and enthusiastically communicate my vision to others?
3. Am I easily discouraged when plans are not accomplished quickly?

### 2) Trust God as you set and carry out your goals: Remember that your plans are subject to His will.

1. Can I think of a time when God's plans were not exactly the plans I had in mind?
2. What does it look like for me to be faithful to where God has me now?

### 3) Be sure you have sufficient resources to accomplish your goals.

1. Have I ever undertaken a project requiring a major financial commitment?

What are some measures I took to insure I had sufficient resources?

In hindsight, what is something I should have done to insure I had sufficient resources?

2. What is a project I hope to invest in for my business in the future?

**4) Be fully committed to the success of your business.**

1. What can I learn from Nehemiah?

2. Is it hard for me to take risks in my business? Why or why not?

3. What can I do to minimize risk?

4. What are practical measures I can take to help stay focused on my goals?

## Chapter 3: What You Can Do to Succeed in Your Business Operations

### 1) **Build your business on the principle of loving your neighbor as yourself.**

1. What is the underlying principle upon which I operate my business? What is the underlying principle upon which I strive to operate my business? Are these different?
2. In what ways am I currently failing to obey Christ's Great Commandment?

### 2) **Focus on developing a spirit of service in all things.**

1. Is it hard to see myself as a servant to my employees or customers?
2. Is there a spirit of service at every level within my business?
3. What is a specific way I can show servanthood on a daily basis?

### 3) **Reject unethical advice and follow the counsel of God's Word.**

1. Do I find myself influenced more by people's opinions or by God's Word?
2. Who is a person that provides Godly advice for me personally?

Do I counsel others in the way of God's Word?

3. What do I need to do to prioritize God's Word in my life? To take great delight in it and let it transform how I do business?

**4) Manage your time wisely, making the most of every minute.**

1. What role do I find most significant in my life? A business owner? Parent? Friend? Do I focus my time and attention on that role more so than the others?

2. Am I intentional with my time in my day to day routine?

**5) Make wise, informed decisions.**

1. What are my methods for wise decision-making?

2. Do I find myself relying on God's Spirit, His Word, and fervent prayer when it comes to making decisions?

**6) Learn all you can about your business or position.**

1. Do I view myself as a lifelong learner?

2. What can I do to be learning and improving myself continually?

3. How do I learn most effectively?

**7) Organize your business or management area efficiently.**

1. Is orderliness in my work a reflection of Christ's character?
2. How can I best steward the organization of my business?

**8) Seek God's leadership for new and revolutionary ideas.**

1. How has God used me in advancing my business and in turn having an impact for His Kingdom?
2. Are my motives honoring to Him?

**9) Hire executives and managers with excellent character and values.**

1. Do I have faithful "companions" around me in my line of work?
2. What character qualities do I look for when hiring men and women?

**10) Keep accurate records and track all results.**

1. What condition is my business in right now?
2. Do I tend to neglect keeping accurate records and tracking results? If so, how can I improve?

**11) Secure legal advice whenever needed, but especially in all contracts.**

1. Do I seek counsel in legal matters? Do I think this is important?
2. How do I/would I discern what attorney I would like to work with?

**12) Establish an environment of wise and righteous behavior within your company.**

1. What aspect of true wisdom is most difficult for me personally?
2. How can a culture of God's wisdom change the culture of my business? How can I specifically be a catalyst for this to happen?

**13) Set the example for a calm and quiet spirit in the workplace.**

1. How can I maintain a calm and controlled spirit in the workplace? Is this hard for me?
2. What are the specific circumstances that tend to cause me to lose control of my emotions?

**14) Do not interfere in other people's affairs.**

1. Was I surprised by the bluntness of God's Word when it says to essentially, "mind your own business?" Why or why not?
2. Can I relate to any of the reasons for meddling in other people's business?

**15) Accept the authority of those over you, even if they are unreasonable or overbearing.**

1. Is it difficult for me to accept the authority of an unreasonable, overbearing, or harsh employer or superior? Remember that you are to honor Christ in how you react and respond to all people.

2. Am I an unreasonable, overbearing or harsh employer at times? If yes, what causes me to be this way? How can I maintain perspective and treat my employees with consistent kindness?

## **Chapter 4: What You Can Do to Ensure Excellent Financial Management**

### **1) Spend wisely and control costs.**

1. Does the responsibility of spending wisely and controlling costs overwhelm me?
2. In what specific areas am I failing to spend wisely?
3. What are methods I can implement for controlling costs that I am not already doing?

### **2) Prepare for emergencies ahead of time.**

1. Is it possible to prepare adequately for future adversity while also trusting that my future is in God's hands? What steps can I take to do this well?
2. What expenses can I reduce or eliminate in order to set aside money in an emergency fund?

### **3) Avoid borrowing money or stretching your debt to the limit.**

1. If borrowing money is unavoidable, how can I start to most efficiently pay off my debt?
2. In what ways am I not using credit wisely?

3. What steps can I take to be able to set aside money in a reserve fund?

**4) Pay all that you owe when it is due.**

1. Do I tend to fall behind on payments?

2. Is making cuts or personal sacrifices a reality I need to deal with?

**5) Be cautious when extending credit to those whose business decisions are unwise.**

1. Reflect on credit arrangements you have made previously, were they wise?

2. How can I better assess whether offering credit to an individual or company is a wise decision?

**6) Be careful when lending money and cosigning or guaranteeing a loan.**

1. Am I surprised by the firm guidance of God's Word on this subject?

2. How can I prepare myself now for future conversations on lending money?

**7) Be honest and fair in setting prices and establishing sales policies.**

1. Am I tempted sometimes to use dishonest practices?

2. Think about a time when you were successful due to being honest. Now think of a time when you were dishonest. What were the consequences?

**8) Be honest and fair in all purchasing practices.**

1. Have I experienced blessings from the Lord for honest purchasing practices?

2. What are ways I discern whether or not I am being ethical and wise?

**9) Do not exploit people during disasters or catastrophes.**

1. Have I ever been the recipient of compassion in a time of need?

2. What are ways my business can help others in times of need?

**10) Prepare and save for retirement years.**

1. Am I doing the best I possibly can to prepare myself and my employees for retirement?

2. How can I better prepare myself and my employees for retirement?

## Chapter 5: Cultivating Excellent Employees

### **1) Hire people who are capable, who live according to God's commands, and who are trustworthy, and who hate dishonest gain.**

1. What qualifications do I require for every employee? Is integrity at the top of my list?
2. What qualifications should I consider as absolute necessary for every employee?

### **2) Provide adequate training for all positions and on-going training to keep up with the lightning fast market.**

1. In what ways am I failing to provide adequate training to my employees?
2. Should I only hire people who are completely qualified for the job? Or should I consider taking a chance on choice individuals who may not yet have all the skills for the job?

### **3) Train your employees to persevere and be diligent and reward them for doing so.**

1. What do I do to instill a strong work ethic in my employees?
2. Do I fire lazy workers quickly or do I try to help them improve?
3. What incentives can I provide to encourage my employees to excel?

**4) Set the expectations in the workplace clearly, and model them yourself.**

1. What does it mean to work “with all your heart?”
2. Do I always work “with all my heart”?

**5) Create a legal and fair disciplinary process by remembering to love others as yourself, treat them the way you want to be treated, while establishing authority and consequences for ill behavior.**

1. Does my disciplinary process follow these principles?
2. How can I improve my disciplinary policies and processes?

**6) Allowing an employee to be disrespectful by talking back will create a negative atmosphere in the workplace and cause many more problems.**

1. Do I have any employees with a reactionary spirit? How do I deal with them?
2. What can I do to foster a positive attitude and courteous spirit in my employees?

**7) Correct your employees kindly, wisely and constructively.**

1. If I had to be, how would I like to be corrected?
2. How do I correct my employees? Do I sometimes fail to be kind and constructive?

**8) The foundation for a minimizing conflict is to create an open, approachable environment where all voices can be heard.**

1. When was the last time someone approached me honestly with a problem in my workplace?
2. How do I respond or react to those who approach me with problems?

**9) Set the example. Work the way you want your employees to work.**

1. Do I set an excellent example for my employees and coworkers?
2. How can I set a better example, or improve the way I treat my employees?

**10) Build a spirit of enthusiasm and teamwork by rallying your people around the goal.**

1. What are the ways I encourage my team?
2. What are some ways I can build a better spirit in my company?

**11) Do not micromanage, trust responsible people to do their jobs.**

1. Do I sometimes follow the old saying, "If you want something done right, you have to do it yourself?"

2. Does my management style annoy or stifle my employees?

**12) Be just and fair in all dealings with your employees.**

1. Are there ways I am failing to be fair with any of my employees?

2. Do I manage my employees with an awareness that I will give an account to God for how I treat them?

**13) Do not cheat your employees, God will deal firmly with you.**

1. Do I always pay my employees adequately and promptly?

2. Do any of my employees feel I am unfair in handling their compensation?

**14) Reward deserving employees with praise and recognition, and when possible, with compensation and promotion.**

1. How do I reward my employees?

2. Have I recognized my employees' efforts in the past few days?

**15) Resting at least 1 day a week is honoring to God's Sabbath command and essential for the well-being of the body.**

1. Are there ways I can be more flexible with time off for worship?
2. If I am open on Sunday, do I really need to be?
3. What “both/and” solutions might work for my company in this area?

## Chapter 6 – Dealing With Critical Business Matters

### **1) Determine if God wants you to defend yourself or to settle out of court.**

1. Why does our human nature desire to retaliate?

How can I combat that nature in myself in order to seek reconciliation instead?

2. Do I have a hard time discerning appropriate action to take when unjust action is taken towards me or my business? What are steps I can take to aid in this?

3. Do I have guidelines within my business to ensure that righteousness prevails?

### **2) Settle disputes or lawsuits outside of court whenever possible.**

1. Is it hard for me to approach disputes with a humble and conciliatory spirit? If yes, why is that?

2. What are measures I can take to assure disputes do not go to court?

3. How can I start to view lawsuits as opportunities to show righteousness?

### **3) Avoid settling a dispute with another believer by going to court.**

1. Is an initial thought for me in a dispute with a believer to seek counsel from God and other believers? If not, what are my initial ways of handling the conflict?

2. Before reading, did I ever consider it being destructive to my witness for Christ to go against a fellow believer in court?

3. Do I understand why God commands against going to court with a believer?

### **4) Remember God's warning when considering legal action against the needy.**

1. Is my attitude toward the needy pleasing to the Lord?

2. Under what circumstances should I be willing to suffer a wrong?

3. How can I discern whether I am truly helping a needy person or enabling them to continue in their dishonorable ways?

### **5) Turn to the Lord for help when facing a financial crisis.**

1. Is God whom I turn to first in a financial crisis?

2. Do I trust Him when money runs out?

3. How should I respond to a financial crisis?

**6) Seek to make arrangements with your creditor for debt you cannot pay on time.**

1. Do I see the value in taking initiative? Why is this approach Godly?

2. When in the situation of needing to approach a creditor, what immediate emotions would surface for me personally? Fear? Shame? Pride?

**7) Declare bankruptcy only as a last resort.**

1. Do I understand what the Bible teaches about debt relief and the responsibility to pay debts?

2. If I should ever need to consider filing bankruptcy, how can I make the right decision?

**8) Seek God's guidance in handling unpaid bills and outstanding debt.**

1. Do I tend to have a more trusting heart or skeptical nature towards people who may be taking advantage of me? Why?

2. Do I make business decisions with the best interests of others in mind? Reflect on a time when this occurred. What was the result?

3. How can I be firm, yet kind and merciful?

**9) Confront and hold accountable customers who do not pay you.**

1. What is my process or policy for dealing with customers that do not pay?

2. How can I arrive at a solution that is both in my best interest and the slow-paying customer's best interest?

**10) Be neither cruel nor ruthless when dealing with those who owe you.**

1. How do I treat my debtors?

2. What benefits are there in treating people with consistency and kindness? Does that outweigh money?

## Chapter 7: Overcoming Problems and Difficult Situations

### 1) Consider all trials as opportunities for personal growth.

1. How do I view trials?
2. How can I obey God's call to face trials with a spirit of joy?
3. What was the last major problem/trial I faced? How did I handle it? How can I better handle serious challenges?

### 2) Tackle every problem or difficult situation with the confidence that God can help.

1. Do I trust that God will bring me through all situations?
2. What does it look like for me personally to adopt an attitude of confidence in Him and never give up?

### 3) Be courageous when facing fear and discouragement.

1. Do I face my fears?
2. Do I carry out my responsibilities with an awareness of God's presence and help?

3. What can I do to keep myself from becoming discouraged?

4. What can I do to overcome fear and discouragement?

**4) Fight discouragement and never give up—by looking to God daily.**

1. What can I do to strengthen my inner person?

2. How can I focus more on what God is focused on?

**5) Overcome unhealthy anxiety by following God's counsel: Pray about everything.**

1. Is my first response to pray about my cares and concerns, or to worry and fret about them?

2. What are some current anxieties I need to pray about?

3. Do I know what it is to have the peace of God?

**6) Turn over the burdens of your business or position to God when they are too heavy for you to bear.**

1. What are some current burdens I need to give to God?
2. Do I trust God enough to commit my troubles to Him?
3. Do I see God as a God who wants to carry my burdens for me?

**7) Turn to Christ when you are weary and heavily burdened.**

1. Do I give up when I am weary, or do I turn to Christ?
2. Why does Christ openly invite me to come to Him when I am weary and heavily burdened?
3. When was a time I experienced Christ renewing my strength? His Spirit empowering me?

**8) Resolve to press on through every challenge, no matter how difficult.**

1. Do I ask God regularly for a spirit of endurance?

2. How does a spirit of endurance reveal itself in my life?

**9) Overcome crushing problems by looking to the future.**

1. Do I focus on the joy that will come at the end of my trial?

2. What do I tend to focus my eyes on other than Jesus?

**10) Remember your reward when you face persecution.**

1. How does my faith affect my business practices?

Has it ever caused me trouble with non-believers?

2. Christ commands us to rejoice and be glad amidst persecution, how do I feel about this? How can I better follow this command?

**11) Know that no trial or trouble can separate you from God's love.**

1. Do I let this fact encourage me?

2. What can I do to be ever conscious and convinced of this truth?

## **Chapter 8: What You Need to Guard Against In Your Business and Personal Life**

### **1) Guard against unwise partnerships.**

1. How can a partnership with someone who does not share my values and priorities result in serious problems?
2. What can I do to prevent entering into an unwise partnership?

### **2) Guard against the damaging effects of anxiety and stress.**

1. Do I tend to stress and worry about materialistic things? Does it affect my work? My relationships?
2. What is my attitude toward the future? What aspect of my life do I need to trust God more in?

### **3) Guard against being dishonest.**

1. Do I act as if the world is watching how I do business?
2. What can I do to overcome the temptation to be dishonest?

### **4) Guard against envying or coveting the success of those who are evil.**

1. Do I envy those who are experiencing success in business but who are also wicked in their ways?

2. Do the promises of God's blessings and future rewards help me against envious thoughts?

3. How do I feel about the contrast in how God handles the wicked from the righteous? Is there something I can do to influence evildoers?

## **5) Guard against oppressing those who are struggling.**

1. Do I see every human being as made in the image of God? If so, how should this influence the way I treat all people?

2. How can I specifically show kindness to those struggling financially?

## **6) Guard against offensive and illegal behavior.**

1. Is my workplace set up to guard against harassment, discrimination, etc?

2. Do I personally hold any prejudicial attitudes?

3. What can I do to keep offensive behaviors from arising in my business?

## **7) Guard against showing favoritism or undue leniency toward any worker.**

1. Do I show favoritism to any employee, co-worker?

2. What are ways I can ensure everybody in my business is treated equally?

**8) Guard against employee theft.**

1. Do I have clearly stated policies regarding employee theft and its consequences?

2. Are there practices I can implement to prevent employee theft?

**9) Guard against improper, suggestive clothing in the workplace.**

1. How does appropriate clothing encourage professionalism and productivity? What is appropriate for my specific business?

2. Are there people whom I work with that I need to have a conversation with when it comes to dress code? How can I respectfully go about encouraging change if there is a need?

**10) Guard against immorality—both personally and within the workplace.**

1. How can I protect myself from falling into sexual sin?

2. What can I do to protect my employees from immorality?

**11) Don't overwork or burn yourself out.**

1. Is my workload too heavy?

2. Am I carrying responsibilities that need to be assigned to others?

3. How can I delegate wisely?

**12) Guard against the dangers of technology.**

1. Do I guard against the pitfalls that come along with modern technology?

2. What processes/policies do I need to put in place to protect my employees from the dangers of technology?

3. Do I practice these policies in my own personal life and work?

**13) Guard against vicious competitors and enemies—people or businesses that seek to harm you.**

1. Do I let my raw emotions take charge in most cases, or do I love, do good, bless and pray for my enemies?

2. Do I expect God to work all things out for good?

**14) Guard against the worldly philosophy of self-sufficiency.**

1. Do I live and work in my own strength or in God's power?
2. Do I tend to put more emphasis on advancing myself rather than advancing the purposes of God? If yes, why do I do this?
3. Do I trust that God will always help and guide me in tough times?

**15) Guard against forgetting God when you become successful.**

1. Do I find myself seeking God and praying more often when I am in trouble?
2. Do I regularly reflect on all the ways God has provided for me and gotten me to where I am today?
3. Is it difficult for me to acknowledge the truth that God is the primary and ultimate source of everything I am and have?

## Chapter 9 What You Can Do to Help Build Healthy Relationships

**1) Be honest in all your business dealings.**

**2) Communicate clearly, concisely and honestly—say exactly what you mean in all communications.**

1. Review contracts and other agreements. Are they clear and concise?
2. How do my employees and clients view me in this area?
3. Does my “yes” truly mean “yes” and my “no” truly mean “no”?

**3) Be kind and respectful – controlled – in all your speech and behavior**

1. Reflect on a time when you responded angrily to a person or situation. Did your anger make the situation better? What can you do to control your emotions better?
2. Can you confidently say that you handle most situations with kindness and respect? How can you better show kindness and respect?

**4) Establish policies and procedures for resolving conflicts among your employees.**

1. How do I naturally deal with conflict?

2. Do I have clearly-defined policies for conflict resolution in place?

**5) Speak softly, not harshly, when dealing with confrontational people or heated situations.**

1. Do I respond carefully or react carelessly to heated situations?

2. What are steps I can take to respond appropriately to an unpleasant confrontation?

**6) Do not speak rashly nor act in anger.**

1. Can I recall a situation where angry words destroyed a relationship?

2. Can I remedy that relationship today?

3. Am I quick-tempered?

**7) Do not jump to conclusions nor confront any in haste.**

1. Do I tend to speak or act before having all the facts?

2. Do I have a tendency to jump to conclusions?

**8) Overlook minor offenses or mistakes.**

1. How can I discern between issues I need to deal with and those that I should overlook?
2. What can I do to focus on the “big picture?”

**9) Handle problems and differences with individuals privately as much as possible.**

1. Do I have a problem with directly confronting an employee?
2. Am I approachable?
3. How are conflicts handled in my place of business right now? What changes are needed?

**10) Seek reconciliation when others have broken a relationship.**

1. Is there someone I need to be reconciled with?
2. What steps can I take to work on that relationship?
3. Am I always willing to take the first step toward reconciliation?

**11) Guard your marriage: Balance your business and marital responsibilities carefully**

1. In what ways do I fall short of obeying God's instructions to me as a husband or wife?
2. How do my business responsibilities affect my marriage?
3. What can I do to better meet my spouse's needs?

**12) Guard against provoking your children to resentment or rebellious behavior.**

1. What are the things I do that provoke my children?
2. Do I "bring my business problems home?"
3. What can I do to better "leave work at work?"

**13) Make significant changes when your family feels neglected.**

1. What steps can I take to control my schedule, allowing time to meet the needs of my family?
2. Does my family feel that my business/career is more important than they are?

## Chapter 10 What Your Responsibilities Are to the Local Community and to the World

### 1) **Promote a strong work ethic.**

1. How do I view my work? Is it fulfilling? Do I feel overworked? Do I promote a strong work ethic within my company?
2. What can I do to build a strong work ethic in my company?
3. Do I have co-workers or employees whose work ethic is weak?

### 2) **Promote a positive perspective and philosophy toward work.**

1. Do I view work as a blessing, as a gift from God? Why or why not?
2. Am I working with selfish intentions?
3. Am I doing all I can to serve God and others through my work?
4. Is God truly at the center of my life and work?

**3) Set an example in the workplace: Live out the teachings of God our Savior.**

1. Do my co-workers see Christ in me?
2. What areas in my leadership style I can improve to better reflect Christ?

**4) Stand against the unfair treatment and oppression of laborers throughout society.**

1. Have I positioned myself well to be an influencer of righteousness and fairness?
2. What can I do to promote the proper treatment of workers?

**5) Respect the government and its authority.**

1. Why did God ordain that it is the responsibility of government to establish laws and regulations for the well-being of society?
2. What laws or regulations do I find unreasonable or difficult to comply with?

How can I address these while continuing to honor God by respecting the government's authority?

**6) Pay taxes—all you owe—honestly.**

1. Is there any way I am less than completely honest in paying my taxes?
2. Do I care for my conscience?
3. Do I tend to view the government as corrupt? Have I ever pondered the good government does and view it as a way of ministering to people?

**7) Be wise in using the world's resources—protecting, not destroying, the earth.**

1. Is there something I could do right now, today, to make better use of the world's resources?
2. On a scale of one to ten, how would I rate my stewardship of the earth's resources?

## Chapter 11: What Your Attitude Toward Money Should Be

### **1) Fight against making money your master**

1. Is God truly my master, or is money?
2. Do I keep money in the proper perspective?
3. Can I live more generously?

### **2) Avoid becoming materialistic, seeking only the treasures of this earth.**

1. As I assess my heart, what is truly capturing my heart right now?
2. Do I value earthly possessions more than heavenly riches?
3. How can I both supply earthly needs and build up God's kingdom simultaneously?

How can those work together?

### **3) Resist greed and covetousness.**

1. Am I unsatisfied with what God has given me?

2. Do I easily fall into self-indulgence and extravagant living? How can I guard against that?

**4) Do not hoard wealth.**

1. Am I guilty of hoarding wealth? If yes, what changes do I need to make?
2. How can I strike a balance between saving and giving?

**5) Heed God's charge to the rich: Do not be arrogant, nor place your trust in wealth.**

1. Do I unconsciously think I am more important than others due to my wealth?
2. Do I truly grasp the essence of eternal life?
3. How can I live today with a more giving spirit?

**6) Recognize that godly contentment surpasses all that the world has to offer.**

1. What is godly contentment?

2. Am I genuinely content?

3. In what do I find contentment?

**7) Be faithful in your daily responsibilities: God will then trust you with things of greater importance.**

1. Am I convinced that joy and peace in God is greater than accumulating wealth?

2. How can I best be faithful with what God has entrusted to me today?



**4) Be a strong witness for Christ in both word and deed.**

1. Do I see being a witness for Christ as a burden or a privilege? Why?
2. Does my daily life, business decisions, and relationships reflect Christ's love?
3. Are there steps I need to take to make myself a better witness for Christ? What could those be?

**5) Give and be generous: Support the church and other ministries both locally and worldwide.**

1. Does my giving reflect all that God has given me?
2. Do I see my role as important as that of a pastor in preaching God's Word to the world? If I did, how would that change the way I work?
3. Can God trust me to use the ability and money He has given me further His kingdom and to help the needy?

**6) Be a faithful steward (manager) of all the Lord has entrusted to you.**

1. Looking back, how has God prepared me for my current position?
2. Am I cultivating to the best of my abilities what God has entrusted to me?

**7) Make sure your business and personal estates continue to carry on God's work when you are gone.**

1. Am I adequately prepared in this critical area? If not, what do I need to do?
2. Am I doing everything I can to assure that purposes and priorities of my business will continue after I am gone?
3. Am I focused on leaving a spiritual legacy?