

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?