

## **Taking Care of Business**

In this series, we will be studying God's perspective on work and learning how we can go about the important task of *Taking Care of Business*.

### **SESSION 1: Meet the Boss**

In this session, we will get a clear picture of our true boss. And in the process, we will discover that the assignment is the same for all of us.... Whoever we are, wherever we work, and whatever we do.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”  
(Colossians 3: 23-24)

Regardless of our job, we are to work as if we are answering to the Lord. What we do is often not as important as how we did it.

### **Video Notes:**

Your work has eternal implications even if it has no apparent eternal value.

How you perform at work is as important as where you work.

How you perform at work is as important as how you behave at work.

Putting your heart into your work allows God to bless your work.

### **Weekly action steps:**

This week, approach your job as if you are working unto the Lord.

After completing the exercise, evaluate what was the most noticeable difference about that day versus other days?

## **SESSION 2:** Current Economic Indicators

Sooner or later, your Christian convictions will come into conflict with the principles that drive the business world. However, in this session we will learn that Christians never have to compromise the principles of God to maintain the blessing of God. God is in control of our circumstances.

*Read and reflect on Daniel 3:1-19*

### **Video Notes:**

Ethics are like *water*.

Compromising your ethics:

Causes you to lose your moral *authority*

Makes you a *coward* and a hypocrite

Causes you to forfeit the opportunity of discovering what *God* might have done

### **Weekly Action Steps:**

Which of the three idols (Security, Recognition or Career) discussed in the video are you most likely to serve? Your answer to this question reveals which of the three idols represents the greatest threat to your convictions.

Briefly describe why God is ultimately in control of your life.

Meditate on below listed verse throughout the week as a reminder that God, not your employer, ultimately controls the outcomes in your career.

“Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained.” (1 Samuel 2:30)

## **SESSION 4:** Going Public

Christians are called to be many things in the workplace. But most importantly, they are called to be the light of the world, pointing the way to Christ. This session, examines several practical ways to cultivate opportunities to shine God's light in the darkness of the workplace.

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6)

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)

### **Video Notes:**

Christians are to be the *light* to the world.

Suggestions for being a light to the world:

*Character* is the beginning of developing yourself as a light.

*Information* is a tool for sharing light.

*Invitation* makes it easier to be a light.

*Seasonal* celebrations are awesome opportunities to shine light.

### **Weekly Action Steps:**

What is one step you will take this week to be a light in the workplace?

Meditate on the below listed verse to remind you of your primary calling in the workplace.

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden."  
(Matthew 5:14)

## **SESSION 5: PAYING YOUR DUES**

From the principles in Scripture, we will see that God always works through those in authority over us. As long as it's moral and ethical, we should be less concerned about what is being asked of us than we are about who is doing the asking.

“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.” (Romans 13:1-2)

*Read Romans 13:1-7*

### **Video Notes:**

When we don't agree with our boss, God wants us to quit looking at the what and look at the who.

God established and works through authorities.

When you fight against authority established by God, you will reap judgment.

### **Weekly Action Steps:**

Think of a situation at work where you don't necessarily agree with those in authority over you. How might God be using this situation to bring about His perfect will for your life?

Meditate on the below listed passage to help you remember that God always works through our authorities to bring about His perfect will.

“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.” (Romans 13:1)