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“The ultimate test for management is integrity.”

At this end of the article the story about Roscoe the businessman effectively demonstrated this simple quote. There has to be an extreme level of honesty and reliability when dealing with business. Integrity should be taught at a young age for children to know how to and when to stand up for what's right; it's as simple as giving someone their correct change at a neighbor lemon aid stand, or telling mom what really happened to the car. In today's tough times when all else fails all we have to stand by is our word and our integrity, and of course our faith in GOD.

“We are not human beings on a spiritual journey but rather spiritual beings on a human journey”.

This quote meant so much to me on a personal level. Being referred to as a spiritual being gives me eternal strength and power in knowing that this human journey is merely a test (to see if I will tumble into the ways of the world) Being a human being on a spiritual journey is a task to seek righteousness unlike a spiritual being where righteousness is found. A spiritual being has the light of Jesus in their heart and has faith that with him all things are possible. A human being is more hopeful of this but the eternal light may be dim due to the ways of the world and how easy it is to stray in to the acts of the 10 commandments.

Should biblical bases be used in business?

Yes absolutely, for centuries a belief in GOD has been used as a method to distinguish trust. In daily life people swear by his name to validate truth, people question him when things go wrong and yet forget to thank him when things go right. On our beloved American currency there it is *“In GOD We Trust”*, so why not use that same belief in business. If Cross Manufacturing Company says that as part of their mission is to glorify GOD by reflecting Christ in every business transaction, I know I can trust in that company to be honest, to have integrity, honor, to be dependable, fair, patient and consistent. To serve GOD in business goes beyond simple customer service, that business person is on a spiritual journey to what's right, to do unto others and he would have done to himself.

When does the Holy Spirit take over and strategy end?

For the story of the church congregation that wanted to the land, I just feel prayer goes a long way. When you have a building full of spiritual beings together given GOD the glory and the power for all that he has done and yet to do the results will be your favor. Once you have exhausted all of your earthly resources and have nothing left to give, yet the mustard seed of hope and faith still remains that's when the Holy Spirit takes over. I believe that GOD will not let you struggle for too long and if you have been a good and faithful servant then your prayers will not go unanswered.

Example 2

They had a plan, a purpose, a mission and vision. They had all they need for their new venture plus something else that can't be written down—Faith.

“Our efforts would be in vain if they excluded the lord”

They used biblical analysis of management principles-- they just used common sense. Everything we need to succeed can be found in his Word, through godly counsel and through prayer.

Reference books

***Business for the Glory of God: The Bible's Teaching on the Moral Goodness of Business* by Wayne Grudem (Author)**

***Business the Bible Way: Christ like Communication With-in Corporate Culture* by Bob M. Wood**

***Religious Perspectives on Business Ethics: An Anthology (Religion and Business Ethics)* by Thomas O'Brien and Scott Paeth**

***Business and Religion: A Clash of Civilizations? (Conflicts and Trends in Business Ethics)* by Nicholas Capaldi**

***Business of the Heart: Religion and Emotion in the Nineteenth Century* by John Corrigan**

***My Business, His Way: Wisdom and Inspiration for Entrepreneurs* by A'ndrea J. Wilson**

***Doing Business by the Good Book: Fifty-Two Lessons on Success Straight from the Bible* by David Steward, Robert L. Shook and George H. W. Bush**

***Business With Soul: Creating a Workplace Rich in Faith and Values* by Michael Cardone Jr.**

***Why Business Matters to God: (And What Still Needs to Be Fixed)* by Jeffrey B. Van Duzer**

***Christian Family Guide to Starting Your Own Business* by Ed Paulson, Carol Wilde, Gary Wilde and Jr., James Stuart Bell**

How Big.

I have been raised in the church, so from childhood I have been in many churches. I can remember hearing the pastor during offering say how they needed people to reach dip inside their wallets and give from their hearts. At the time I didn't know what that meant, but I do now. The size of the congregation and the amount of money needed to support the churches bills didn't quite match. Smaller churches tend to have more fellowship, more like a large family but may struggle financially. I've been in churches the size of football stadiums, in churches that big that fellow ship is hard there are too many people to meet, but financially they may be doing great. To determine how big is too big is really based on the goal the church is trying to meet.