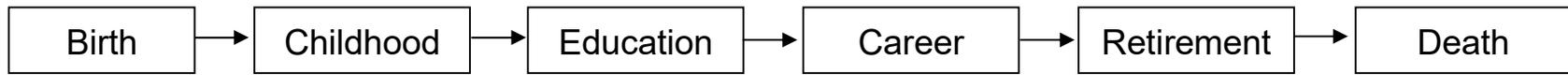


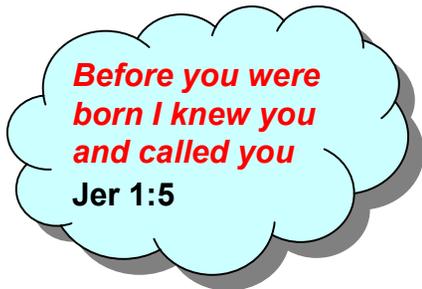
World vs. Kingdom

Life of a Businessperson

World's View – 21st Century



God's View - Unchanged



Born of
Flesh



Born of
The Spirit

Walk in
Obedience

Discover
Calling

**Be About the
Father's
Business**

World vs. Kingdom

Objectives in business are in conflict

- *Jesus did not say “go make money” he said “go make disciples”*

World's Understanding

God's Perspective

Career ↔ Calling

Make money ↔ Make disciples

Self-motivated ↔ Obedience

Self-starter ↔ Wait on the Lord

Self-sufficient ↔ Jehovah Jireh – Lord provides

Self-made man ↔ God's power produces wealth

Self-advancement ↔ Kingdom advancement

Self

God

Who is the Focus?

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations

Matthew 28:19

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

Mark 8:36

Don't Work for Money – Work with Jesus

“Harder” in our own strength or “Smarter” in God’s power?

- *World says: Toil is the only way*
- *Jesus says: I am the better way*

To those who say: “We’re going to a city for a year, do business and make money...” should instead say, “If the Lord wills, we will live...”

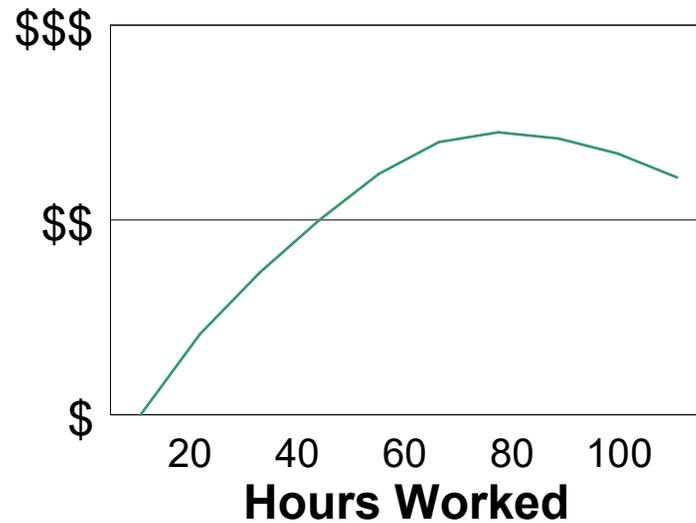
James 4:13-15

There was a famine... Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped a hundredfold

Genesis 26

World View

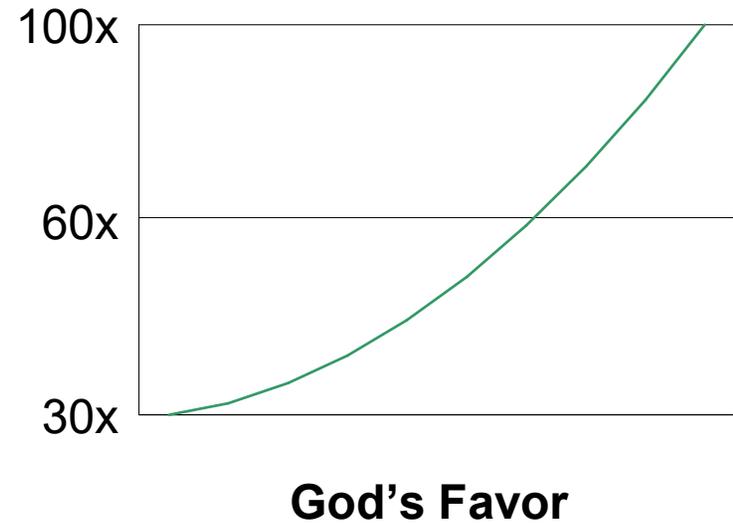
Money



- Business is about making money
- Law of diminishing returns
- Zero-sum game
- “Take what’s Mine”
- Curse of the ground Gen 3:17 applies

Kingdom View

Harvest



- Work is doing the Father’s business
- Harvest of souls, blessing *and* wealth
- Jesus’ redeemed all curse Gal 3:13
- Miraculous multiplication is God’s math
- Kingdom first all else added
- Receiving not taking

Financial Principles

What does God say?

- *God has real wisdom in his financial commands*
- *The world has a “messed up” system promoting darkness*

*Wise as serpents;
innocent as doves*

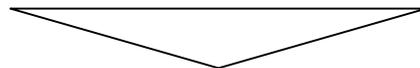
Matt 10:16

Therefore you shall not oppress one another, but you shall fear your God

Leviticus 25:17

The World

- Debt lasts until repaid
- Lend to high credit scores
- Force people to repay
- Use debt to leverage gains
- Maximum interest saleable
- Extensive legal contracts
- Sue for all you can get back
- Foreclose on property
- No mercy



Slavery

The Word

- Forgive debts every 7 years (**Det 15:1**)
- Lend freely to those in need (**Det 15:8**)
- Don't expect to be repaid (**Luk 6:35**)
- Lend instead of borrow (**Det 15:6**)
- Don't charge interest (**Lev 25:36**)
- Yes be Yes (**Mat 5:37**)
- Settle amongst yourselves (**Mat 5:25**)
- Return lands every 50 years (**Lev 25**)
- Borrower accountable to God (**Ps 37:21**)



Freedom

Business Practices

What does God say?

The World

- *Bible speaks more to business practices than we dare admit*

- Take what's yours
- Don't leave anything on table
- Fear & Greed = market drivers
- Work whenever you need to
- Intimidation and control
- Be seen & promote yourself
- No trust – contracts, lawsuits
- Get even – tit for tat
- Shave a little here and there
- Concerned what man thinks
- Plotting and scheming
- Ruthlessness
- Money is power



Business is Business

The Word

- Freely give (sow) ([Luke 6:34](#))
- Freely receive (harvest) ([Mat 10:8](#))
- Trust God, not yourself ([Prov 3:5](#))
- Don't work on Sabbath ([Ex 20:8](#))
- Wash feet, serve others ([Jn 13:14](#))
- God will reward you ([Matt 6](#))
- Yes be Yes ([Matt 5:37](#))
- Forgive ([Matt 6:14](#))
- Honest scales ([Lev 19:36](#))
- Concerned what God thinks ([Gal 1:10](#))
- Pray for God's will ([Jam 4:15](#))
- Gentle, humble, patient ([Col 3:12](#))
- Holy Spirit power ([Deut 8:18](#))



True Prosperity

Whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave

Matt 20:27

The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it

Proverbs 10:22

