

Sunday March 25, 2012 Marketplace Mandate (Part - 4) Timeless Principles for the Marketplace

There are many Biblical principles that we can apply to the Marketplace. Today we will look at a few for our study.

Treating Employees, Direct-Reports

No abuse. No threats.

Ephesians 6:9 And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

Don't exploit. Don't hold back wages.

Leviticus 19:13

'You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of him who is hired shall not remain with you all night until morning.

Jeremiah 22:13

"Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness And his chambers by injustice, Who uses his neighbor's service without wages And gives him nothing for his work,

People & Relationships

Apply Biblical principles in relating to people in Marketplace relationships **Peacemaker** Matthew 5:9

Love people Matthew 5:43-48

Forgiveness Matthew 6:14,15

Do as you would have done Matthew 7:12

Being a good friend Proverbs 18:24

Be helpful

Deuteronomy 22:1,4

- 1 "You shall not see your brother's ox or his sheep going astray, and hide yourself from them; you shall certainly bring them back to your brother.
- 4 "You shall not see your brother's donkey or his ox fall down along the road, and hide yourself from them; you shall surely help him lift them up again.

Be careful in your speech Colossians 4:6

Stay away from scorners Proverbs 22:10 Psalm 1:1-3

Receive Correction and discipline well Proverbs 15:12,31,32

Honour your bosses (even bad bosses and unfair employers)

1 Timothy 6:1-2

- 1 Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed.
- 2 And those who have believing masters, let them not despise them because they are brethren, but rather serve them because those who are benefited are believers and beloved. Teach and exhort these things.

1 Peter 2:18-21



- 18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.
- 19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.
- 20 For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

Psalm 103:6 The LORD executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed.

Career Growth

Promotion Psalm 75:6-7

God will vindicate you even if man is unfair Genesis 29 Jacob & Laban

Corporate Finance

Pricing products and services

Good value at a fair price Honest scales, weights and measures Don't cheat

Leviticus 19:35,36

35 'You shall do no injustice in judgment, in measurement of length, weight, or volume.

36 You shall have honest scales, honest weights, an honest ephah, and an honest hin: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

Leviticus 25:14

14 And if you sell anything to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor's hand, you shall not oppress one another.

Deuteronomy 25:13-16

- 13 "You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a heavy and a light.
- 14 You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small.
- 15 You shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure, that your days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.
- 16 For all who do such things, all who behave unrighteously, are an abomination to the LORD your God.

Keep Everything aboveboard.

Proverbs 11:1

Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight is His delight. (NKJV)

"GOD hates cheating in the marketplace; he loves it when business is aboveboard." (MSG Bible)

Avoid Greediness or trying to make a "quick buck" (e.g. by collecting bribes)

Proverbs 13:11 Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, But he who gathers by labor will increase.

Proverbs 15:27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, But he who hates bribes will live.

Proverbs 17:23 A wicked man accepts a bribe behind the back To pervert the ways of justice.

Deuteronomy 16:19 You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous.

Psalm 62:10 Do not trust in oppression, Nor vainly hope in robbery; If riches increase, Do not set your heart on them.

Work Habits

Diligence

Whatever you do, do it will all your heart Ecclesiastes 9:10

Be diligent – diligence (thoroughness, carefulness, meticulousness) brings wealth Proverbs 10:4

Accountability (Being Faithful in what is anothers')

Luke 16:9-12



Christ-Like Leadership That Transforms The Marketplace

Matthew 20: 20-28

Honor God and serve people with money

Proverbs 3:9,10

9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

Proverbs 11:24 There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty.

Proverbs 22:4

By humility and the fear of the LORD Are riches and honor and life.

Psalm 30:6 Now in my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved."

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