

## **Biblical Studies for Business Breakthroughs**

### **"Kings, Priests, and Profits"**

#### **Week 2 Teaching Notes**

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#### **4 Principles of Worship as a Business Best Practice**

**Foundational Scripture:** 2 Chronicles 1

**Overview:** In 2 Chronicles 1 God sets forth a pattern with Solomon that Christian business leaders can glean from in terms of how we are to incorporate God into our work lives: 1) Worship (2 Chronicles 1:1-10), 2) Wisdom (2 Chronicles 1:11-13), and 3) Wealth (2 Chronicles 1:14-17). Worship is critical to this process because it's an opportunity for Him through His Spirit to send thoughts to human minds that must turn invisible ideas into visible manifestations. For Christian entrepreneurs this is an opportunity to create streams of revenues through a business that honors God and creates value in the earth.

**Key Points:** Incorporating worship as a business best practice allows you to...

##### **1. Invoke God's Presence**

- a. 1 Kings 8, 2 Chronicles 7, Isaiah 6, Acts 16
- b. Psalm 16:11 *"In the presence of the Lord there is fullness of joy."*
  - i. Hard to be joy-ful and peace-less at the same time
- c. The better you know God's different character qualities the more natural it will be invite Him to participate in different aspects of your business
- d. Names of God - Which aspects of God do you need in your particular situations?
  - i. El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty) - Genesis 17:1
  - ii. El Elyon (The Most High God) - Genesis 14:18
  - iii. Adonai (Lord, Master) - Genesis 15:2
  - iv. Yahweh (Lord, Jehovah) - Genesis 2:4
  - v. Jehovah Nissi (The Lord My Banner) - Exodus 17:15
  - vi. Jehovah-Raah (The Lord My Shepherd) - Psalm 23
  - vii. Jehovah Rapha (The Lord That Heals) - Exodus 15:26
  - viii. Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is There) - Ezekiel 48:35
  - ix. Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness) - Jeremiah 23:6
  - x. Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You) - Exodus 31:13
  - xi. El Olam (The Everlasting God) - Genesis 21:33
  - xii. Elohim (God) - Genesis 1:1
  - xiii. Qanna (Jealous) - Exodus 20:5
  - xiv. Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide) - Genesis 22:14
  - xv. Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace) - Judges 6:24

- xvi. Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts) - 1 Samuel 1:3
- xvii. Baal-Perazim (Lord of the Breakthrough) - 2 Samuel 2:50

## 2. Inspire God's Promotion

- a. Worship promotes God above your circumstances
  - i. Promotion as in elevation, exaltation, expansion, enlargement, magnification, etc.
  - ii. Psalm 34:3 *"Oh magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together."*
- b. Worship gives Him permission to be Lord over your business
- c. Worship refocuses your mind on God vs. your need so you look at your need from the perspective of God, not at God from the perspective of your need
  - i. God is as big in your life as you allow Him to be
  - ii. Worship enlarges your perspective of God in your mind
- d. The greatest warfare we will battle is in our minds
  - i. Ephesians 6: We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities (origins), powers (choices), rulers of darkness
  - ii. 2 Corinthians 10:5 *"We demolish arguments [thoughts, imaginations, opinions, ideas, concepts, perspectives, etc.] and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."*

## 3. Initiate God's Priorities

- a. You should always come out of worship with instructions for next steps
  - i. Genesis 6 - God gives Noah instructions on building the ark
  - ii. Genesis 41 - Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dream with instructions of what to do next
  - iii. Exodus 3 - God gives Moses instructions for Hebrews
  - iv. Exodus 25 - Moses receive explicit, detailed instructions from God on how to build the Tabernacle
  - v. 1 Kings 6 - Solomon builds the temple from specific instructions
  - vi. Isaiah 6 - Isaiah receives instructions after a divine encounter with God
  - vii. Daniel 2 - Consultant / strategic adviser (interpreting dream) for a marketplace leader (king)
  - viii. Luke 5 - After preaching on Peter's boat, Jesus tells him how to catch more fish
  - ix. Jesus - Jesus said *"I only do what my Father tells me, shows me..."*
  - x. Acts - Peter, Paul, and other apostles receive instructions from the Holy Spirit on where to go what to do

- b. Christian entrepreneurs should always approach asking what do you want me to do in the marketplace vs. approaching Him with out plan and asking Him to bless something He may not have initiated.

#### 4. Invite God's Provision

- a. God never shows up empty handed... He often brings wisdom wrapped asß witty inventions (Proverbs 8:12)
- b. Provision comes as a result of the application of wisdom for the activation of ideas / strategies that came from God's mind
- c. What's in the mind of God? What does God dream about?
  - i. The entire expanse of the universe is contained within the mind of God
  - ii. We have a window into God's mind - 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
  - iii. Psalm 42:7 "Deep calls unto deep..."
  - iv. Jeremiah 33:3 "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."
- d. Spiritual Insemination - *"Thy Kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven..."*
  - i. How God gets solutions from heaven to the earth
  - ii. Similar process to how Jesus was conceived / birthed: Word made flesh
  - iii. God through His Spirit sends thoughts to human minds that must turn the invisible idea into a visible manifestation. For Christian entrepreneurs this is an opportunity to create streams of revenues through a business that honors God and creates value in the earth.
  - iv. Spiritual intimacy is required for spiritual insemination to be initiated
- e. Example: George Washington Carver continual prayer life produced over 800 products for the peanut. This story is just one example of how he incorporated prayer into his professional life:  
<http://www.cbn.com/entertainment/sports/carpenter-specialplace.aspx>
- f. Our efforts as business leaders will be multiplied when we rely more on the Spirit of God and less on our earthly abilities
  - i. Zechariah 4:6 *"So he answered and said to me: 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts."*

***Are you asking for what's in heaven (i.e. on God's mind in God's will) or what is already on the earth?***