

## Session 9: Business and the Bible

### **Proverbs 16:11**

*"Honest scales and balances belong to the Lord; all the weights in the bag are of his making."*

*Business is not just an evil enterprise driven by greed. It can be an instrument that God can use to build and bless his people. God uses business and God uses the people in it.*

**-Dharius Daniels**

## What the Bible says about Personal Business?

### 1. We should pay \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Romans 13:6-7**

*This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.*

#### **Mark 12:13-17**

*Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? Should we pay or shouldn't we?" But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "Why are you trying to trap me?" he asked. "Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then Jesus said to them, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." And they were amazed at him.*

### 2. We should pay our \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Psalms 37:21-22**

*The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously; those the Lord blesses will inherit the land, but those he curses will be destroyed.*

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3. We should have a willingness to \_\_\_\_\_.

### **2 Thessalonians 3:10**

*For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."*

4. We should keep our \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Proverbs 25:14**

*Like clouds and wind without rain is one who boasts of gifts never given.*

### **Professional Business:**

The same ethics that apply in personal business apply in professional business.

### **What the Bible says about Professional Business:**

1. Operate with Honesty.
2. Operate with Integrity.
3. Profit is OK; exploitation is NOT.

*God is not anti-business; God is simply pro-purpose.*

**-Dharius Daniels**

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. *What have you learned about personal business from this session?*
2. *How does personal business apply to you and your context?*
3. *Of the 3 commandments written about professional business, which one really speaks to a particular situation in your life?*
4. *How might you sustain professional business ethics although it may not be encouraged?*