

*6 Steps to a
Christ-Centered Business*

Success in Christ: Ministry and Business

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***Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto
thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge
him, and he shall direct thy paths.***

Proverbs 3:5 - 6

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This is dedicated to my daughter
Angelina. Remember you can do all
things through Christ.

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Step 1

Put God First

*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;
and all these things will be added unto you.*

Matthew 6:33

Above everything else, put God first. Remember that this is God's business, not yours. You are simply an instrument He is using to fulfill His purpose. In everything you do acknowledge Him and He will give you direction. This is literal; before making decisions concerning your business pray and seek God's direction.

Step 2

Trust God's Timing

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5

Trust that God knows what He's doing. One major mistake I made when starting my business was trying to do things my way. There were times when I felt God wasn't moving fast enough and what was before me seemed urgent and immediate. Moving ahead of God's timing produces untimely results that may be detrimental to your business. Trust God's timing and wait on Him.

Step 3

Just Obey... Don't Rationalize

... to obey is better than sacrifice

1 Samuel 15:22

I can't tell you how many times I messed up on this one. There are times you will hear the voice of the Lord, but the directions given to you just do not seem rational... in your mind. Obedience is better than sacrifice; know that His ways are not like our ways and what may seem rational or what may "make sense" to us is not always the way of the Lord. The key here is to know His voice and when you know it's God advising you, OBEY!

Step 4

Bind the Spirit of Procrastination

A sluggard's appetite is never filled, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.

Proverbs 13:4

One thing is for sure, I am quick to do what the Lord leads me to do.

Sometimes I move so quickly that my team has no idea what's going on. Often times neither do I, but when God says move, I move without hesitation.

Proverbs 16:9 tell us that "A man's heart plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." I planned and purposed to have an arts organization, but God has lead me in the direction I'm to go. God has granted nothing, but success for Bearden Productions. Has the road been easy? Not at all! But one thing is for sure, my faith in God is like never before.

Step 5

Rely on What God Tells You & Not Everyone Else

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Acts 5:29

Often times people will assume they can run your organization better than you. Looking from the outside in, they think they have all of the answers on how you should do things; and some of it may be true. However, God gave you the vision and will give you the tools to carry it out.

This does not mean you should never listen to the advice of other people, I'm simply stating that not everyone is able to see the vision as God has given you and, if they aren't led by God in the advice they are giving, they may very well be giving you advice that will not work for your organization. In a nutshell... seek Godly council.

Step 6

Pray... Always

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought to always to pray, and not to faint

Luke 18:1

Luke 18:1 tells us it is our duty to pray, it is a privilege and an honor to be able to go before the father in prayer. Just as we pray for family, friends, and everything else, we should also pray for our business. And we must not just pray, but also we must pray and not get weary. Prayer strengthens us, encourages us, helps us persevere, and so much more.

In order for your business to thrive constant communication with God is needed so that you can hear His voice and see clearly the way of the Lord. Trust me there are times that you will not feel like praying. I have found these times to be the best times to pray. It puts our flesh under subjection!

***Helpful Scriptures &
Journaling***

Putting God First

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God

I Corinthians 10:31

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

Matthew 22:37

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

Proverbs 16:3

Trust God's Timing

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

Psalms 46:10

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

Just Obey... Don't Rationalize

Love the Lord your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always.

Deuteronomy 11:1

Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake.

Romans 1:5

If you love me, keep my commands.

John 14:15

Bind the Spirit of Procrastination

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

James 4:17

Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.

Proverbs 10:4

Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in forced labor.

Proverbs 12:25

Rely on What God Tells You & Not Everyone Else

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Galatians 1:10

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

Proverbs 29:25

On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.

1 Thessalonians 2:4

Pray... Always

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

And pray in the Spirit on all
occasions with all kinds of prayers and
requests. With this in mind, be alert and
always keep on praying for all the Lord's
people.

Ephesians 6:18

pray continually,
1 Thessalonians 5:17

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