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SESSION 4 — *Blueprints for Kingdom Business*

Ministry _____ Work — "At all times share the gospel and if you must, use words!"

- Consider these Biblical blueprints
    - God "hath given us the ministry of reconciliation…then we are ambassadors for Christ…" 1Cor.5:18-20
    - "…work out your own salvation…for it is God which worketh in you…" Phil.2:12b-13
    - "…walk worthy of the vocation…" Eph.4:1
- Our word **vocation** comes from the Latin word **vocatio** which actually means _____.
- Contrast today's understanding of **vocation** and **calling**…
- With a **calling** there must be a _____.
- We must respond with faithful obedience.

Ministry _____ Work — "Work: the place where your deep gladness meets the world's deep needs."

- Consider these Biblical blueprints
    - "…take no thought for your life…but seek ye first the Kingdom of God" Mt.6:25,33
    - "…shall He not give us all things?" Rom.8:32
    - "…shall supply all your need…" Phil.4:19
- The God of all grace and provision has chosen us to be His "grace-dispensers."

- 4 Results of the Ministry *of* Work
    1. Our work will Glorify God
    2. Our work is a practical way of "loving" our neighbor
    3. Our work embellishes/improves human life and creates beauty (common good)
    4. The Kingdom is advanced "one job at a time"

Ministry _____ Work —

- ✓ transform the work
- ✓ transform the worker
- ✓ transform the world
    - God's "conspiracy" is to _____ (reconcile) today's business world to conform to His blueprint for business.
    - Change the way the workplace and marketplace operates
    - Utilizing "transformation agents" (us)

Spiritual Capital: Key to Economic Blessing

- Axiom of business is that you need to start with _____
    - Financial/economic capital (cash)
    - Social capital (relationships)
    - Intellectual capital (expertise - KSAs)
    - Spiritual capital (trust/morality)
- Sound, successful, and sustainable **business principles** will always be related to **equal scriptural principles**!

- Beginning of the 20th century Max Weber, one of the leaders of sociology, examined the essentials of successful capitalism—why does it thrive in some places & not in others?
  - Adaption of vocation, hard work, personal piety led to economic success
  - Application of Biblical values to business resulted in economic success (successful capitalism)
- 1993 Dr. Douglas North won the Nobel Prize in Economics for his work in institutional economics.
  - He proved a direct link between the long-term economic development and certain "institutions" of a society.
  - Those were the formalized rules of its political/governmental system and the informal rules of its moral-cultural system.
- Summary: a society's economic performance are directly linked to its…
  - constitutions, laws and regulations
  - morals, conventions, and social norms
  - There is shift taking place between codified standards and moral standards in the Western world
  - More codified/legal compelled behavior
  - Less ethical (compelled by "what is right") behavior
  - Self-interest (situational) standard versus Biblical (immutable) standard of morality

Standards for Character:
These Produce Spiritual Capital and Advance the Kingdom

Personal Character Standards	Biblical Reference
• Integrity/honesty/Truthfulness	• Deut.25:15-16
• Loyalty/faithfulness	• Prov.28:20;2Chr.16:9
• Trust	• Jn.14:1;Psa.37:5
• Commitment	• 1Kng.8:61
• Order/cleanliness	• 1Cor.14:40
• Hope	• Rom.12:12;Heb.11:1
Inter-Personal Standards	**Biblical Reference**
• Humility	• Phil.2:3
• Service	• Gal.5:13
• Respect/dignity	• 1Pet.2:17
• Justice/Fairness	• Amos 5:15;Prov.2:9
• Grace/compassion	• 1Pet.4:10;
• Forgiveness	• Eph.4:32
• Consideration	• Tit.3:1-2
• Trust	• Exod.18:21
• Accountability	• Gal.6:2;Jas.5:16
• Interdependence	• Rom.12:4-5
• Love	• Jn.15:12;1Cor.13:13
Org. Performance Standards	**Biblical Reference**
• Service	• Eph.6:7-8
• Excellence	• Lk.19:17;Col.3:23
• Diligence	• Prov.10:4
• Value	• Mt.5:41
• Quality	• 1Cor.3:13