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"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

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# **BUSINESS ETHICS – PART 2**

### I. The Foundation of Biblical Business Ethics

Key Scriptures: Proverbs 16:11; Colossians 3:23–24; Micah 6:8

### Main Idea:

Business ethics begin with the understanding that **all work belongs to God** and should be done **unto the Lord**.

### **Truth to Remember:**

God is as concerned with how we earn our money as He is with how we give it.

# **Key Principle:**

Ethical business starts with a **heart of worship** — working for God, not just for gain.

# **II. Integrity in Transactions**

Key Scriptures: Proverbs 20:10; Leviticus 19:35–36; 2 Corinthians 8:21

### Main Idea:

Integrity means doing what is right even when no one is watching.

#### **Truth to Remember:**

"The Lord detests dishonest scales." (Proverbs 20:23)

**Examples of Modern "Dishonest Scales":** 

- Misleading advertising
- Cutting corners
- Inflating prices or numbers
- · Withholding information

### **Application Challenge:**

Ask yourself: Would I still make this deal if Jesus were my business partner?

### III. Fair Treatment and Justice

**Key Scriptures:** James 5:1–6; Deuteronomy 24:14–15; Ephesians 6:9

### Main Idea:

God expects us to treat workers, customers, and partners with **fairness**, **justice**, and **respect**.

#### **Truth to Remember:**

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due." — Proverbs 3:27

### **Practical Examples:**

- Pay employees fairly and promptly
- · Treat customers with honesty and respect
- · Lead teams with compassion, not control

# IV. Stewardship and Accountability

Key Scriptures: Matthew 25:14–30; Luke 16:10–12; 1 Corinthians 4:2

#### Main Idea:

We are not owners — we are **stewards** of God's resources.

### **Truth to Remember:**

"It is required in stewards that one be found faithful." — 1 Corinthians 4:2

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### **Biblical Example:**

The **Parable of the Talents** teaches that faithful stewardship multiplies blessings while negligence wastes opportunity.

### V. The Temptation of Greed

Key Scriptures: 1 Timothy 6:9-10; Luke 12:15-21; Matthew 6:24

### Main Idea:

The love of **money** is the root of all kinds of evil.

### **Truth to Remember:**

"You cannot serve both God and money." — Matthew 6:24

### **Contrast Study Table**

Character	<b>Attitude Toward Wealth</b>	Result
Rich Young Ruler (Matt. 19:16–22)	Couldn't part with his possessions	Walked away sorrowful
Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1–10)	Repented and became generous	Salvation came to his house

# **Memory Verse**

# Colossians 3:23–24 (NIV)

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward."

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