

## **The Bible in Business**

### Introduction:

- A. For too many, the Bible is for Sunday but not to be brought into the business world.
- B. The Bible guides the Christian's life in every relationship. - Colossians 3:17
- C. What principles does the Bible provide to guide us in business?
- I. We have the obligation to make an honest living. - Ephesians 4:28; 2 Thessalonians 3:10
- II. We have the right to:
  - A. buy, sell and trade - Acts 5:1-4
  - B. go into business - Acts 18:1-3
- III. Bible principles will guide us to both righteousness and success in business.
  - A. Put the Lord first. - Matthew 6:33
  - B. Do not be covetous. - Luke 12:13-21; 1 Timothy 6:6-10
  - C. Work diligently. - Proverbs 6:6-11; 24:30-34
  - D. Be honest. -Romans 12:17; Ephesians 4:28; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
  - E. Treat others as you want to be treated. - Matthew 7:12
  - F. Employers and employees: Be fair with each other. - Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:22 - 4:1
  - G. Be generous with the worthy poor. - Ephesians 4:28; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Acts 20:34-35
  - H. Do not share in the sins of wicked people. - 2 Corinthians 6:14
  - I. Do not even give an appearance of compromise with sin. - Matthew 5:16

### Conclusions:

- A. If these business principles would be consistently, diligently applied in the business world, all economic woes would vanish.
- B. Christians, such righteous practices must begin with us. - Matthew 5:16