

## 7 Areas of Preparation in your Business Service

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The Bible is clear that we need to be trained up for the work of service. Many of us know where to go and what needs to be done to prepare for the work of service as a pastor, missionary, educator, doctor, [or nurse](#). But if you wanted to be a servant of the King in the marketplace, where would you go and what would you do to become the best you could be for the Kingdom?

We are all called to be followers of Christ, to make Christ the center of our life, the focus of our desire, and the aim of our service. There is no other goal on earth that we should pursue. However as servants in the marketplace, whether you are the CEO of a multi-billion dollar company or the sole employee of a micro business, there are seven areas of preparation we can develop to help walk out our service with excellence.

1. **Be [affirmed](#) in the marketplace calling.** [Know that there are no second class callings in God's Kingdom.](#) It is a worthy calling to be a marketplace minister. Over 85% of all Christians serve fulltime in the marketplace. [Think of the marketplace as the frontlines of Kingdom advance.](#) This is where life's interactions allow us to demonstrate our faith to those who are not believers.
2. **Understand your Kingly and Priestly responsibility to [those who work with you](#).** If you are serving as the leader of a company, one way to look at your responsibility is serving those close to you in their life journey toward Christ. Pray for your employees, suppliers and customers. [If you are serving as a manager or employee pray for those you work for and with.](#) God has created those relationships as an avenue for His love and mercy to be shown personally. These are wonderful relationships where discipleship can take place in the everyday activities of life.
3. **You are responsible to serve your community.** How will they know unless they are told? As a Christ follower your business relationships allow interactions with many spheres in the community: educators, doctors, government officials, and even other business people. As they see your example of Christian principles operating your business it is witness and testimony to the love and character of Christ.
4. **You are responsible for your nation, as well as other nations.** Without a proper world vision how can we serve locally? I believe Jesus always pointed us out of our lives to the lives of others (Acts 1:8). We should always be thinking of the larger picture and how we can [impact our "Jerusalem" and the ends of the earth](#). Jesus told us to pray for those in authority over us - pray for righteous Godly leadership. As we pray I believe God will lead us in ways we can affect our nations to serve the King of Kings.

5. **Meet with and network with people who not only share our beliefs, but also with those who have similar callings.** Do not forsake the gathering of the believers. The Bible is clear we are not to walk alone, but we are to be one as Jesus and the Father are one. Gathering with those of similar callings strengthens you in your calling and you can learn from those who have gone before and those who are walking with us. You then will have an opportunity to train those who come after you.

6. **Seek out to understand biblical truth about all the aspects of your business: handling money, investing, character, values and how to express them.** This is called Biblical economics. We shouldn't just accept as true all the popular or commonly held business and economic principles: What does God say about debt, inflation, interest, financial engineering, etc. There is not enough writing on this topic, but I believe it will be a growing topic in the coming years. I know a couple of investment firms that have broken away from the excessive leveraging of capital and excessively high rates of returns moving back to a more biblical example for lending. You should consider the biblical basis for each and every business principle.

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7. **Jesus is your CEO.** Do you really own your own business? Think about that statement for a minute. Do you have the right to do whatever you want with the business? Do you decide how to treat employees, customers and suppliers? Is it really you choice how to spend the profits? No, all things will come under the Lordship of Jesus. So each day you go to work you need to ask our boss (Jesus) what He wants you to do, how he wants you to use your resources and what He wants you to do with the profits. Yes, Jesus is the CEO and owner. Once you have that understanding then you can serve Him and His Mission Statement better. "Thy Kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven"; All authority in heaven and earth has been given unto me".

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With 85% of all believers in the workplace, when we see them all serving and working for the glory of God, we will begin to see what Jesus meant in the first prayer he taught us. Jesus, let your Kingdom come and rule over us and all we put our hands to.

Just a few of the many resources available:

- *Anointed for Business*, Ed Silvoso
- *Seven Mountain Prophecy*, Johnny Enlow
- *The 7 Mountain Mandate: Impacting Culture Discipling Nations* (DVD), Dr. Lance Wallnau
- Biblical Entrepreneurship Class - [www.nehemiahproject.org](http://www.nehemiahproject.org)
- Partners Worldwide - [www.partnersworldwide.org](http://www.partnersworldwide.org) - empowers believers all over the world in their marketplace service, connecting them to serve and encourage each other as an example of how Jesus views his followers.
- [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org)
- [www.globaldayofprayer.org](http://www.globaldayofprayer.org)
- There are many business networks to help you get connected and network. [www.businessasmissionnetworks.net](http://www.businessasmissionnetworks.net)
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