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LIVE FOR CHRIST IN THE MARKETPLACE

“for I know that through your prayers and God’s provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far, but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me” – Philippians 1:19-26 (NIV)

Topics:

1. God At Work
2. How to start a Marketplace Ministry
3. Live for Jesus in the Marketplace

1A. God At Work 101: You shall have no other gods before me!

“You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments” – Exodus 20:3-6 (NIV)

- There are many things that can distract us from God and become our priorities, so we should be careful about not idolizing anything else (e.g. promotions, salaries, etc.)

1B. Be faithful and good stewards of our money/talents

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much” – Luke 16:10

- Are we holding on to notions of how much resources is ‘sufficient’ for us? We should make the best use of what has been given to us

1C. Be the salt and light in the workplace

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” – Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV)

- You can be placed where you are by God to influence your colleagues/policies/work in a way that serves God’s purposes and follows Kingdom values

2A. Start a ministry out of your love for Jesus

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.” – John 15:9-10 (NIV)

- We have to faithfully do what God calls us to do – what reasons have we given to say no to invitations to join/lead/start a ministry?

2B. Have faith, doubt your doubts, and set a faith target!

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” – Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

- Even if your faith is as small as a mustard seed, trust that God will do great things and set high ‘faith targets’

2C. The true meaning of Service

“And whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” – Mark 10:44-45 (NIV)

- Surrender your heart of superiority & arrogance, and remember who you are serving – God’s people (whom you have to love to serve)

3. LIVE FOR CHRIST IN THE MARKETPLACE

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16 (NIV)
