

Becoming A Business Partner With God

What is a Partner?

- An individual or group which **takes part** with another or others in doing something
- Any of a number of individuals with **Interests and Investments** in a **Business or Enterprise** who **Share Expenses and Profits**
- A **Contributor of Capital** in a business or joint venture
- A **Sharer**

What Do Partners Share?

- Responsibilities
- Rewards

Partners are Part of a Team.

What is God's Business?

*And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that **I must be about My Father's business?**" (Luke 2:49 NKJV)*

Jesus said this at the age of twelve while sitting in the temple listening to the teachers (teaching the Word of God) and asking them questions.

Jesus defined God's Business as the Ministry of the Word of God.

He sent HIS WORD, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. (Psalm 107:20 KJV)

*"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And **make it bring forth and bud**, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, **So shall MY WORD be** that goes forth from My mouth; **IT shall not return to Me void**, But **IT shall accomplish what I please**, And **IT shall prosper in the thing for which I sent IT.**" (Isaiah 55:10-11 NKJV)*

God's Business is the SENDING OF HIS WORD.

How Does God Send His Word?

*And He said to them, "Go into all the world and **preach the gospel** to every creature...."(Mark 16:15 NKJV)*

*And how shall they preach, **except they be SENT?** (Romans 10: 15)*

How does God send His Word?

God calls Ministers (Preachers and Teachers) AND He calls others (those who are NOT Preachers and Teachers) to send the Ministers of His Word.

Every Believer is called to be a Word Sender.

Every Believer is called to be one of God's Business Partners.

This is the same pattern we see in the Old Testament.

There were twelve tribes of Israel.

Eleven tribes labored with their hands.

They brought 10% of their increase to the 12th Tribe (the Levites).

The Levites job was to minister the Word of God to the other eleven tribes.

(Scriptural references – Numbers 18:21,31, 2 Chronicles 31:4)

Honoring God With Your Money

Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and OVERFLOW your wine vats with the finest wines. (Proverbs 3:9-10 TLB)

We honor God by honoring what God honors.

What does God honor more than anything else?

...for You have exalted above all else Your name and Your word and You have magnified Your word above all Your name! (Psalm 138:2 AMPC)

God honors His Word above everything else.

Therefore the HIGHEST and BEST use of our money is the Sending of God's Word!

We honor God and His Word with our Financial Offerings to those He chooses to send His Word to us.

Our offerings are a great indicator of how much we DO or DO NOT Honor (Value or DO NOT Value) God's Word.

I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food. (Job 23:12 NKJV)

God sends His Word through Ministers, but God's Business Partners must send the Ministers with their Financial Resources.

...those who honor Me I will honor, (1 Samuel 2:30 NKJV)

Even Jesus Was Sent By God's Business Partners

*Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him, **and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities**—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, **and many others who provided for Him from their substance.** (Luke 8:1-3 NKJV)*

These women used their own money to help Jesus and his apostles.
(Luke 8:3 ERV)

They provided financial support for Jesus and his disciples. (Luke 8:3 GW)

***These women played an important role in Jesus' ministry,** using their wealth to provide for Him and His other companions. (Luke 8:3 VOICE)*

Because these women had received from the ministry of Jesus they became Partners with Him and His Ministry.

Jesus, the Son of God, could not have done what God called Him to do without the Financial Offerings of God's Business Partners!

The Apostle Paul Addresses Biblical Partnership

*You Philippians know from the time of my first mission work in Macedonia how **no church shared in supporting my ministry except you. You sent contributions REPEATEDLY to take care of my needs even while I was in Thessalonica.***
(Philippians 4: 15-16 CEB)

*AMPC-no church (assembly) **entered into partnership with me***

*CEV - you were the only church that became my partner **by giving blessings and by receiving them in return.***

*EXB - the Philippians "**invested**" in Paul's ministry and received back spiritual blessings].*

*TLB - only you Philippians became **my partners in giving AND receiving.***

*NOG - ...you were the only church to **share your money with me. You gave me what I needed, and you received what I gave you.***

*NTE- there wasn't a single other church, except yourselves, **that entered into a two-way partnership with me, giving and receiving.***

*TPT-You were the only church **that sowed into me financially,***

Sharing the Rewards as God's Business Partner

Notice what Paul said to the ONLY church that entered into Partnership with him.

Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that is increasing to YOUR ACCOUNT. (Philippians 4:17 CSB)

It isn't the value of the gift that I am keen on, it is the reward that will come to you because of these gifts that you have made. (Philippians 4:17 PHILLIPS)

I have received my full pay and have more than enough. I have everything I need. That's because Epaphroditus brought me the gifts you sent. They are a sweet-smelling offering. They are a gift that God accepts. He is pleased with it. (Philippians 4:18 NIRV)

As they were sending offerings to the Apostle Paul, God was receiving those offerings as being given directly to Him!

But MY GOD shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19 KJV)

...ye all are partakers of MY GRACE. (Philippians 1:7 KJV)

All of you share [are partners/co-sharers] in God's grace with me... (Philippians 1:7 EXB)

Notice the words MY GOD and MY GRACE!

Paul's Summary of the Rewards of Biblical Partnership

Because you entered into Partnership with me, through your financial support, My God is going to supply all of your needs AND you are going to share in all the grace of God that is upon my life and ministry.

Ministry is just another name for God's Business.

The Philippian Church became a Business Partner with God...

When they became a Ministry Partner with the Apostle Paul.

As you Partner with Ministers and Ministries you enter a Business Partnership with God.

And as you share the Expenses of God's Business you also share the Profits of God's Business.

As you share the Responsibilities of Sending God's Word, you also share the Rewards.

Those who send the Ministers (with their Financial Resources) share the same rewards as the Minister.

The Prophet's Reward

*Whoever welcomes God's messenger because he is God's messenger, will **SHARE** in his reward. (Matthew 10:41 GNT)*

Whoever receives a preacher who speaks for God because he is a preacher, will get the reward of a preacher who speaks for God. (Matthew 10:41 NLV)

Which Ministers and Ministries Should You Become a Partner With?

Those you are receiving the Word of God from

Those whose grace you want to partake of (you like what God is doing for them and through them)

Should You Become A Partner With This Ministry?

I don't believe in asking people to give because no one has to ask a farmer to sow seed.

Every farmer is excited about sowing as much seed as they can because they know the size of their harvest is determined by the amount of seed they sow.

I do believe in giving people the opportunity to give.

Qualifications For Giving To Rich Stocks Ministries

On Tuesday February 15th, 2022 I found myself praying these words.

"Father, I don't want anyone giving to this ministry unless they are excited about it."

I went on to pray about these four qualifications for giving to this ministry.

1. They are excited about what they are receiving from God through this ministry.

2. Because they are excited about what they are receiving, they are excited about giving to this ministry.

3. They are excited about the amount they are giving.

4. They are excited about reaping a harvest from the seed they sow.

If you meet these four qualifications, we are excited for you to become a **Word Sender**, and participate with us in **Sending God's Word** to others.