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**Understand your finances through the laws
of seedtime and harvest!**

**Learn how wealth and a heart for Jesus go
hand-in-hand and are not mutually
exclusive!**

INTRODUCTION

An Introduction to Kingdom Economics

Unlocking Biblical Principles for True Success in Business and Life

What if everything you thought you knew about success, wealth, and business needed to be recalibrated—not by the world’s standards, but by Heaven’s? What if your bottom line wasn’t measured in profits alone, but in obedience, faith, and eternal impact?

Welcome to *Kingdom Economics*—a book written not just for Christian businessmen and women, but for Kingdom-minded entrepreneurs who desire to build something that lasts. This is more than a business manual; it’s a call to alignment with Heaven’s economy—a divine system where trust replaces fear, obedience outweighs ambition, and God, not mammon, is the source and center of it all.

Before you can operate successfully in the Kingdom of God, you must first enter it. Jesus said, “Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3). Entry into God’s Kingdom is the first step—but living successfully within it requires a transformation of how you think, how you work, and how you handle the resources entrusted to you.

This book will guide you through that transformation. You will discover the foundational truths of Kingdom Economics—truths rooted in Scripture that challenge conventional business wisdom. You'll learn the importance of putting God first in all things, of dethroning idols like money, status, or self-reliance, and of living by faith in a God who always provides.

You'll also uncover one of the most powerful principles in Kingdom living: sowing and reaping. More than a financial formula, it's a way of life that reveals God's generosity and your role as a steward of His resources. Understanding this principle can unlock divine opportunities, overflow, and impact beyond what you can imagine.

In these pages, you won't find get-rich-quick tactics or prosperity clichés. Instead, you'll find eternal truths—tested, biblical, and proven in the lives of those who have dared to live and do business God's way.

If you're ready to stop chasing success the world's way and start building according to God's blueprint, then keep reading. *Kingdom Economics* will give you the foundation you need to excel in both your faith and your enterprise—and to do it all for the glory of the King.

Let the journey begin.

Kingdom of God First

THE STARTING POINT OF KINGDOM ECONOMICS

What if the very key to supernatural success in your business wasn't found in a new strategy, a fresh marketing plan, or even a powerful network—but in a Kingdom?

Imagine an economy where provision flows from promise, promotion comes through humility, and prosperity is tied not to competition, but to righteousness. Welcome to Kingdom economics—God's divine system of resource management, wealth, and influence. But here's the truth many overlook: *you cannot access the power of the Kingdom without first entering it.*

This chapter is not about tips and techniques. It's about foundation. Just as no structure can rise without a solid base, no Kingdom enterprise can thrive without a spiritual beginning. Jesus made this clear in Matthew 6:33:

"Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

You cannot seek what you have not yet entered. You cannot operate by Kingdom laws if you're still living under worldly rule. Before you can experience God's provision in your professional life, you must become a citizen of His Kingdom. And that citizenship requires a rebirth—a complete reorientation of your heart, your values, and your vision.

In this chapter you'll discover that entering the Kingdom is not merely about salvation—it's about transformation. It's the turning point where your life, your business, and your legacy align with Heaven's agenda. It's where integrity replaces compromise, surrender precedes strategy, and your identity in Christ becomes the license to operate with divine authority.

This is more than theology. It's a blueprint for influence. Because once you enter the Kingdom, you stop striving and start stewarding. You stop chasing success and start walking in purpose. And best of all, you stop building your empire and start advancing His.

So, before we talk about Kingdom economics—let's talk about entry.

Because everything you're praying for—wisdom, provision, favor—begins the moment you step into the Kingdom of God. And the door is wide open.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

Entering the Kingdom—

The Starting Point of Kingdom Economics

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

—Matthew 6:33

Every business has a starting point—a vision, a mission, a launch. In the same way, every Kingdom enterprise begins with one critical step: entering the Kingdom of God.

Before we can understand **Kingdom economics**—how God’s economy functions—we must become citizens of that Kingdom. In other words, we cannot apply Kingdom principles if we have not yet aligned with the King. The laws of the Kingdom are only activated for those who live under its rule.

For Christian businessmen and women, this chapter is a foundational blueprint: your access to divine provision, supernatural insight, and eternal success begins by stepping through the gate into God’s Kingdom. And that gate is Jesus.

1. You Can’t Operate in the Kingdom Without Entering It

Many professionals try to apply biblical principles—integrity, generosity, excellence—without surrendering to the King Himself. But Kingdom economics isn’t a strategy for success; it’s a lifestyle rooted in relationship with God.

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father.” – Matthew 7:21

Your leadership, wealth, and influence must be submitted to His will. Entry into the Kingdom means obedience, not just admiration. In God's economy, the first investment is *your life*.

2. Kingdom Economics Starts with a Kingdom Heart

Jesus told His followers to become like children to enter the Kingdom. Why? Because children trust completely.

“Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” – Matthew 18:3

In business, we're taught to be self-reliant and independent. But Kingdom economics begins with humility and surrender. God entrusts greater resources to those who depend on Him. The Kingdom entrepreneur must first become a Kingdom child—teachable, trusting, obedient.

Kingdom Principle:

God doesn't promote pride. He prospers humility.

3. Entry Is Spiritual—You Must Be Born Again

To enter a nation, you need the right passport. To enter the Kingdom, you must be born into it.

“No one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.” – John 3:5

Being born again isn't optional. It's the spiritual rebirth that makes you a citizen of Heaven. In God's economy, your spiritual identity is your Kingdom license. Without it, you're trying to operate a Kingdom business with a worldly mindset—and that doesn't work.

Business Insight: You can't expect Kingdom returns using worldly principles. Salvation is your entry point to supernatural economics.

4. Righteousness, Not Just Revenue

The Pharisees were experts in law and appearance, but Jesus called them out.

“Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees... you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.” – Matthew 5:20

God isn't impressed by titles, platforms, or profit margins. He looks for righteousness—character aligned with Christ. In Kingdom economics, ethics are non-negotiable. God's favor flows through clean hands and pure hearts.

As business leader and author Peter Daniels once said:

“God will only trust His wealth with those who have His character.”

5. You Must Let Go to Receive More

Jesus warned that riches can become a roadblock to the Kingdom:

“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” – Matthew 19:24

God is not against wealth—but He opposes idolatry. When money becomes your master, you cannot serve the King. The Kingdom entrepreneur holds wealth loosely and steward it faithfully.

Key Insight: In God's economy, you must release to increase. You sow to reap. You give to grow.

Kingdom wealth flows through open hands.

6. Hardship Is Part of the Journey

"We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." – Acts 14:22

Success in the Kingdom doesn't mean ease—it means endurance. Faith-filled business leaders must be resilient. Adversity purifies motives and proves our faith. Many of God's greatest stewards—Joseph, Daniel, Esther—went through pressure before they held influence.

Kingdom Economics Principle: God tests you with trials before He trusts you with treasure.

7. Holiness Unlocks Heaven's Resources

"The unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God." – 1 Corinthians 6:9

Kingdom economics requires holy living. Sin blocks blessing. Purity paves the way for promotion. The businessman or woman who walks in integrity positions themselves to receive divine strategies and supernatural partnerships.

As Bill Johnson said:

"What you tolerate in private will determine your authority in public."

God entrusts Kingdom wealth to Kingdom-minded people.

8. The Kingdom Is a Gift—But It Comes with Responsibility

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.” – Luke 12:32

Here’s the good news: God *wants* you in the Kingdom. He delights in giving you access to His resources, wisdom, and favor. But with this gift comes a call: steward it well.

God’s economy isn’t about self-enrichment. It’s about **Kingdom impact**. Your business becomes a tool for eternal transformation. Every deal, product, and hire can be an act of worship.

9. The Pure in Heart Are the Real Heirs

“Nothing impure will ever enter it... only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” – Revelation 21:27

God is building His eternal Kingdom with people whose lives have been cleansed by Jesus. Business is temporary; the Kingdom is eternal. Only those who know the King and walk in His ways will reign with Him forever.

10. From Entry to Authority

“If we endure, we will also reign with Him.” – 2 Timothy 2:12

“Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” – Matthew 13:43

The goal is not just entry—but elevation. God invites us to rule with Him. Business leaders who align with Kingdom values will influence cities, nations, and generations.

Final Thought: The moment you enter the Kingdom, you become an agent of change. Your business is no longer just a platform for profit—it’s a pulpit for purpose.

Your First Investment

Before you build wealth, build the foundation.

Before you study Kingdom economics, make sure you’ve entered the Kingdom.

Salvation through Jesus Christ is your entry point. Surrender is your buy-in. Righteousness is your credential. And obedience is your strategy.

“He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves.” – Colossians 1:13

Your greatest investment is giving your life to the King.

**Everything else—wisdom, provision, influence—
flows from that.**

Living in the Kingdom of God – Unlocking Heaven’s Influence in Everyday Life

Introduction

What if the very system you’ve been searching for—the one that could bring clarity to your decisions, stability to your business, and peace to your soul—was already in your possession?

You’re not just a Christian business leader trying to survive in a chaotic world. You’re a Kingdom citizen, called to *thrive* under a different government—a divine one. Yet for many, the Kingdom of God is like a powerful key left unused on a crowded keyring: present but forgotten. It’s there, full of potential, but rarely activated.

Here’s the truth: **The Kingdom of God isn’t just a spiritual destination for the future. It’s a present reality we’re meant to live in now.** Jesus didn’t say, “Study the Kingdom.” He said, “Seek it first.” Why? Because everything else in your life—your provision, your success, your influence—flows from your alignment with the Kingdom.

This chapter will challenge you to stop treating the Kingdom like a religious concept and start living it as a daily culture. You’ll discover how to:

- Step into your full identity as a citizen of heaven,
- Build a culture in your home and business where God’s presence dwells,
- And lead with the mindset, methods, and values of the King.

Kingdom living isn't passive—it's powerful. It reorders your priorities, rewires your leadership, and releases God's influence in every sphere you touch. And when you live by its principles, you don't just build a business—you advance a Kingdom.

So don't skim this chapter. **Lean in.** The key is in your hand. Now it's time to use it.

Are you ready to live, lead, and thrive in the Kingdom of God?

Let's unlock it—together.

“The Kingdom of God is not simply something we look forward to in the future. It is something we live in now. The church must stop treating the Kingdom like a concept and start living it as a culture.”

— Dr. Tony Evans

A Forgotten Key or a Master Key?

Imagine for a moment that you find an old key on your key ring. You know it's important—you kept it for a reason. But you can't remember what it unlocks. So, it stays there, dangling with potential, but unused.

That's exactly how many believers treat the Kingdom of God.

It's in their possession, yet not in operation. It holds the power to unlock divine influence, wisdom, provision, and peace. But because they haven't sought its application, relevance, and impact, it remains dormant. As Christian businessmen and women, we can't afford to neglect the Kingdom. It is not a religious afterthought. It is the operating system we are meant to live by.

“Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

— Matthew 6:33

This isn't just a beautiful Scripture—it's a business strategy, a family framework, and a leadership principle. The Kingdom is the key to unlocking God's influence in our day-to-day lives.

Heaven Isn't Just a Destination—It's a Culture

It's important to distinguish between the **Kingdom of Heaven** and the **Kingdom of God**:

- The **Kingdom of Heaven** refers to the eternal realm where God rules in glory. Paul referred to the “third heaven” in 2 Corinthians 12:2—a realm of splendor and majesty where angelic beings and saints dwell.
- The **Kingdom of God**, however, is God's governing operation. It's not just a place—it's a way of living. It is a government with laws, principles, and divine culture that shapes how we think, live, lead, and influence.

“The Kingdom of God is God's comprehensive rule over all creation.” — Dr. Miles Monroe

From the beginning, God intended earth to reflect the culture and government of heaven. That's why Jesus taught us to pray: **“Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”** (Matthew 6:10)

As Kingdom citizens, we are called to bring heaven's culture into our earthly responsibilities—in our families, our businesses, our finances, and our communities.

Kingdom Citizenship Comes with Influence

Ephesians 2:19 tells us that we are “**no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people.**”

Citizenship in God’s Kingdom isn’t just a title—it’s an assignment.

Think of dual citizenship. As believers, we hold two citizenships:

1. **Earthly** – by natural birth.
2. **Heavenly** – by spiritual rebirth.

When we are reborn through Christ, we are no longer just creations of God—we are children of God. Romans 8:15 says we now cry out, “Abba, Father!” That’s intimacy and inheritance. As children and citizens of His Kingdom, we are granted:

- Authority
- Access
- Provision
- Protection

These benefits aren’t just theological—they’re transformational. Psalm 103:1–5 lists blessings like healing, forgiveness, renewal, and divine satisfaction.

Action Point: Read Psalm 103:1–5 and write out each benefit. Reflect on how it impacts your personal and professional life. How are you stewarding these benefits?

Living a Kingdom Lifestyle on Earth

Let's be real—the world is noisy, deceptive, and full of spiritual distractions. Satan, the father of lies, sows cultural philosophies and false narratives that dilute truth. But Kingdom-minded people are called to live above the noise. This means living:

- By the **Word of God**
- In the **character of Christ**
- With the **power of the Holy Spirit**

Galatians 5:22–23 defines the **fruit of the Spirit**—the character traits of Kingdom citizens. These aren't optional. They are required equipment for the believer in the boardroom, the breakroom, and the family room.

“God's goal is not just to get us to heaven but to get heaven into us.”

— Bill Johnson

The more we yield to the Holy Spirit, the more God's Kingdom manifests through us.

Action Point: Study the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22–23. Ask: Which fruit do I need to grow in? Which fruit is most visible in my leadership?

Creating a Kingdom-Cultured Environment

Every home and business carries a culture. The question is—does it reflect the Kingdom of God?

A **Kingdom Culture** is an atmosphere where:

- God’s Word is honored.
- Prayer and worship are practiced.
- Holiness is pursued.
- Gratitude and truth are celebrated.

You might attend church weekly, but if the culture in your home or office is toxic, God’s manifest presence will feel distant. Acts 13:1–3 describes an environment where leaders “ministered to the Lord” through worship and prayer—and the Holy Spirit gave clear direction.

“You don’t need more power. You need more surrender.”

— Charles Stanley

God shows up in surrendered environments. Build one in your home and workplace.

Action Point: Create a praise and worship playlist that sets a spiritual tone in your space. Make it a habit to begin your day with God’s Word and worship. Let your home or office become a sanctuary of His presence.

Think Kingdom First – Be Kingdom Minded

Romans 12:2 calls us to renew our minds. Why? Because your mindset sets your methods. If you think like the world, you’ll operate like the world. But if you renew your mind in God’s Word, you’ll think like heaven—and lead like heaven.

“Reading and application rewrites your map of reality.

Obedience retrains your body.”

— Kingdom Leadership Principle

To be Kingdom-minded means to see everything through the lens of God's Word:

- Decision-making
- Problem-solving
- Conflict resolution
- Wealth management
- People development

When we are Kingdom-minded, we stop asking, *"What do I want?"* and start asking, *"What does the King desire?"*

Action Point: Establish a daily time in God's Word. Journal how God's Word is shaping your thinking. Evaluate your current worldview—what needs to be renewed?

Conclusion: Unlocking the Kingdom Life

The Kingdom of God isn't just a theological concept. It's a living, breathing reality meant to shape how you lead, serve, give, relate, and live.

God is looking for Kingdom ambassadors—business leaders who carry His heart and represent His Kingdom with integrity and excellence. This is the lifestyle we're called to. This is the power available to us.

So, don't leave the Kingdom as a forgotten key. Use it. Unlock your calling. Influence your sphere. And let the culture of heaven flow through your life, your business, and your leadership.

"The Kingdom is the only system with answers for all the chaos of our world today."

— Dr. Tony Evans



Kingdom Living – Key Takeaways

1. The Kingdom is Now.

The Kingdom of God is not just a future hope—it's a present reality. It's the divine system we are called to live by every day.

2. Don't Carry the Key—Use It.

Like a forgotten key on your ring, the Kingdom holds power, access, and influence. But it only works when applied with intention.

3. Heaven is a Culture, Not Just a Destination.

God's Kingdom is a way of life—a divine culture marked by righteousness, peace, joy, and Spirit-led leadership.

4. You Have Dual Citizenship.

As Kingdom citizens, you carry authority, access, provision, and protection. You're not just a believer—you're a representative.

5. Kingdom Culture Starts with You.

Create an atmosphere—at home and in business—where God's Word is honored, worship is practiced, and surrender is daily.

6. Think Kingdom First.

Kingdom-minded people ask, *"What does the King desire?"* They lead with wisdom from above, not the noise of culture below.

7. Surrender Unlocks Power.

God moves in environments of surrender. The less you cling to your way, the more He reveals His.

8. The Kingdom is the Answer.

In a chaotic world, the Kingdom offers clarity, peace, and purpose. It's not just a theology—it's a transformational lifestyle.

Who Is Your God?

Introduction

Success. Achievement. Growth. These are the badges of honor in today's business world—the very things Christian entrepreneurs are often celebrated for. But hidden behind the applause and the profit margins lies a far more dangerous question—one that's easy to ignore, yet impossible to escape:

Who is truly your God?

That's not a question reserved for theologians or churchgoers. It's a question aimed straight at the heart of every believer in the marketplace. Because if we're honest, it's not just atheists who struggle with idolatry—it's Christians in business suits. It's leaders who quote Scripture on Sundays and chase metrics on Mondays. It's those of us who pray over meetings yet silently serve success.

We say we believe in Jesus. We call Him Savior. But is He Lord over *everything*—our profits, our priorities, our partnerships, and our plans?

This chapter isn't here to guilt you—it's here to **wake you up**. Because the greatest threat to your walk with God might not be failure...it might be *success without surrender*. The subtle seduction of mammon, the idol of self-made success, and the daily battle for the throne of your heart are real—and they demand your attention.

If your business, your drive, or your desire has quietly taken the seat reserved for God, this chapter will help you recognize it—and take it back.

Get ready to confront the gods of this age, not with condemnation, but with clarity and conviction. Because the only way to live a life—and run a business—that truly prospers is to settle this question once and for all:

Who is your God?

“Idolatry is not just bowing down to a statue. It’s giving your heart to something that is not God.”

— Tim Keller

As Christian businessmen and women, the most important question we must ask ourselves isn't just “*Do I believe in God?*”—but rather, “*Who is truly my God?*”

We already affirm our belief in Jesus Christ. We pray. We attend church. We tithe. We serve. And if someone were to ask us, we would boldly say, “*I love Jesus. He is my Savior.*” But let’s go deeper: Is He your **God**?

Because there’s a difference between believing in God and allowing Him to reign over every part of your life—including your business, your money, your decisions, your time, and your ambitions.

The God of Business or the Business of God?

Let’s be honest: in the fast-paced world of business, it’s easy to blur the lines between commitment to Christ and commitment

to success. We work hard. We push for progress. We hustle for growth. And somewhere along the way, the business can become the *god*—the object of our trust, time, energy, and affection.

“You shall have no other gods before Me.”

— Exodus 20:3 (NKJV)

That’s not just a Sunday school memory verse. That’s the foundational commandment from the Creator of heaven and earth. When God gave the Ten Commandments, He didn’t start with rules about lying or stealing. He started with this: “*Know who your God is—and make sure it’s Me.*”

Jesus reemphasized this in Mark 12:30 when He answered the question, “*What is the greatest commandment?*”

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

That’s not partial loyalty. That’s total surrender.

Modern Idols in a Marketplace World

We may not worship golden calves anymore, but idolatry is alive and thriving. In today’s boardrooms, showrooms, and corner offices, idols often look like:

- The relentless chase for *success*
- The addiction to *approval* and *recognition*
- The obsession with *profit margins*
- The dependence on *technology*
- The comfort of *security* and *control*

“An idol is anything you look to for what only God can give.”

— John Piper

Here’s a hard truth: many Christian businesspeople unknowingly serve these modern idols while still claiming allegiance to Christ. But Jesus made it clear:

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

— Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

The Battle of the Masters: God vs. Mammon

Jesus didn’t say you shouldn’t serve both. He said you *can’t*.

The word “mammon” is often misunderstood. It comes from the Greek word *mamōnas*, which doesn’t just mean money—it means **confidence in wealth**.

Mammon is not currency. It’s a *spirit*. A mentality. A false god that seduces even the faithful with the promise of security, success, and self-sufficiency.

“The chief competitor for the human heart is not Satan. It’s stuff.”

— Andy Stanley

When you prioritize profit over purpose, when money dictates your decisions more than the Holy Spirit does, you’re no longer in service to God—you’re a slave to mammon.

Here’s a diagnostic test:

- Do you check the market more than you check in with God?
- Does your business schedule leave no room for rest or worship?
- Do financial fears or goals dominate your thoughts more than your faith?
- Are you more moved by profit reports than by people's needs?

If so, mammon may have more influence in your life than you realize.

Purpose-Driven vs. Profit-Driven

Let's be clear: Money is not evil. It's a tool. It's a resource. It's a reward for providing value.

"Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant."

— P.T. Barnum

When you pursue **purpose**, money follows you. But when you pursue money without purpose, you step into slavery.

God is the one who gives you power to create wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18). He doesn't want you broke—He wants you **blessed**, but for a reason: **to establish His covenant** and advance His Kingdom.

Your business is not just a profit center—it's a **purpose center**. It's a platform for influence. A pulpit in the marketplace.

When you surrender your goals to God's mission, He takes care of your provision.

“If God is your partner, make your plans big.”

— D.L. Moody

An Illustration: The Throne of Your Life

Imagine your life as a throne. Only one person can sit on it. Every day, you choose who gets that seat: God, money, ego, ambition, or fear.

God doesn't want to share that throne. He's not interested in being your assistant. He is King, or He is nothing at all.

When Jesus is on the throne:

- Your business becomes a mission.
- Your work becomes worship.
- Your wealth becomes a weapon for good.

But when mammon takes the throne:

- Purpose gets replaced with pressure.
- Generosity dries up.
- Peace disappears.

You must ask yourself every day: **Who is on the throne of my life and business?**

Living with a God-First Consciousness

Living with a God-first mindset doesn't mean you pray all day and neglect your business. It means everything you do is filtered through faith, integrity, and Kingdom purpose.

- You start your day with prayer before plans.
- You invite God into boardroom decisions.
- You tithe with joy, knowing it honors your Source.

- You treat employees, clients, and competitors with Kingdom values.
- You seek wisdom, not just strategy.
- You use profit to serve people, not replace God.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”

— Colossians 3:23

Closing Challenge: Choose Your God

Every day in the marketplace is a test of allegiance. God doesn’t mind you being successful—He designed you for it. But He will not compete for your heart.

The question is not whether you believe in God. The question is:

“Is God truly your God?”

If He is, then let it show:

- In how you spend your time
- In how you steward your resources
- In how you lead others
- In how you make decisions

Don’t exchange the glory of God for the temporary glitter of mammon.

God alone is worthy of your ultimate devotion.

“Put God first in everything you do, and watch Him bless everything you touch.”

— Bishop T.D. Jakes

Who Is Your God? – Key Takeaways

1. Belief in God isn't the same as surrender to God.

Many believe in Jesus, but few allow Him to truly reign over their business, money, and decisions.

2. Idolatry isn't ancient—it's modern.

Today's idols wear suits and carry briefcases. Success, status, money, control—anything you trust more than God is a false god.

3. Mammon is not money—it's misplaced trust.

Jesus warned you can't serve both God and mammon. When wealth controls your choices, you've already chosen your master.

4. Your business is a platform, not your purpose.


God didn't bless you with influence to serve self. He called you to advance His Kingdom in the marketplace.

5. The throne of your life only has room for one.

Every day, someone or something sits there. If it's not God, it's an idol—and idols always disappoint.

6. Living God-first means leading Kingdom-first.

Put God before profit. Pray before planning. Use business to serve people, not just margins.

 **Daily Reminder:** “Is God truly my God—or have I given that place to something else?”

Don't Trust Horses or the System Trust God in Business

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God."

— **Psalm 20:7 (NIV)**

Introduction: What Are You Trusting In?

As Christian business leaders, we don't ride into meetings on chariots or saddle up horses before a product launch—but make no mistake: we still face the same core temptation the psalmist warned against. We're often tempted to trust in the modern equivalents of horses and chariots: financial reserves, market trends, strategic partnerships, brand recognition, or business acumen.

The message of Psalm 20:7 is timeless: **our true trust must be in the Lord—not in the tools of the world.**

In business, it's easy to confuse confidence in strategy with dependence on God. But they are not the same. As Pastor Tony Evans once said, *"Faith is acting like God is telling the truth."* In business, that means trusting God's principles even when the world tells you they don't make sense.

Let's explore what it looks like to fully trust God rather than worldly systems in your business life.

Gideon's Army: When Less Is More with God

In Judges 7, Gideon faced an impossible battle against the massive Midianite army. He began with 32,000 troops—already outnumbered—but God told him that was *too many*.

"You have too many men for me to deliver Midian into their hands. In order that Israel may not boast against me that her own strength has saved her..."

— **Judges 7:2 (NIV)**

God trimmed Gideon's army down to just **300 men**. Why? So that everyone would know the victory was from God—not from human strength, strategy, or numbers.

As a Christian entrepreneur or leader, God may sometimes strip away your "troops"—a key contract falls through, a loan doesn't get approved, a team member resigns—because He wants to remind you that **He is your source**, not the world.

"God will often allow you to be put in a position where you have nothing left but Him—so you'll know He is enough."

— **Craig Groeschel, Pastor & Leadership Author**

Trusting God vs. Trusting Business Systems

Many Christian businesspeople are tempted to place their trust in their **systems**: their spreadsheets, projections, marketing funnels, and KPIs. These things are not evil—they're tools—but they become dangerous when they become idols.

The Bible is clear:

"Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf."

— **Proverbs 11:28 (NIV)**

Jesus taught the same principle to the rich young ruler. This man had *everything* the world admires: wealth, influence, obedience to the law. But when Jesus told him to sell all he had and follow

Him, the man walked away sad—his trust was in money, not God (Mark 10:17–22).

It's not wrong to have money. But it is wrong to **trust in money** instead of God.

"I don't want to be rich—I want to be trustworthy. If God can trust me with it, He can give me as much as He wants."

— **David Green, Founder of Hobby Lobby**

Real Stories: Trust in Action

I remember a time early in our business when our finances were tight. Our dining room chairs were literally falling apart. We didn't tell anyone. We simply prayed and trusted God. Not long after, someone who didn't know our need showed up with a dozen beautiful wooden chairs—better than anything we would've purchased ourselves. We were stunned.

Trusting God doesn't mean sitting idle.

It means obeying Him first and watching Him provide in ways you couldn't engineer.

The True Source of Provision

Jesus made this point abundantly clear:

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

— **Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)**

When we put God's purposes first—honoring Him in our business, tithing faithfully, treating employees with integrity, and making ethical decisions—He takes responsibility for our provision.

*“God is not a resource. He is **the source**.”*

— **John Bevere, Author & Minister**

Small Things Matter: Trust in the Details

Some people think, *“I trust God for the big stuff—but He’s too busy for the small things.”* That’s faulty theology. If Jesus, the Son of God, said:

"The Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing..."

— **John 5:19 (NIV)**

Then who are we to think we can manage even small things without God?

Whether it’s a decision about hiring, a challenging client, or which direction to take your product—**trust God in every detail.**

Obey God, Not the World

The early apostles modeled this beautifully. When ordered by religious authorities to stop preaching about Jesus, Peter boldly replied:

“We must obey God rather than human beings!”

— **Acts 5:29 (NIV)**

In business, this kind of courage may mean walking away from a lucrative partnership that conflicts with your values, or refusing to compromise on ethics when others cut corners.

Obedience to God will always be more rewarding than compliance with worldly systems.

When the Fire Comes: Standing Like Shadrach

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood before King Nebuchadnezzar facing a literal furnace. Their response still inspires courage:

“The God we serve is able to deliver us... But even if He does not, we will not serve your gods.”

— **Daniel 3:17–18 (NIV)**

As a Christian businessperson, you will face fires. Markets will crash. Deals will crumble. You may be pressured to “bow” to the way the world does business.

But never forget: **God is with you in the fire.** And even if He doesn’t deliver you how or when you expect, He’s still worthy of your trust.

“Success is not the goal. Faithfulness is. If you’re faithful, God defines the success.”

— **Rick Warren, Author of *The Purpose Driven Life***

Final Thoughts: Who Holds Your Future?

Jesus, in His final moments on the cross, gave us the ultimate picture of trust:

“Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit.”

— **Luke 23:46 (NIV)**

Even in death, Jesus trusted His Father.

Can you trust God with your business, your finances, your team, your future?

Christian businessman and speaker Henry Blackaby once said:

“Will God ever ask you to do something you are not able to do? The answer is yes—all the time—because that is how you learn to rely on Him.”

You will face situations in your career or business where your skills, resources, and strategies won’t be enough. That’s by design. **It forces you to trust in God alone.**

Don’t trust horses.

Don’t trust systems.

Don’t trust riches.

Trust in the name of the Lord your God.

Sowing and Reaping for Business Owners

Understanding God's Economic System of Increase

Introduction

A Kingdom Principle with Earthly Impact

Ray Krok mortgaged his house to invest in MacDonald's. Howard Schultz sold his house to buy Starbucks. Every business success story starts with someone who sacrificed their time, money, and energy to build a product that people love.

Those who managed to do so succeeded.

Those who didn't are forgotten.

The world is a global value marketplace. People and companies exchange values.

And you need to sow if you want to reap.

You need to give, and only then will you get a chance to receive.

In the Kingdom of God, economic success is not primarily based on luck, hustle, or manipulation. It is based on principles—eternal laws set in motion by the Creator of all things. One of the most foundational principles of Kingdom Economics is the law of sowing and reaping.

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is filled with agricultural metaphors that reveal spiritual truths. Why? Because sowing and reaping is universal. Every farmer knows that if you want a harvest, you must plant seed. And not just any seed—you must

plant good seed in good soil, and you must wait patiently. The same is true in business.

“You can’t expect to reap where you haven’t sown. Faith doesn't override seedtime and harvest—it activates it.”
—Dr. Bill Winston, pastor and founder of the Joseph Business School

Let’s dig deeper into how business owners can align their enterprises with this divine principle and experience supernatural increase.

1. The Biblical Foundation of Sowing and Reaping

The law of sowing and reaping is established early in Scripture:

“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

—**Genesis 8:22 (NIV)**

This promise was made by God to Noah after the flood. Notice the permanence of this law—**it is not seasonal or optional; it is foundational**. Just as gravity holds true whether you believe in it or not, so does the principle of sowing and reaping. It applies in agriculture, in relationships, in giving, and yes, in business.

Paul reiterates this in the New Testament:

“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked. A man reaps what he sows.”

—**Galatians 6:7 (NIV)**

That includes your attitude, your effort, your investments, your words, and even how you treat your employees and clients.

2. Sowing in the Marketplace: What Does It Look Like?

In business, you are sowing seeds every single day—whether you realize it or not.

a. Sowing Financially

Giving into God's Kingdom from your business—whether through tithing, offerings, or generosity toward employees and the poor—is sowing. When you release resources into God's hands, you position your business for supernatural return.

“If you want to break the back of poverty, generosity is your weapon.”

—Pastor Robert Morris, *The Blessed Life*

Example: A Christian entrepreneur tithed faithfully from his business revenue, even during a downturn. Within a year, he landed a contract that tripled his income. He sowed in famine—and reaped in abundance.

b. Sowing in Excellence and Service

Every act of excellent service is a seed. When you go the extra mile for a customer, you're sowing a reputation. When you keep your word with a vendor, you're sowing trust. When you honor contracts even when it costs you, you're sowing integrity.

Illustration: Chick-fil-A is known not just for their chicken, but for their culture of honor, service, and excellence. Their commitment to values has created customer loyalty and

financial success, even though they close on Sundays—a huge business risk that has proven to be a Kingdom reward.

c. Sowing in Relationships

God cares deeply about how we treat people. Employees are not merely tools for profit—they are people made in God's image. When you invest in your team's growth, create a healthy culture, and value their contribution, you sow loyalty, creativity, and productivity.

“Build people, and the people will build the business.”

—Zig Ziglar

3. Recognizing the Soil: Where Are You Planting?

Not every opportunity, partnership, or investment is good soil. In Kingdom Economics, **discernment is as important as diligence.**

Before sowing, a wise farmer examines the soil. Similarly, business owners must ask:

- Is this the right market?
- Is this a trustworthy partner?
- Does this align with our values?

Illustration: A Kingdom-minded business turned down a lucrative contract because it would require compromising biblical values. Later, a larger, values-aligned opportunity came that would not have been possible had they compromised. The delay became divine promotion.

4. Reaping: Expectation and Patience

Once you've sown the seed, don't dig it up in fear or frustration. The Bible promises a harvest—but it also teaches **the principle of waiting**.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

—**Galatians 6:9 (NIV)**

Kingdom entrepreneurs must cultivate **expectant patience**. Just because you don't see immediate return doesn't mean nothing is happening. God is working behind the scenes.

Note: Sometimes the harvest comes in unexpected ways. You may sow money and reap favor. You may sow kindness and reap contracts. God determines the **form and timing** of the harvest, but He is faithful.

5. Multiplication: The Supernatural Factor

Unlike the world's economy, which is based on exchange, **Kingdom Economics is based on multiplication**. God can take a seed and multiply it far beyond what's reasonable.

“Now he who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.”

—**2 Corinthians 9:10 (NIV)**

God is not just interested in blessing your business; He wants to enlarge your **capacity to be a blessing**.

6. A Caution on What You Sow

The law of sowing and reaping is neutral. It works whether you sow good or bad seed.

- Sow dishonesty—reap mistrust.
- Sow greed—reap loss.
- Sow manipulation—reap broken relationships.

As business owners in the Kingdom, we must take inventory of what kind of seed we are sowing daily. The harvest we experience is often the result of seeds we forgot we planted.

7. Making Sowing a Lifestyle, Not a One-Time Act

Don't treat sowing as a strategy to manipulate God—it's a lifestyle of obedience and trust. Make giving, excellence, service, and honor a part of your business culture. Train your team to think generously. Sow as a family. Sow as a company. Sow in faith.

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.” —**Luke 6:38 (NIV)**

Aligning with Heaven's Economy

When business owners understand and apply the principle of sowing and reaping, they move from striving in a worldly system to thriving in a Kingdom system. They become part of something greater than profit—they become stewards of purpose.

Let your business become a seed in God's hand. And watch Him multiply it into a harvest that blesses you, your employees, your community, and generations to come.

“Success in the Kingdom is not measured by how much you keep, but by how much you release.”

—Dr. Myles Munroe

Conclusion

Step Into the Kingdom—Live Out the Difference

As you reach the conclusion of *Introduction to Kingdom Economics*, you're standing at a pivotal crossroads—not just in your business journey, but in your spiritual walk. This isn't merely about embracing a new set of principles; it's about a transformative shift in perspective. It's about recognizing that your business is not solely a means to personal success, but a platform for advancing God's Kingdom on earth.

Kingdom economics challenges the conventional wisdom of the marketplace. It calls you to prioritize purpose over profit, stewardship over ownership, and service over self-interest. This paradigm shift isn't just theoretical; it's deeply practical. It influences how you lead your team, make decisions, and interact with clients and competitors.

Consider the example of Arthur Nash, a businessman who applied the Golden Rule to his enterprise, leading to unprecedented success and a lasting legacy. His story illustrates that when we align our business practices with God's principles, we not only honor Him but also create thriving, impactful organizations.

As you reflect on the insights from this booklet, ask yourself:

- Have I fully surrendered my business to God's authority?
- Am I seeking first His Kingdom in every decision I make?
- How can my business serve as a conduit for God's love and justice in the marketplace?

Remember, entering the Kingdom isn't about adopting a set of rules; it's about embracing a relationship with the King. It's about allowing His values to permeate every aspect of your life and business. When you do, you'll find that everything else—provision, purpose, peace—falls into place.

Let this be your moment of commitment. Choose to operate not just as a businessperson who happens to be a Christian, but as a Kingdom entrepreneur, intentionally advancing God's purposes through your work. The path may not always be easy, but it will be meaningful, impactful, and eternally significant.

The Kingdom is open. The King is calling. Will you answer?

So, what's your next step?

- If you've just entered the Kingdom through faith in Jesus—welcome! You are now a citizen of Heaven with full access to its resources, wisdom, and power.
- If you've already been in the Kingdom—then it's time to live like it. Stop dipping your toes in the world's system while hoping for Kingdom results. Commit. Align. Advance.

God did not call you to merely survive in a broken system.

You were called to build, lead, and prosper—under the government of God.

The King is still seeking stewards who will carry out His agenda on earth through their business, leadership, and finances. Will you be one?

The world doesn't need more Christian business owners who think like the world.

It needs Kingdom-minded leaders who operate with Heaven's wisdom, integrity, and boldness.

Let that be you.

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