

Getting God's Word into businessmen!

A group of men in the real estate business recently asked Darin to serve through LOGOS Leaders Outreach as their Chaplain. The leader of this group has a close walk with the LORD and thought such an outreach to his colleagues would lead more businessmen to Jesus Christ and make disciples of Christ in the Houston marketplace. Specifically, this position motivates both Christians and unsaved men in the same company to meet with Darin one-on-one. At these meetings, Darin's normal discipling style takes place of listening to whatever the worker shares from his life and connecting that success or struggle with Scripture. Group meetings take place also, and the following situation developed at the last meeting in a godly way which encouraged everyone to consider significant life changes:

Situation: Leader of this highly motivated and successful group of aggressive businessmen sends the following email to Darin (D).

"D - We would like to dive into the below and what it means, applying scripture. Can you lead us Friday through this?: The bible calls us to Unity in Spirit - one mind through the the spirit. It calls for no factions between believers. Can you help us work through the word of God on Unity in spirit and what one spirit one mind centered around the Gospel actually means as our study topic? Please feel free to call us to read scriptures that come to mind prior to our Friday lunch meeting. Love you bro!"

Response: Darin led them in discussing biblically, "Why work and our motivation to make disciples more than making money."

The notes for the meeting appear on the back of this sheet and notice that the subject of unity doesn't appear initially. Darin's focus for at least the first half of the meeting covered what all Christians have a calling to do daily, make disciples of Christ. By discussing deeply with these businessmen the mandate of making disciples more than making money, the group concluded that unity would result, because selfish pursuits would diminish for the sake of Christ-like disciple-making. In fact, the leader said privately afterward that Darin's most helpful point happened when he said Christians have already received unity in Christ, which we can claim instead of selfishly advancing ourselves.

We wish you could talk with the men after this time together and hear how they feel this changes their lives. Something so simple as using Scripture to address a daily difficulty, such as unity in an intensely competitive work environment, can make a huge difference in someone's life. It really just takes prayerfully considering the biblical foundation for what someone tells you about their lives. Let's keep using God's Word with those around us, to make disciples who know God better, by just following what the Bible and the Holy Spirit do to make men like Jesus Christ.

During the year everyone receiving this gets prayed for still by name at least once for each letter, so please request prayers about anything going on or others you know with needs whenever you'd like to have something special offered.

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Why work and our motivation to make disciples more than making money!

Genesis 2:15 Holman Christian Standard Bible (references below also from HCSB)

15 The LORD God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to work it and watch over it.

2 Thessalonians 3:10

10 In fact, when we were with you, this is what we commanded you: “If anyone isn’t willing to work, he should not eat.”

Proverbs 12:11

11 The one who works his land will have plenty of food, but whoever chases fantasies lacks sense.

2 Timothy 2:6

6 The hardworking farmer ought to be the first to get a share of the crops.

1 Timothy 5:8

8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, that is his own household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Note: this passage in 1 Timothy refers primarily to providing for parents rather than acquiring wealth for our children and the Scripture above mentions work as a requirement to having food for our families to eat more than making money for the future, per se.

Matthew 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

John 14:15

15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commands.

2 Timothy 2:2

2 And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Application: The LORD Jesus Christ has motivated us to make disciples more than money. How does this establish unity in our work relationships with other Christians and effect our business interactions with unsaved people?