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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
 Greater Hartford Chapter
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- Welcome! Opening prayer and praise reports
- FCCI update: Fellows program; 9/21-25 conference in FL
- **Today's topic: *Do you have Business Owner Anxiety (BOA)?***



Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. –Philippians 4:6-7

But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil. –Proverbs 1:33

No matter what you do for a living, you work on cursed ground with an adversary who wants to cause chaos, confusion and destruction. I've been in the workplace now for 42 years: 16 as an employee and 26 as an employer. No matter where I worked, and what position I held, there was "anxiety." However, as I look back, occupying the position of "owner" brings with it a different dimension of 24/7 anxiety that I'm calling *BOA, Business Owner Anxiety*. It really is a snake that can wrap around your neck and choke the life (and joy) out of you and make you think you're going crazy! Let's look at some key pressure points:

Past: are there bad decisions and tarnished relationships that I'm afraid will come back to haunt me?

Future: where is the business going, and how do we get there? The world is changing so rapidly, how do I stay relevant? What is my succession plan? Is retirement possible and Biblical?

Present: How do I effectively compete with all of the options that people have today?

--How can I find, hire, motivate, and retain good employees? How do I deal with problem employees?

--How can I get and keep the operation moving smoothly and avoid self-inflicted chaos?

--How can I get and stay profitable?

--How can I manage cash flow most effectively?

--How can I keep up with the growing administrative and tax loads?

--How can I get out of and avoid legal hassles?

--How do I keep the facility up to where it should be? Do I have the facility I need now and in the future?

--How do I manufacture a living to support myself and my family?

--How do I keep track of all these things, glorify God and build His kingdom in the process?

The questions are endless. As Christians, we have a secret BOA remedy: replace the I with Him!

Evaluate yourself from 1 (bad) to 10 (good) in terms of <i>keeping BOA at bay?</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by keeping BOA away?										
What specific actions can you take to be less prone to BOA?										

- Next meeting on April 16
- Upcoming events/news
- Closing prayer