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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
Greater Hartford Chapter
Mitchell's Coffee House
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- Opening prayer
- Introductions
- Praise reports
- Today's topic: ***Business Perpetuation***



To perpetuate = to cause to last indefinitely

“For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?” —Luke 14:28

For those of us who started our business from scratch, inherited or purchased a business from someone else, to some extent we “counted the cost” and chose to become entrepreneurs. Ideally, we heard a call from the Lord to do so. Upon that firm foundation, we lead each day.

As the years go by, we eventually reach another major “count the cost” stage: when we explore (a) IF the Lord wants us to perpetuate our business beyond “us” upon our retirement or death; (b) IF NOT, how we see the death of our business panning out; or (c) IF YES, how we see the perpetuation of our business panning out. We cannot forecast all of the details, but it's wise to have a God-given “Mapquest” vision of our future, take steps to prepare for that future, and trust the Lord to adjust our route as He wills.

For example, during my career, I've seen business owners in denial, or horrifically ill-prepared (dramatic examples of EH and RI businesses). Since our businesses have such a profound impact on our spouses and families, if we love them then it behooves us to be proactive in this area. Perhaps this topic can be a “New Year's Resolution” as we turn the corner into 2010!

- Next meeting on December 16 here @ 7:30 am (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
- Upcoming events/news
- Closing prayer