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- Welcome! Opening prayer, praise reports
- FCCI news: regional conference on June 14
- Today's topic: **Business by the Book**



In general, business schools today emphasize the pragmatics of the bottom line and personal ambition. Operating to serve a higher purpose and to serve a higher authority has become obsolete. Unfortunately, this secular approach to business has permeated the Christian community. Christians often behave like Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde. But who says that Christians have to operate businesses the world's way?

No question about it, operating a Godly business is a challenge. Most Christians today are less Biblically literate and oriented in their thinking than decades ago. We can be active in all kinds of business and professional organizations that have no connection with a Biblical worldview. The culture tends to pressure Christians to conform to another worldview. We work in very complex business environments, navigating an endless maze of process-related bureaucratic, regulatory, economic, cultural, technological, competitive and global pressures. And yet, God has called us to the workplace. We're to integrate the Word, grow profitably and grow in Christ.

Core assumptions must change:

- God really owns your business, not you.
- God is in control, not you.
- God allows difficult circumstances to accomplish His intentions, to develop our character, to discipline us
- Your responsibility is to be a responsible steward.

Core purposes of the business:

- Glorify God.
- Make a profit.
- Support the Body of Christ
- Spiritual impact your spheres of influence

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in terms of running the business by the Book	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by running the business more in-line with God's Word?										
What specific actions can you take to align the business closer with God's Word?										

- Next meeting on 4/3/13
- Other news/announcements
- Closing prayer