

PRAY SCRIPTURE OVER YOUR BUSINESS OR WORK PLACE



Running a small business is a spiritual journey as much as it is a road trip to business success. Along the road, you will be tested, stretched and stressed and these words from the Bible will give you much needed encouragement. Many of us who run businesses feel like a one-armed wallpaper hanger at times and it's easy to become too busy or too tired to pray.

The following verses can help keep you grounded and focused in praying for God's purposes to prevail in your life and that of your business or work place.

📖 **Jeremiah 29:11-13:** *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*

In order to have successful businesses, we must trust in the Lord. God's will is what is best for us. There will be times when we do not understand why things are happening in our businesses, but God is always trying to teach us and protect us.


📖 **Romans 8:18:** *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

We would not know good days, if it were not for bad days! So, we need to thank God for the bad days too! Often in business, when we don't close a sale or get a contract that we invested a lot of time in, we take it personally. Start thinking about things in your business differently. When you don't get a contract, ask the Lord why, but do not become angry. It may be that it wasn't meant for you. In some cases, God does it to protect you.


📖 **Exodus 35:35:** *He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, and of the weaver—those who do every work and those who design artistic works.*

God has given all of us talents that we can sell, but that doesn't mean we should all start businesses! First, make yourself a student of business. Develop


your business and leadership skills so that you can turn your talent into a real business.

 **Psalm 37:4:** *Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.*


Always remember who you are in Christ and who Christ is in you! We are not defined by our bank accounts or the framed accomplishments on the wall. Never hesitate to share your testimony with others about what the Lord has done for you in business. God wants us to be fine examples of His light and love.

 **Joshua 1:8:** *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*


The most important thing you can do for yourself, your family and your business is to pray daily. Start each day in meditation and prayer, and you will stay calm as the day's struggles come upon you. Read the Bible to stay encouraged and balanced.

 **Proverbs 16:3:** *Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established.*

Whenever you have doubt, go to the Lord in prayer, and wait on God to give you the answer. Do not move before you know God's will and have received His directions. Share your thoughts with your spouse or a prayer partner and have them pray with you. Remember that sometimes He may speak to us through visions and dreams, but make sure you test your dreams and visions: it must be in line with Scripture and ask friends what they sense it may mean. Sometimes God will send people to you with a message. It is of utmost importance that you always test everything, irrespective of the revelation or who brings the message.

 **Isaiah 45:3:** *I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the LORD, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel.*

There is no such thing as luck; only blessings sent from God.

 **Titus 3:14:** *And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.*

It is important to be a co-worker with what God is doing. If you do nothing, nothing will happen. Focus your activities each day by hearing God's voice

and asking Him to help you accomplish 5 things before 11a.m. daily. You will feel less stressed and get a lot more done each day!

👂 **Psalm 37:5-6:** *Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.*

There will be times when others will think that you are not taking the right direction in your business. Make sure in these times your pursuit is from His heart. Then boldly continue with what He showed you clearly. Always consider counsel, and always ask counsel of the Lord as well. Stay faithful and focused. When you think you have no more to give, give some more and you will be rewarded.

👂 **Isaiah 54:2-3:** *Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes.*

You cannot wait until you are rich and successful before helping others. If you do not help others now, you will most probably be too busy to help others when you are successful. Do not be afraid to enlarge your tent to partner with “so called” competitors. There really is enough business for everyone.

👂 **Romans 8:38-39:** *For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

If you have done something wrong, or made a mistake, admit it to the Lord. Do not hide anything from Him or try to fix a mistake yourself. Repent and He will forgive you. If you come to Him with your whole heart, He will help you. Be quick to forgive and pray for others.

👂 **2 Corinthians 2:14:** *Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.*

Be thankful that you know God for all of His goodness. God wants us to be fine examples of His light and love. Testify to others of His goodness. Take special effort to honour His name and testify of Him.

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