HOW TO USE THE STUDY GUIDE

The purpose of this study guide is to highlight key points in *Anointed for Business* and to lead you to make personal application of the information you receive. It is divided into the following sections:

- **Section A: Study Guide**—highlights key points of each chapter and serves as a study guide and review.
- **Section B: Reflection and Discussion—**for personal reflection and/or discussion within a group reading the book together.
- **Section C: My Journal—**for you to record your personal thoughts or what the Holy Spirit speaks to you.

SMALL GROUP STUDY SESSION

Suggested components of a one-hour meeting are as follows:

Group comes having read or listened to assigned chapter and having filled in the Section A study guide questions,

- Facilitator coordinates discussion using Section B for about 30 minutes,
- For the remaining time, members pray for each others felt needs and the needs of their business, expecting marketplace miracles in answer to these prayers

May the Lord bless and guide you as you read and implement what He reveals to you through *Anointed for Business*.

LESSON 1: **INTRODUCTION**

A. **Study Guide**

1. Three basic components of the marketplace are

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   G _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ t

2. Early Christians made the marketplace the focal point of their ministry because they saw the marketplace as their

   p_ r _ _ h and their business as a p _ l _ _ t.

3. What did Jerusalem and other cities experience at the hands of individuals not known for their religious acumen but for their roles in the marketplace?

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4. List four misbeliefs that usually neutralize God's calling on those anointed for marketplace ministry:

a._____

b._____

c._____

d._____

B. **Reflection and Discussion**

1. What are two of your earliest memories of the marketplace?

2. Have you, as a marketplace Christian, ever felt like a second-class citizen in the kingdom of God?

3. What new perspective did you receive on *the marketplace and the Early Church* from reading this chapter?

4. If you have ever told someone, “I’m just a layperson” or have had another person say this to you, what has been the context and how has it made you feel?

5. Explain how any of the four lethal misbeliefs have neutralised God’s anointing on your life for marketplace ministry.

C. **My Journal**

LESSON 2: **CONFESSION OF A CHRISTIAN BUSINESSMAN**

A. Study Guide

1. What does it mean to be anointed?

2. Is casual or part-time anointing found in the Bible?

3. The level of anointing God has in mind for people in the marketplace is meant to (segregate/judge/transform)* people and their (religion/sins/environment)*.

4. Jesus' promise in Mark 16:17-18 (be filled with the Holy Spirit, cast out demons, make the sick well) primarily applies to ministry in the

_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _.

5. The (church building/gathering of believers/entire world)* must be the focus of the mission entrusted to us.

*choose the most appropriate answer

B. **Reflection and Discussion**

1. Have you been told or have you considered, “Leave everything and go into the ministry”? Why?

2. Where do you believe the power God has given to us is to be primarily exercised? In the Church or in the marketplace? Defend your answer with Scripture.

3. What is the most you have hoped for in your role as a businessperson (whatever your profession is)? Why?

C. **My Journal**

CHAPTER 2 **JESUS AND THE MARKETPLACE**

A.**Study Guide**

1. Joseph and Jesus were more than simple woodworkers; they were

2. What are two possible reasons why Jesus was born in a place of business?

3. Jesus can be seen as a
profitable (entrepreneur/evangelist/entertainer)*,
a well-informed (leader/loser/lazy-bum)*,
a marketplace (connoisseur/critic/cast-off)*,
and a performer of (business/baseless/boisterous)* miracle.

4. Describe Jesus' daily routine for **most** of His adult life.

5. What are a few examples Jesus used in His teaching that show He was familiar with the marketplace and its operation?

6. What was Jesus' financial status?

7. W_ _ _, in the Bible, is never presented as nonspiritual. In fact,

   labour is w_ _ _ _ _ _.

A. **Reflection and Discussion**

1. Have you pictured Jesus more as a monk or a manager? Explain.

2. What was your view of Jesus and His view of the marketplace prior to reading this chapter? How has it changed?

C. **My Journal**