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 4: **THE DISCIPLES AND THE MARKETPLACE**

A. **Study Guide**

1. All the disciples were _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ people, and the writing of the Gospels was entrusted to _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ leaders.

2. The first Christians were comfortable in (church/seminary/non-religious)* settings, were capable of ministry and b _ _ _ _ _ _ s, were excellent leaders, and understood t _ _ _ _ _ _ _ c _ l truth.

3. The Church grew as recognized leaders were selected to _ a _ t _ _ r with the apostles.

4. Most likely, the T _ _ _ _ e prevented Early Christians from moving o _ _ w _ _ d as Jesus had specified. Unemployment and famine/Persecution/Missionary zeal* forced the Church to move out of Jerusalem.

5. What happened as Paul and his co-workers began to focus on the marketplace?

6. Jesus Christ's design for the Church was to be the c _ _ _ _ _ _ c _ _ t _ _ _, not another s _ _ c _ _ _ _ _ _ merely satisfied with survival.

*choose the most appropriate answer

B. **Reflection and Discussion**

1. Have you seen working in the marketplace and serving in the Church as mutually exclusive activities? Explain.

2. How has the arbitrary classification of “full-time” and “part-time” ministry affected the Church?

3. Why do you believe Jesus intentionally chose marketplace people who were not members of the religious establishment?

C. **My Journal**

LESSON 5 **THE GOD OF BUSINESS**

A. Study Guide

1. The majority of the O _ _ T _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ marketplace heroes were deeply involved in everyday _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ issues.

2. David did not believe that fighting Goliath was a s _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ enterprise and that running his business a s _ _ _ _ _ _ one. God was central in both of them.

3. The p _ _ _ _ _ motive is to a businessperson what the drive to win is to an athlete. With proper boundaries, it can benefit millions of people and can provide the incentive required for conquering exceptional c _ _ l _ _ _ g _ _.

4. What did David see about God and his job that allowed him to overcome his challenges?

5. We have wrongly dichotomized the m _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and the s _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ worlds.

6. Why is the devil afraid of marketplace Christians?

7. How does the devil try to disqualify marketplace Christians?

*choose the most appropriate answer

B. **Reflection and Discussion**

1. Why do you believe many marketplace Christians remain in business but give up on experiencing the joy of the Lord in their work or the joy of significant success?

2. Describe your own struggle with a fear of profit or of becoming materialistic.

3. Do you believe that the tangible world is intrinsically evil? Why or why not?

4. Have you considered that the devil may fear you as a marketplace Christian? What are some ways he has tried to prevent you from fulfilling your divine destiny in the marketplace?

5. Do you feel your work outside the Church is less spiritual than work done inside the Church?

6. What are some benefits when pastors and businesspeople relate as ministry peers?

C. **My Journal**

CHAPTER 6 **GOD LOVES BILL GATES, TOO**

A.**Study Guide**

1. What are two common misperceptions that often prevent godly Christians from moving enthusiastically into the marketplace?

2. Jesus was a friend of _ _ _ sinners, w _ _ _ _ _ _ and d _ _ _ _ _ _ _ e alike. He loved and ministered to _ _ _ _.

3. Servants loyal to the returning King Jesus need to enter the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and use whatever a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ He has entrusted to them to gain s _ _ _ _ _ _.

4. What was the reward for business success that came about as a result of obedience?

5. Jesus understands both the rich and the poor because He fully i _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ with each group.

6. Wealth has to be seen as a _ _ _ _ t, and it has to be used l _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ to _ _ _ _ _ others as a practical expression of our belief that God is the _ _ _ v _ _ _ _ and the r _ p _ _ _ _ _ _ _ r.

A. **Reflection and Discussion**

1. How does God really feel about the rich? Defend your answer with Scripture.

2. Describe your experience with the bias that ascribes virtue to poverty and innate evil to wealth (e.g., “it is better to be poor and godly than rich and worldly?)

3. Re-read Luke 19:1-27. Discuss the misconceptions that Jesus wanted to correct by telling the parable of the 10 minas (see pages 77-78).

4. Is wealth a blessing or a curse? Read 1 Timothy 6:6-19 and discuss what Paul said is the problem and solution for those God has entrusted with riches (use pages 84-85 as a guide for the discussion if necessary).

C. **My Journal**