



Purpose, Plans and Prophets: Doing Business With God

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The Pillars of Business Success



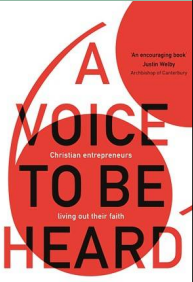


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“Seek the prosperity of the city...”

One way of blessing our communities is by developing well-managed, sustainable businesses which make a major contribution to furthering the kingdom of God, through the provision of innovative goods and services, providing employment, witnessing to business contacts and generally making the world a better place.





Source: Based on Richard Higginson and Kina Robertshaw (2017) *A Voice to be Heard: Christian entrepreneurs living out their faith* pp71-92

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“Run in your own lane”



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The journey of life



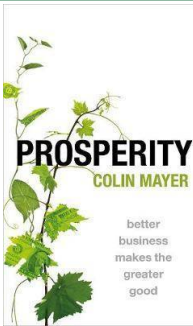
“Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.”
~ Søren Kierkegaard

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The purpose of business

“The purpose of business is not to produce profit; the purpose of business is to produce profitable solutions to problems of people and planet and, in the process, it produces profit.” ~ Colin Mayer

“Aim to earn a reasonable amount in the long-term whilst making enough in the short-term to ensure that the long-term results in order that you can achieve your non-financial objectives.” ~ Ken Dickson





Source: Colin Mayer (2018) *Prosperity: Better Business Makes the Greater Good* (Oxford University Press) p109

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Prophets' alternative approaches

"Hear this, you who trample the needy *skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales...*"
~ Amos 8:4-8

"... loose the chains of injustice, ... set the oppressed free..."
~ Isaiah 58: 6-8

"... act justly ... walk humbly with your God." ~ Micah 6:8

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, ... defend the rights of the poor and needy." ~ Proverbs 31:8-9



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Ruth Everard on Yellow Peril

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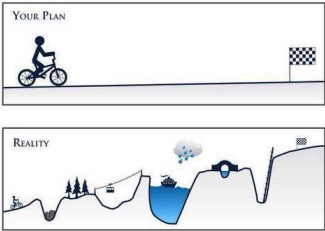
Success





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The Business Journey



YOUR PLAN

REALITY



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"So do not worry about tomorrow..."



CHALLENGES

- 1 Purpose
- 2 People
- 3 Products
- 4 Production
- 5 Pounds
- 6 Problems
- 7 Partners



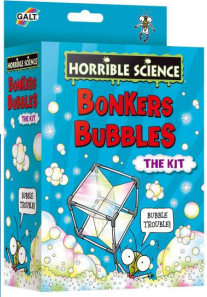
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Supernatural interventions



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Prophetic words





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Nothing is impossible...for God!

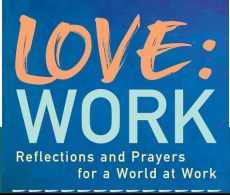




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The impact of the prophetic





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Remember what God has done

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3: 5-6



I will give thanks to you,
LORD, with all my heart; I
will tell of all your
wonderful deeds.
Psalm 9:1



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Things to consider

1. Who has God put around you to support, pray or prophesy over?
2. Make time to meet with them to pray and support each other.
3. Think of a time of challenge at work and how your faith made a difference.
4. Think of a time when you were given a prophetic word. How did you weigh it up? What impact did it have on you and your work?
5. Commit to pray for aspects of your work and the people connected to it.
6. Commit your work plans to God and ask him to direct your paths.



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Question time





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