The 7 Mountains Of Influence – BUSINESS
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God knew about the stock market crash of 2008. He was not surprised by the dot-com bubble bursting or Black Monday in 1987 or the Wall Street Crash of 1929 or even the Great Panic in 1873. Regardless of whether it is a bull market or a bear market, our God remains in control.

Too often as believers, however, we lose sight of this and succumb to the prevailing spirits of fear and panic. Worse still, we ignore the all-conquering, all-redeeming power of the Holy Spirit that allows us to soar above every economic storm. Depending on God’s strength does not mean Christians in the business world will be immune to life in the red, but it provides us opportunities to shine a light of eternal hope regardless of the current financial climate. In or modern world, the language of money is universal; if your company “miraculously” thrives amid a recession, you not only stand out, but your business model undoubtedly becomes the new template for success. As sons and daughters of a God who desires to bless His children, we must recognize and seize the opportunity during such times to proclaim the goodness, faithfulness, and sovereignty of our Lord.

Satan, obviously, would like nothing better than to see every Christian upon the Business Mountain fall on his face. He does not want us to flourish amid a drought (he’s well aware of the spotlight believers get when theirs is the only store on the block prospering) and will do all he can to prevent our success. This does not only apply to believers’ work within the entrepreneurial world, but also in the arenas of science, medicine, and technology. Because of this clash of wills, the spiritual war we fight upon the Business Mountain is both intense and integral to every other mountain’s success. Without finances, none of the other mountains can effectively grow, given today’s world structure. Keep this in mind as we intercede using the following prayer points.

- **Call forth companies, leaders, and workers who build for the glory of God.**

  1 Timothy 6:17-19 “Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”

  Kingdom construction is the only type that lasts. Although most worldly business leaders aim for the biggest short-term gains possible while hoping for longterm success, those working for God’s kingdom understand they are building for eternity. As God’s walking mouthpieces on this earth, we inherit the responsibility, then, to call out the laborers in the spirit so we can eventually see them rise en the natural realm. When Jesus told His disciples, “The Harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few” (Matt. 9:37), He was describing the condition on multiple mountains—one of which is the Business Mountain. We often interpret that verse strictly through an evangelistic lens, yet today the business field is white both for souls and finances. We need leaders who will step up to claim the earth’s resources for God’s purposes rather than their own selfish desires.

- **Declare an abundance of resources consecrated for the kingdom of God.**

  Haggai 2:6-9 “For thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations,[a] and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the Lord of hosts. ‘The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,’ says the Lord of hosts. ‘The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,’ says the Lord of hosts. ‘And in this place I will give peace,’ says the Lord of hosts.”

  Whether you business requires you to invent, ship, supply, manufacture, send, serve, cook, fly, create, distribute, import, export, construct, mend... whatever the case, you need resources to build and expand that business. Those resources may be as tangible as a fleet of eighteenwheelers or as fluid as intellectual rights, but either way, they are necessary and vital for growth. With intercession, we can stand in the gap for Christian businesses and declare an overflow of heaven sent supplies and riches that will serve kingdom purposes.
Pray leaders on the Business Mountain will not only be concerned about the bottom line, but will also have compassion for those affected by their leadership.

Colossians 3:23-25 “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.”

The world loves to define success using terms of revenue shares, percentage growth, and other dollar-dominated measurements. While on earth, Jesus proved that our heavenly Father defines success using terms of internal transformation: love, forgiveness, mercy, grace, self-control, and other Holy Spirit fruit that characterizes the healthy branches we are supposed to be. (See, for example, Galatians 5:22-23 and John 15:5) When leaders realize these markers of success can only be found in people -not money- their workplace becomes a mission field. This does not negate a holy calling to succeed in business (which, in our world, translates to financial prosperity), yet as intercessors we have the opportunity to undergird these leaders with prayer that points them to a higher calling of growing hearts, souls, and lives.

Pray kingdom-minded leaders in this sphere will learn to receive -and integrate intercessory prayer into their businesses.

1 Chronicles 4:10 “Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!” So God granted him what he requested.”

There is a breach between workplace leaders and ministry leaders. Though I believe this division is eroding, it still exist. Often past church wounds cause business leaders to discount the need for incorporating intercession into every part of their business. As a result, their companies are left unprotected in the spirit and Satan is given opportunity to attack any weak points within the corporate structure -including the leaders themselves.