

Panel Discussion

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I. Introduction.

II. Real discipleship is the work of God and he is not limited by numbers.

III. It is helpful to view quiet time as a responsibility to the Lord.

IV. We keep a Christian witness as business leaders who face a problematic employee by not becoming self-righteous nor vindictive. The employee should know that we have sinned and should be forgiven if repentant and convicted if not.

V. We should expect persecution if we are a public witness and give thanks for the persecution. (Matthew 5:11-12)

VI. Get youth involved in God's Word through various organizations and those close to youth.

VII. For young Christians involved in a charismatic experiences, keep the focus on Jesus and keep loving the person.

VIII. Balancing ministry, family and work: preplan and trust the Lord.

IX. One should not let a debt go past due or incur a debt they cannot pay. We should not lend money to other Christians, but give them all we can. (Romans 13:8)

X. Christians in business can keep from temptation by sharing with their wives and other brothers. (1 Thessalonians 5:11; Psalm 19:12-13)

XI. The key to serving God through the business world is demonstration.

XII. How to lead the natural man behind and grow in Christ: we have a daily choice to follow Jesus and give the Spirit permission to crucify ourselves. We must take responsibility. (Luke 9:23; Romans 8)

XIII. We must continue to actively love people who have not paid them back whether Christian or non-Christian.

XIV. Men ought to love their wives as themselves. (Ephesians 5)

A. If they short-change their wives, they are short-changing themselves.

B. If they sit down and pray with their wives, communication will open up.

XV. Christians need to be careful to not only be unequally yoked with their spouses but other Christians. (2 Corinthians 6:14; Amos 3:3)

XVI. How to avoid feeling stagnation: keep your vision.

XVII. Managing time: balance.

XVIII. Every contact is an opportunity to witness.

XIX. You cannot teach a person who is unsaved that they are unsaved. Ask them about the Spirit of God in their lives. (Romans 8:14)

XX. Wait for opportunities to give your testimony.

XXI. Ministry is a natural overflow of the life. (John 15)

XXII. As the economy gets worse, opportunities for the gospel will get better.

XXIII. Finding the right Christian home: seek council and God's guidance in prayer.

XXIV. When churches change, grow in love and unity.

XXV. Manage time priorities and be an effective Christian by walking in the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)

XXVI. Trusting God in earning money can happen by focusing on glorifying God with all. (1 Samuel 2:7; 1 Chronicles 21)

XXVII. Look at yourself to see what God wants you to do and seek the council of others for life direction in business. (Romans 12:3)

Application questions:

1. What are some unique challenges a Christian faces who is in business?

2. How do Christians in business overcome those challenges?

3. What are some creative ways we can witness at our work?
