

## The Resurrection of Business World

### God's Message:

*But you shall be named the priests of the LORD, they shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory you shall boast. Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, and instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be theirs. (Isaiah 61:6-7)*

*Enthusiasm and perseverance can make an ordinary person to be excellent; indifference and apathy can make excellent person to become ordinary. (William Ward)*

Throughout the history, God always choose to use people from business world to lead the revival, transform the society and expand the Kingdom of God. Not only Jesus who started His life as a carpenter, but all of His disciples too was in the business before they followed Jesus. [as a fisherman, tax collector, breeder, etc]. Except for Paul, who didn't have priest status before, the Levites or Pharisees and even Paul ran their business as a tentmaker together with their ministry.

But this is just a part of the essence; in God's economy, actually there is no difference between ministry and business. Both of them are the part and the package of the same thing. We can say that business is a heavenly ministry, as we can say that a heavenly business is a ministry. Unfortunately there are so many people who differentiate their work and their ministry to God. This concept leads people to "Sunday Christians" phenomenon, where a person will attend Church service on Sunday and live like a devil on the other days of the week.

The Bible teaches us that we are called to become the servant of Christ - whether we are working in the market place or behind the pulpit - and to worship Him every day. Most of the servant of God will relate with most believers, so it makes sense if the business world is supposed to be a natural arena for powerful ministry and the spreading of Gospel.

Whatever our calling is, whether we are servant of God, sport trainer, or accountant, our job as a Christian is to help win the world for Christ, to give contribution for the revival, to open the way for morale restoration in our country and to change the cities through God who works mightily in the business world. As happened in the early century of Christianity, everything is started from the business world, when Jesus' disciples got along with the lost souls every day.

Business world is a merger between business, education and government. These 3 aspects are the heart of a man. Through these 3 arteries, the life of a city will flow. A city will not exist if there is no business world, as a man will not live without a heart.

Early Christians made business as an important point of their ministry because their job would regularly bring them there. When they ran their business, it was natural for them to share to Gospel to other people they met. People in the business world played an important role in emerging, forming, and developing early church. In fact, most of Jesus' disciples were still in full time business while they did full time ministry. It was possible to do, because they saw business world as their church's congregation and their business as their pulpit. For them, witnessing is not a temporary activity, but a lifestyle.

Nowadays, millions of men and women are called by the same way to enter full time ministry in the business, education and government. These men and women work as stock brokerage, lawyer,

business man, policeman, plumber, factory supervisor, receptionist, chef, etc. Some of them have big influence in the society, the rest are unknown humble heroes - but every one of them is called by God to bring the Kingdom of God to the city's heart.

No matter what our occupation is, Christians who work in the secular world must know that they are not ordinary people in God's army, just because they don't join full time ministry in church. They have to find out that they have the potential to become skilled general, whose ministry is not only inside the church building, but also in the heart's city. With this new paradigm, we hope there will be business world's resurrection that will transform the society.

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**Reflection:**

What is our calling and profession? Have we become the salt and the light in our business world?

**Commitment:**

[I'm ready] to become God's army who will win and serve the business world for Christ.

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