



The Biblical Entrepreneur!

Hi, I'm Bishop Wayne Malcolm and am generally known as a mentor, coach and trainer to pastors and business people alike. I have two great passions in life, namely; The **Bible** and **Business!**

For many years I refused to mix the two because I didn't want people to think that I was a **typical prosperity preacher**, trying to raise an offering. However, I am now literally bursting and can no longer contain the fact that the ***Bible is loaded*** and jam-packed with principles and protocols for believers who are in business. Neither can I sit by and watch the church miss its moment. This little report is designed to explain what I mean by Biblical Entrepreneurship as well as why I believe that it is critical that the body of Christ lay hold of it now.

Why Biblical Entrepreneurs?

The recent credit crunch and the subsequent global recession have left millions of people unemployed with the numbers rising every day. Home repossessions, personal bankruptcies, the national debt spiralling out of control as well as the collapse of historic institutions have become the order of the day. All this is happening in spite of multi-billion pound bail out packages from governments and international banks. In the real world families have been devastated, people have been made homeless and dreams have been destroyed. By all counts, this is **the worst economic crisis** since the great depression.

Because most of us are busy trying to make our own ends meet, we haven't really stopped to ask some really important questions:

'What are the spiritual roots of the recession and does God have a plan?'

Here are the answers as I see them:

1. The root of the recession is strong delusion!

The recession occurred because we were all sold an illusion by the banking industry and bought it! The luxuries that most of us enjoyed before the credit crunch were mostly bought with borrowed money. In fact, borrowing became a way of life for most middle class people whose life styles were purchased using mortgages, loans, credit cards, store cards, buy now pay later deals and the like. Most companies also propped up their business through borrowing from banks. It is simply delusional to think that you can build and sustain your life, your business or your nation on borrowed money!

The Bible says:

Proverbs 22:7

'The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant (a slave) to the lender.'

Also the promise of blessings includes this:

Deuteronomy 28:12

'The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.'

2. Judgement

The problem is that the banking Industry has now been hit with a series of judgements that have exposed its levels of corporate greed, insider trading, mismanagement, excessive risk and ungodly pay-packages. Now everyone who is a slave to it is sinking and suffering with it. ***We should never have been slaves to it, we should never have been unequally yoked together with it and we should never have surrendered control of our lives to it!*** We should have used it where necessary but not allowed it to use us!

Remember the Bible says that **'the love of money is the root of all evil.'** This does not mean that the desire for more money is inherently evil; it means that **behind every evil in the world, there is someone making a profit!** Guess who profits from war, famine, narcotics, black markets, exploitation and the like? You got it – **BANKS!**

3. Living without borrowing!

I am not suggesting that we do away with banks, but rather that we decrease dramatically our dependency on them. This may seem impossible to some but let me ask you this: If you earned an extra £5000,00 per month, could you decrease your dependency on banks? Of course you could. The problem is that an extra £5000.00 per month only makes sense to entrepreneurs and not to employees.

4. Biblical economics

This term has been used and misused by many a prosperity preacher. As far as they are concerned it means that financial abundance for Christians is the result of sowing and reaping. Whereas this makes perfect sense and can be verified by a number of passages and promises, there is a fundamental twist to their teaching. **They teach that sowing means giving money to their ministry!** Undoubtedly, the law of sowing and reaping can and should be applied to giving however, this is not the primary meaning of it in Scripture.

Ancient Israel did not bring their seed to the priests; they brought their harvest! They put their seed into their own back yard and then brought the fruit of their increase to the priests. Any seeds given to priests were seeds gotten from their harvest. This principle is fundamental because it means that Biblical sowing means: **Investing in your own business!**

I know that some will struggle with this, however, why would a preacher ask you to sow seed into his ministry and then tell you to look for your harvest else where? The only place you should look for your harvest is where you planted your seed!

The truth is that you should invest in your own business and then bring tithes and offerings from your profits!

5. Deliverance from slavery!

The only people that had jobs in the Bible were slaves and soldiers. Everyone else was self-employed. For example, when the Israelites were in bondage in Egypt, they worked day and night for the Pharaoh. They each worked hard at jobs they hated, for someone they didn't like and under circumstances they couldn't stand. They did it to survive and so do most of us. When God brought them out, He gave them their own land. Each tribe was given a region and each household was given an allotment of land. Their new job was to create their own success by sowing and reaping in their own fields.

6. Business by the Book!

The Patriarchs were self-employed and so was every other hero of faith in the Bible. This meant that they were slaves to no man, they had no limits on their capacity to earn, they were free to serve God. For example; Paul was a tent maker and was able to supplement his income through tent making. This meant that he couldn't be held to ransom by anyone. He could have financed his ministry exclusively through offerings but instead chose not to burden the whole church!

7. Biblical Secrets:

The peoples, places, practises and promises of the Bible all conceal Kingdom secrets. These mysteries and principles can be applied to every area of your life, but when applied to business they present an infallible formula for success. Here is an example of a Biblical business strategy concealed in a story.

'And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.' Genesis 13:2

Notice that Abraham enjoyed multiple streams of income. He didn't rely on one stream or source. We also know that Abraham reaped the spoils of a war and that he dug wells. This is pure entrepreneurship. An authentic entrepreneur has an interest in multiple income streams through the creation of profitable business systems.

Unfortunately most people are limited by one income stream only. In exchange for it they give between 40 and 80 hours per week and have neither the time nor the energy to invest in another stream.

8. The One-Day MBA

At the One-Day MBA, I'm going to reveal over 21 Biblical principles, models and strategies for Business Success. Each of them is firmly rooted in Scripture and is unknowingly practised by the most successful business people in the world. My goal is to furnish you with Biblical tools that you can use to accelerate your success as a modern day entrepreneur.

In just one day, you will learn how Abraham, David, Solomon, and indeed the Apostles were able to command great wealth and use it to further the Kingdom of God. You will also learn which secular business philosophies were borrowed from the Bible.

You will leave the One-Day MBA with a personal Business plan that is rooted in Scripture as well as a complete toolbox of ideas and techniques for creating multiple income streams.

9. God's plan!

Does God have a plan for perilous times? Of course He does. God typically creates solutions before the problem occurs. For example, we know that Joseph saved Egypt from its worst famine by pre-warning Pharaoh and by developing a mass storage system during the years of plenty. However, this was not an after thought with God. Joseph was in training and preparation for his role many years before the problem occurred.

In fact, during every famine recorded in the Bible, God had a plan to preserve His people. So what is God's plan for our day, with millions of homes lost, jobs lost and dreams lost?

Do you think God will use the banks to turn things around? Or maybe the government? I don't think so!

Economists and social scientists generally agree that entrepreneurship is the way out of a recession. This was true of the great depression and it has been true for developing nations. It is people with brilliant ideas, big dreams and well crafted plans that deliver communities, regions and nations out of the grip of poverty. I would like to think that God will use the entrepreneurs in body of Christ to break the back of this recession and to restore hope to millions who are economically and psychologically displaced by the greed of a few!

If you agree, then you can't afford to miss the One-Day MBA!

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