



BUS201 - 3 credits

# Business Is Ministry

## Course Description

For too long the vast majority of Christians have accepted the lie that there are those few who are called to “full-time Christian service,” by which is usually meant pastoring a church or being a full-time foreign missionary, and the “laity” who work in secular jobs to support the ministry. Working in the world has been considered second-class Christianity and not necessarily a calling from God. Certainly, the anointing of God had no place in the inherently evil world of business.

This course will explode these myths, showing you how business in itself can bring glory to God, and how the Holy Spirit wants to anoint you to influence the marketplace and change the world.

(Prerequisite: REN103 or REN503 Communion with God)

## Course Texts

*God@Work* by Rich Marshall

*Business for the Glory of God* by Wayne Grudem

*Anointed for Business* by Ed Siloso

Business Is Ministry Student Notebook (this white three-ring binder)

## Course Objectives

### Academic Knowledge:

- You will memorize the following Scriptures:
  - ✓ Revelation 1:6 NKJV
  - ✓ Luke 19:13
  - ✓ I Corinthians 7:17,20,24
  - ✓ Exodus 31:1-6
  - ✓ Leviticus 25:14
  - ✓ Luke 19:23
  - ✓ Mark 6:3

- ✓ Joshua 1:3
- ✓ Judges 6:14 paraphrased
- ✓ I Timothy 6:17-19
- You will discuss the meaning and significance of the following terms:
  - ✓ anointed
  - ✓ anointed for business
  - ✓ ordination
  - ✓ firstfruit
  - ✓ tithe
  - ✓ *kabash*
  - ✓ the marketplace (Siloso’s definition)
  - ✓ *ekklesia*
- You will summarize the respective anointings and roles of the kings and priests in impacting their cities for Christ.
- You will state the five criteria for ordination to marketplace ministry found in Acts 6.
- You will discuss the four directives given to the 70 that can be used in marketplace prayer meetings, and seek the Lord’s will concerning your place in leading such meetings.
- You will Scripturally support the concept that the following aspects of business are fundamentally good in themselves and are according to the will of God: individual ownership of property, productivity, employing others for wages, commercial transactions of buying and selling, earning a profit, money, the inequality of possessions, competition, and borrowing and lending.
- If you personally cannot accept Grudem’s thesis concerning the fundamental goodness of these aspects of business, you will Scripturally support your position.
- You will become more aware of the role of the marketplace in biblical events and laws.
- You will discuss the four possible relationships a Christian might have with the marketplace and allow the Holy Spirit to examine your life in light of them.

## Attitudes and Behaviors:

- You will recognize within yourself either the “kingly” or “priestly” anointing, and begin to walk in it with confidence and gratitude to your Creator.
- You will ask the Holy Spirit to search your life and make you qualified for ordination to marketplace ministry.
- You will explore your personal role in impacting your city for Christ.
- You will develop or maintain a personal program for growing in your knowledge of the Scriptures.
- You will receive with gratitude the training and discipline of the Lord as He prepares you for your destiny, maintaining a pure heart toward those He uses to mold you as He pleases.
- You will seek the Lord for His direction in how He wants you to begin or increase your words of blessing to destroy the power of curses and defeat the enemy, particularly in your marketplace.
- You will allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart and life to show you if there are ways in which you have given in to the temptations that come with the good things that business offers.
- You will allow the Holy Spirit to show you ways in which He wants you to grow in the image of God through your participation in the various aspects of business.
- You will recognize that your job is God’s gift to you and thank Him for giving it to you.
- You will open your heart more fully to the people you work with, receiving them as the flock God has placed in your care.
- Your faith in the grace of God to overcome the darkness of the world will increase as you meditate on His words.
- You will allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart and your life to see if there is any hidden sin or deceit in you.
- You will follow the guidance of the Lord in manifesting His anointing upon you most effectively.

## Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, “C” or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least “B” (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a “B”.

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, CLU is training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- “D”
  - Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
  - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- “C”
  - Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
  - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- “B”
  - Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
  - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- “A”
  - Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
  - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

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## Course Requirements

1. Prayerfully read each of the three texts as assigned, answering the related questions found here in your Student Notebook. The answers to these questions will be submitted to your instructor for grading so prepare them in the best possible way to do so. You may answer them on paper and file them here in your Student Notebook, submitting these papers to your instructor at the appropriate time. Or, you may create a separate notebook on your computer for your answers, and send them to your instructor as email attachments.

2. Write your testimony. This paper will have two parts, as follows:

Part 1: Your experience of the filling of the Spirit and how this affected your ministry in the marketplace.

Part 2: What has God revealed to you personally concerning the coming marketplace revival and how He might use you to bring it to pass?

This paper is to be a minimum of four pages (maximum 12-point font) and is due in Lesson Six.

3. Write another paper presenting your theology of business and work. This paper must explore four areas, as follows:

- a) Present and biblically support your theology of business and work. How does God view the marketplace and those who make their living there? How is a Christian to view his employment? Scriptural support is required.
- b) How can a biblical view of business, work and occupations lift your vision, helping you take a large and redemptive approach to workplace issues?
- c) What are the primary cultural and practical barriers to your integrating faith at work?
- d) What specifically has the Lord said to you through this course and in your life about your place in His plans for His world?

You may divide the paper into four parts to explore each element separately or you may integrate all the focuses throughout the paper. Use the style that best presents your thoughts.

This paper is to be a minimum of seven pages (maximum 12-point font) and is due in the final lesson (Lesson 12).

4. Earn at least a "B" on the final exam.





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# Course Schedule

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### Lesson One

#### Assignment to be completed:

Prayerfully read the Foreword and Chapters 1 – 3 of *God@Work* by Rich Marshall, answering the related questions found here in your Student Notebook.

Memorize Revelation 1:6 NKJV.

Complete and correct Self-Test One.

#### Subjects to be explored:

Kings and Priests

A Life-Changing Revelation

Ordaining the Kings

#### Related objectives:

- You will quote Revelation 1:6 NKJV. (“And has made us kings and priests unto His God and Father; to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”)
- You will recognize within yourself either the “kingly” or “priestly” anointing, and begin to walk in it with confidence and gratitude to your Creator.
- You will define and discuss the word “anointed” and discuss its place in the business world.
- You will discuss the significance of the professions of the respective fathers of John the Baptist and Jesus.
- You will discuss the meaning of ordination and the possibility of ordaining marketplace ministries.
- You will state the five criteria for ordination to marketplace ministry found in Acts 6.
- You will ask the Holy Spirit to search your life and make you qualified for ordination to marketplace ministry.

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### Lesson Two

#### Assignment to be completed:

Prayerfully read Chapters 4 – 6 of *God@Work* by Rich Marshall, answering the related questions found here in your Student Notebook.

Memorize Luke 19:13.

#### Subjects to be explored:

A Businessman Sparks a Revival

Your Business in City-Reaching

The Role of Kings

#### Related objectives:

- You will quote Luke 19:13. (“So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Do business till I come.’”)
- You will summarize the respective roles of the kings and priests in impacting their cities for Christ.
- You will explore your personal role in impacting your city for Christ.
- You will develop or maintain a personal program for growing in your knowledge of the Scriptures.