



COLOSSIANS 3:23-24 (AMPC)

23 Whatever may be your task, work at it heartily (from the soul), as [something done] for the Lord and not for men, 24 Knowing [with all certainty] that it is from the Lord [and not from men] that you will receive the inheritance which is your [real] reward. [The One Whom] you are actually serving [is] the Lord Christ (the Messiah).



EPHESIANS 4:11-12 (NIV)

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up



MINISTRY:

Diakonia (ministry, service) and its related verb diakoneō (to serve) and noun diakonos (servant, minister). These words are the origin of the English "deacon." The meaning is one of humble, diligent service, often with the specific image of a waiter or waitress serving food.



MARKETPLACE MINISTRY:

This term marries the location of a person's work ("marketplace") with the function of their life ("minister"). It's a powerful and intentional phrase that redefines a person's professional life as a fundamental part of their Christian calling to be a servant of God.



Abraham

Often considered the first great entrepreneur in the Bible. He was a very wealthy man, described as being "very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold" (Genesis 13:2)

hundreds of servants. His wealth was a direct blessing from God, and he used it to honor God, such as when he gave a tithe to Melchizedek.



Joseph

A master administrator and leader. After being sold into slavery, he rose to become the second most powerful man in Egypt, managing the entire nation's economy and food supply during a seven-year famine (Genesis 41)



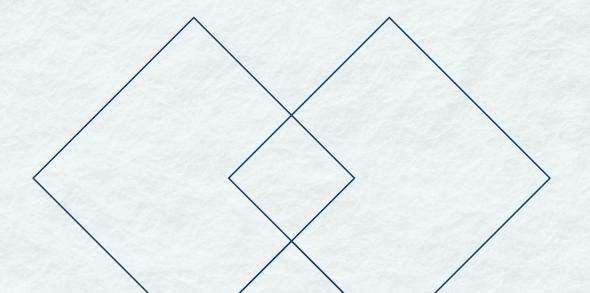
"BALLERS IN THE BIBLE" Boaz

A man of great wealth and influence in his community. He was a landowner and farmer who ran his business with remarkable integrity, generosity, and faith. The story of Ruth highlights his care for his workers and his purposeful acts of grace toward the poor (Ruth 2-4). He saw his business as an extension of his faith, not separate from it.



King Solomon

He was the wisest and wealthiest king in Israel's history. His fortune was immense, and he engaged in extensive trade, including a large fleet of ships





The Proverbs 31 Woman While not a single person, she is a powerful archetype of a successful businesswoman and manager. The text describes her as buying and selling, managing her household, and even investing in real estate. She is diligent, generous, and wise, showing that a woman of faith can be a highly effective and productivé economic agent.



Nehemiah

While his primary mission was rebuilding Jerusalem's wall, his success was founded on his position as a high-ranking official the cupbearer to the king of Persia. This was a position of great trust and influence. He demonstrated excellent project management, leadership, and resource allocation skills, all for a faith-driven



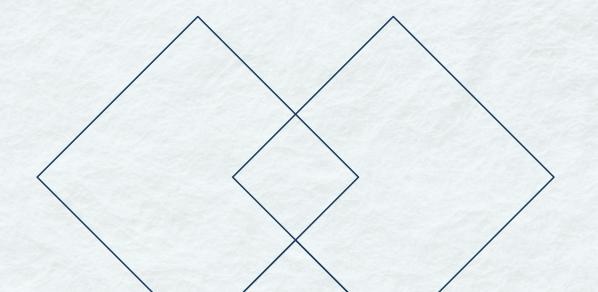
Lydia

She is the most prominent businesswoman mentioned in the New Testament. Acts 16:14 describes her as a "seller of purple goods" from Thyatira. This was a very expensive and lucrative trade, indicating she was a wealthy woman. She was a "worshiper of God," and her conversion led her to use her home and resources to support the ministry of Paul and his companions.



The Disciples (Peter, Andrew, James, John)

Before being called by Jesus, these men were commercial fishermen, running a family-owned business. They were skilled and diligent in their trade





Aquila and Priscilla

This couple were tentmakers by trade (Acts 18:3). They were successful enough in their business to travel and set up shop in different cities. Their home also became a hub for ministry, and they were instrumental in teaching Apollos and supporting Paul's work. Their business provided a platform for their ministry and self-sufficiency.



FAITH IN YOUR FIELD

Ministry is not for the chruch only! Service is in every area in which we are placed. Your expanding God's Kingdom is literally wherever you are!!!