

# From the Handbook for Business, the Bible

## # 17: Take words and return to the LORD

Let's talk to business owners struggling, maybe with falling sales, competition, staff issues or cashflow problems; whatever it is, it feels like trouble brewing with no obvious answers.

Typically, small business owners in this predicament push on regardless, working harder than ever, hoping for a breakthrough, even when it's not clear where that relief will come from.

**There is a Biblical principle we can apply in this very situation - Hosea 14:2...**

An awesome verse: *"Take words with you, and return to the LORD. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity; receive us graciously, for we will offer the sacrifices of our lips"*

### How can business owners apply this principle?

As Christians, we accept the truth of God's Word and the principles & commands it espouses.

Further, it's important to understand that the achievement of great things in life, in business and in the kingdom of God, is **directly proportional** to the time we invest in the Word of God.

Sadly, I sense too many business owners invest too little time in the Word which means...

**First**, they don't know the truth and will struggle to transform their business situation

**Second**, they get distracted & misled by the ways of the world instead of the ways of God

**Third**, sin can enter the situation leading to discontent, confusion & chaos; and still no solution!

Whatever problem you're facing, the answer is in the God's Handbook for Business. In effect, He promises, *if you will do X, I will do Y*. E.g., *'ask and it shall be given to you'* **Matthew 7:7**

But what is more likely to happen is, we rely on the world's fix that too often, doesn't get the desired outcome; so, the problem remains. **John 10:10** and **2 Corinthians 4:4** explain why!

### What words can we take and return to the LORD?

**There are two kinds of words in the Handbook with hundreds of examples of each...**

We can TAKE HIS WORD and return it to Him, praying, *"Father your Word declares..."*

- \* **James 1:5** - *"If any of you lack wisdom, ask God...and it shall be given"*
- \* **Jeremiah 33:3** - *"Call unto me and I will answer thee..."*
- \* **Romans 4:17** - *"...call those things which be not as though they were"*

We can TAKE OUR WORD based on choices He gives, praying, *"Father, your Word declares..."*

- \* **Acts 20:35** - *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"*
- \* **1 Timothy 6:6** - *"...Godliness with contentment is great gain"*
- \* **Proverbs 16:3** - *"Commit your works to the LORD & your thoughts shall be established"*

**Counsel:** It sounds like I'm preaching here today, but this is such an important issue! Being a child of God brings incredible blessing; our heavenly Father wants the best for us...so go to Him first and meditate on His Word, the Handbook for Business; take His words and return them to Him.

***Do this and be amazed at the outcome...I've seen many business turnarounds, literally in days!***