

Our Handbook for Business, the Bible

Establishing your thoughts

I'll never forget the day a client stormed into my office carrying on about a rotten mongrel. I thought he was referring to a dog; but no, it was a customer!

Turns out, a bloke came into his store, picked up a \$4 item and said, 'put it on my account' as he walked out.

The owner was really cranky, "all that bookwork for a \$4 sale!"

Soon, the real problem emerged - not the customer but the owner himself! He wasn't thinking clearly being frustrated with business and was visibly at the point of burnout.

Years before, he inherited the business but hated the work and the daily grind; customers and staff were often on the receiving end of his negative attitude...as was his accountant that day.

And how's this? That so-called rotten mongrel was one of his top customers!

After our session he made a crucial decision, to get out. And he did - some months later he closed the business and got a job; he was then free and much happier without the burden of managing a team & finances...or dealing with those pesky customers!

My counsel for business owners:

Seek the will of God and what He is calling you to do. Has He planted the seed of a strategic decision you need to make or at least consider?

...Maybe you're in the wrong business or your passion for the industry has waned and it's time to move on; or work with a mentor to improve the operation and give you more free time

...Maybe you could hand control to a manager and take some time out, before you burnout.

...Maybe you need to remind yourself who owns the business and what your role actually is!

The Bible, our Handbook counsel for today, Proverbs 16:3 KJV...

"Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established"

And note: this is not a suggestion; it's a command, with a promise.

Other Scriptures (NKJV):

Matthew 12:34, "...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks"

Psalms 32:8, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye"

Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding"

1 Corinthians 10:31 "Therefore...whatever you do, do all to the glory of God"

Proverbs 19:21, "There are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the LORD's counsel will stand"

Philippians 1:6, "Being confident...that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it..."