

Dear [Christian business],

I am compelled by my faith in our Savior Jesus Christ to ask you as a business owner to join together with other Christians in running our businesses according to God's commandments. This seems natural, as it is God's law which is highest, and it is God's law to which our own must conform. It also seems natural as a believer in the Savior, that we seek God's righteousness in all that we do – that includes personal life, family, congregational life, business and civil law. Of course it is true we must obey the civil law, even if managed by non-Christians, however I take it as a given that an unjust law is not a law, and that in these cases we are righteous to follow the law of God above the law of man.

Therefore I invite you to help us all to live according to God's law by making God's law the basis of how your business is run. This will be quite a contrast from the secular world. It is normal, for example, in secular businesses to sell material which is outrageously lewd and immoral. It is also normal in secular businesses to prohibit anyone from speaking about either God or biblical morality. These are just a few of many examples, but I think we can all agree that our own businesses must be managed differently.

I am convinced we can be a light to the world, just as scripture calls us to be, if we consistently stick to biblical principles in our businesses, and refuse to compromise when we are demanded to. I'd like to make some suggestions about business rules we ought to use, and I think you will find they all conform to God's Word and basic morality:

- 1) We make a written pledge not to sell immoral material. This would include many popular magazines which are lewd and encourage immoral behavior and would naturally include pornography.
- 2) We make a written pledge to allow employees to communicate their faith and biblical morality while at work.
- 3) We make a written pledge to discipline or terminate any employee who encourages or advertises for lewd and immoral behavior.
- 4) We make a written pledge to offer our employees health care which is morally clean; that means at the minimum it does not offer contraception, abortifacients and abortions.
- 5) We make a written pledge to avoid investing in businesses strongly connected to abortion and pornography, and also avoid investing in businesses which are the biggest promoters of secular ideologies.
- 6) We make a written pledge to affect the secular business world in other ways, be it by issuing formal complaints for their support of immorality, or directly refusing to do business with them because of their immoral stance.

- 7) We make a written pledge to use Christian financial institutions for our banking needs, instead of the secular banks.
- 8) We make a written pledge to have Christian standards of modesty at work for our employees.
- 9) We make a written pledge to tithe from our businesses.
- 10) We make a written pledge that if we offer loans, we will not ask for interest from people below a certain income level.

These are only some, and I believe core examples, of how we can run our businesses to reflect our faith and our God's commandments. I am also convinced that however wrecked our civilization seems, that if we allow ourselves to be transformed by God, we will transform the world around us. Running our businesses in a godly way is a central pillar of that transformation.

I realize that what I am asking you and others as Christian business owners sounds radical by today's standards. However, looking at Christian history, they are hardly radical at all, and are a simple game plan to help us conform to God's law. I also realize that what I am asking you would raise the ire of the secular world. There are definitely powerful forces on this earth that would seek to destroy us. However, I am certain, that if we humble our hearts to God, and place our trust in Him completely, He will give to us the victory.

I beg you to consider this simple proposal. Please consider both the possibility of applying it to your own business, and also of uniting with other Christian businesses as an army to act in unison. I would love to hear from you anytime to discuss this subject more deeply.

May the glory go to God.

Yours in Messiah,

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"Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." (1 Sam 17:36)

