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## Christian Business Ethics Principles : Seven Critical Components

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### Christian Business Ethics Principles and Bible Verses: Faith in the Workplace | Bible Verses on Business, Money, and Leadership

I've been reading the book "[On Kingdom Business: Transforming Missions Through Entrepreneurial Strategies](#)" which covers the issues: business as missions and (Christian) ethics in business. The issues of Christianity in the workplace and marketplace are both passions of mine. I thought these touch points might be a useful breakdown. The author gives 12, I'll probably add those at a later date. The following are quotes from the section by [Wayne A Grudem](#).

#### Christian Business Ethics: Taking Care of Resources

"In addition, when we care for our possessions, it gives us opportunity to imitate many other attributes of God, such as wisdom, knowledge, beauty, creativity, love for others, kindness, fairness, independence, freedom, exercise of will, blessedness (or joy), and so forth."

#### Christian Business Ethics: Greed and materialism

"We could use our resource to advance our own pride, or we could become greedy and accumulate wealth for its own sake, or we could take wrongful security in riches (see [Matt. 6:19](#); [Luke 12:13-21](#), [James 5:3](#)). We could use our possessions foolishly and wastfully, abounding in luxury and self-indulgence while we neglect the needs of others (see [James 5:5](#); [1 John 3:17](#)). These things are rightly called 'materialism,' and they are wrong."

#### Christian Business Ethics: Buying and Selling Goods

"We can imitate God's attributes each time we buy and sell, if we practice honesty, faithfulness to our commitments, fairness, and freedom of choice."

#### Christian Business Ethics: Earning Profit

"The ability to earn a profit it thus the ability to multiply our resources while helping other people. It is a wonderful ability that God gave us and it is not evil or morally neutral but fundamentally good. Through it we can reflect God's attributes of love for others, wisdom, sovereignty, planning for the future, and so forth."

#### Christian Business Ethics: Money and Financial Resources

"Money provides many opportunities to glorify God, through investing and expanding our stewardship and imitating God's sovereignty and wisdom, through meeting our own needs and thus imitating God's independence, through giving to others and imitating God's mercy and love, or through giving to the

church and to evangelism and thus bringing others into the kingdom.”

**Christian Business Ethics: Attitudes of Heart:**

“God knows our hearts, and we glorify him by having attitudes of heart in which he delights....And if others work for us, we need to think of them as equal in value as human beings made in the image of God, and our heart’s desire should be that the job bring them good and not harm.”

**Christian Ethics in Business: Borrowing and Lending:**

“In this way, borrowing and lending multiply phenomenally our God-given enjoyment of the material creation, and our potential for being thankful to God for all these things and glorifying him through our use of them. In borrowing and lending, we can reflect many of God’s attributes. We can demonstrate trustworthiness and faithful stewardship, honesty, wisdom, love, and mercy.”

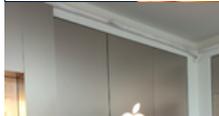
**Wayne A. Grudem** is a research professor of Bible and theology at Phoenix Seminary in Scottsdale, Arizona. Previously he was chairman of the department of biblical and systematic theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois, where he taught for twenty years. Dr. Grudem is the author of several books and articles, including the widely used text *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*.

What would you add to the list? Whats your favorite Bible verse for Christian ethics in the workplace? Or [Bible verse for business?](#)

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**southwerk** / Dec 20 2009 4:05 am



I wrote this on my web site and linked here.

Wayne A. Grudem in his blog post on the web site, Compassion in Politics writes his concept of seven critical components of Christian Business Ethics Principles. You might give this a look. I do not agree with these but I consider them useful.  
<http://southwerk.wordpress.com/>

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**compassioninpolitics** / Dec 21 2009 7:53 pm



Why didn't you agree with them? What did you find which wasn't based on Biblical principles?

Thanks for reading. Thanks for commenting.

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**compassioninpolitics** / Dec 9 2010 9:41 pm



I just ran across this and thought it might be helpful. Its based on 6 pillars of ethical reasons and is semi-self-reflexive (ie it can help create self-diagnoses as well as perhaps even potential scorecards—if thats the route you want to take):

<http://josephsoninstitute.org/business/blog/2010/12/principled-reasoning/>

Here are the 6 principles (or pillars) explained:

<http://josephsoninstitute.org/business/blog/2010/12/the-ground-rules-of-ethics/>

I think it may be a little over-extensive (I think a quick 8 to 12 questions could hopefully handle most all the issues—however the extra time is realistically probably well worth it)

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**Josephson Institute | Business Ethics and Leadership** / Dec 13 2010 6:11 pm



@compassioninpolitics Thank you for the feedback, we are new to blogging and still figuring everything out.

Best,

Dan

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The Center for Christian Business Ethics maintains some video resources (from their recent conference) which might help:  
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CFCBET Book of the Month / Jan 19 2012 7:49 pm



Great blog. Thank you for mentioning the Center's video resources! I wanted to let you know that we are launching a Book of the Month Forum. February's book is going to be Economic Parables by David Cowan. <http://www.cfcbe.com/book-of-month-forum/> I thought you might be interested!

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compassioninpolitics / Mar 6 2012 6:46 pm



By the way, I just read 2 of Steven Covey's books:

1. Seven Habits of Highly Effective People
2. 8th Habit

Very good stuff. I don't remember if there were Bible verses mentioned specifically, but I think he has some insights about Christian character in general. Its probably more geared for employee decisions and leader decisions than for the technicalities of pay, etc... In that regard, I think Covey's work is quite helpful.

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