

The Christian Business Owners Fellowship

Overview

The role of the person "at the top" is often lonely. Seemingly, there is no one to talk to and nowhere to go to receive helpful and Godly advice. You deal with decisions every day: "Should I terminate the long-time employee whose job has outgrown him/her?" "Should I invest in the new technology?" "Should I increase the line of credit to grow bigger or should I shrink the company, pay off debt and stabilize the financial situation?" "How do I share my faith with my employees, customer and suppliers?" "How can God be honored by my decisions?" You face these and a hundred other questions every day.

Where can the Christian business owner go to find safe fellowship, encouragement and the sound counsel needed to apply God's principles to everyday decision making? The Christian Business Owners Fellowship.

The mission of CBOF is to encourage and equip Christian Business Owners and Chief Executive Officers to operate their businesses and conduct their personal lives according to Biblical principles in pursuit of Christ's eternal objectives.

This ministry is built on the instruction and example of Jesus Christ. There are five ways the ministry helps Christian business owners grow in the application of Scripture to daily business decisions and personal spiritual growth: (1) participation in Fellowship Groups, (2) one-on-one Mentoring, (3) receiving wise counsel from a Council of Advisors, (4) being encouraged & equipped at our periodic Encouraging & Equipping Events and (5) using our Resource Center to be spiritually equipped.

Fellowship Groups

One solution to help the business owner meet these challenges is through fellowship with others facing similar issues. To address this need, we started Bible-based fellowship groups to provide a totally safe environment for company presidents and CEO's to gather to study God's Word and learn to work through the application of it to everyday business issues. It is a safe place...only CEO's, no competitors and no judgment - just a group of Christian business people working out their faith and their business issues, while attempting to close the spiritual gap between "Sunday and Monday."

Mentoring

You may recall the story of Philip and the Ethiopian in the Book of Acts. Philip, led by the Holy Spirit, came alongside the Ethiopian's chariot and ministered to him. Similarly, we come



alongside business owners and seek to meet them at their point of spiritual need. This is not a personal business consultant, although we often share business insights.

Encouraging & Equipping Events

Quarterly, we meet to be equipped by speakers and encourage each other through fellowship. These events are designed to be instructional, inspirational and provide fellowship. Here, the Christian business owner is exposed to the practical application of Scripture.

Resource Center

Our monthly newsletter and our website <u>www.christianbusinessowners.net</u> have many articles, links to other Christian resources, video and audio material that are meant to inspire, encourage and equip the Christian business owner.

Councils of Advisors

To navigate through the daily challenges a business owner faces, one needs wise and Godly counsel. A "Council" is a small group of business people (2-5) who come together for the benefit of the CEO.

The Council agrees to meet regularly to bring Biblical advice on a personal and corporate level. Their role is not to make decisions for the company but to offer their personal business experience in a Biblical context.

The Council serves four primary goals:

- 1. To offer a Biblical perspective for the decisions the owner faces;
- 2. To encourage and support the owner;
- 3. To offer a venue for personal and corporate accountability;
- 4. To promote the execution of plans such that God is glorified.

If you manage a Company and would like to explore a relationship with CBOF, we encourage you to contact us. We can talk by phone or email or meet with you, if you are so inclined.

There are no membership dues or fees for services.