# Business of Being a Christian

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## INTRODUCTION

- So tonight we're going to explore a couple of parallels about business and Christianity.
- We're not selling anything. It's more of a conversation to convince someone. You're promoting more than you're selling.
- So what we're talking about is something that's long term in a short-term society.

## 1 Why Does Someone Need the Gospel?

**Hebrews 9:27**

- What we're talking about here is not that temporary, materialistic thing that most of modern society is talking about. We're talking about something with an eternal consequence.
- So we will all die, and we will all be judged.
- There's also a temporal consequence. Something that happens to you while you're here, before the death and judgment, it changes who you are here.

## 2 Who Needs the Gospel?

**Matthew 28; Acts 17:30; 1 Timothy 2:1–4**

- Acts 17 30, he wants all men everywhere to repent. That repentance is a change.
- Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- So when we talk about the who, we can easily say everyone needs the message we have.

## 3 Where: At Home, at Work, Everywhere

**Matthew 28; Judges 2:6–10**

- We need to focus more on where we live and the people who we have influence with now than moving on beyond our borders.
- I would say primarily, you get your job done at home. You get your job done with your family. You can branch out from there.
- When you're doing your business dealings, you should be honest and just, and you should be an example of what God would want you to be.
- Where you're teaching, where you have influence, quite frankly, is everywhere you go.

## 4 What Should We Be Talking About?

- Well, the obvious one is Jesus and the opportunities we have through him.
- Without him, our hope of heaven is zero.
- We should be talking about the great opportunities of heaven.
- We have an opportunity for a relationship with God.

## 5 How Not To: Don’t Focus on the Negative

**Matthew 23:13–29**

- So let’s focus more on the positive than the negative.
- Do not deviate from the truth of the Bible. Don’t add to it, don’t take away from it. Don’t dodge it.
- God’s word should be part of your identity, and it should influence your life so that you are not a bad example.
- We need to make sure we’re not drawing artificial lines either.

## 6 How Do You Do This? Use Your Talents

- If you have one talent, strive to get two. If you have two, strive to get three.
- The righteous life is a great thing. But it’s not the end.
- Know your Bible. Be ready to answer that question.
- If you want to teach somebody, you want to have a real influence over somebody, you build a relationship.
- If you don’t believe in your product, you will never effectively be able to promote what you’re doing.

THE CHALLENGE

Is there someone in your mind who you’re thinking about who needs the good news? I’ve got three that I’ve neglected. That I will no longer neglect. May I suggest you pick one?

MY NOTES