



Business Leadership Group

Chuck Bentley, Business from the Inside Out—Session 1 of 3

And all the more my brethren, take pains concerning this, that by your good deeds you shall make your calling and your election sure, for when you are doing these things, you will never fall.

2 Peter 1:10 Aramaic Bible in Plain English

Chuck begins by reminding us that one of FCCI’s values focuses on being “different from the world.” FCCI also states that as Christians, we should set standards of excellence that point all to God’s excellence. Why is it important to specifically embrace both values? [consider how it makes you feel if someone thinks they are *‘better than you,’* vs. *‘different than you’*]

“Unless you are doing business from the inside-out, you are missing opportunities to have eternal impact.” What do you immediately think of when you reflect on Chuck’s statement?

“Here’s true stewardship...It’s ordering your life in such a way that God can spend you however He wants to spend you. That’s when you start becoming a steward...We are in grave danger of running out of faithful stewards.” Do you agree with Chuck’s statement? _____ Explain & discuss

Select the item above that would make the most impact or warrants immediate attention and answer the following questions:

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Comment:

Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God. 1 Peter 4:10 GNB

And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Luke 12:42 KJV

And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. Luke 16:1



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Faithful in small things, trusted with great things.

“You are applying for your eternal job right now. Heaven is not an eternal vacation. It is working for the owner.” Is Chuck’s perspective a new thought to you, or a different way of expressing an old thought? [share with your group]

“Inside-out companies [Kingdom Companies] grow, expand and innovate through a leader who turns to God for creativity... Stop the notion of thinking outside the box and begin thinking inside The Book.” According to Chuck’s statement, do you think a Christian should have an advantage or disadvantage over a non-Christian?

“I read my Bible every day. I would go to sleep and God would give me a solution.” Chuck quoting R. G. Letourneau. Both he and Nicola Tesla, one of the greatest inventors of all time, gave credit to God and the Bible for inspiring their greatest works. Have you ever experienced inspiration for an idea that you could attribute directly to God and/or the Bible? [summarize and share with your group]

Chuck reflects: “Think about the genius of what Horst Schulze did [in building the Ritz-Carlton customer service model]. He said: “I’ll take that simple principle of ‘love thy neighbor’, and I will put into a process so that when people walk into a hotel, they will feel the difference... He took the word right out of God’s playbook.” Can you think of a time when obedience to God’s commands seemed like genius to others?

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Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’ ...The first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.’ And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’

Luke 19:13, 16-17 ESV



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“Blessed are those who hunger & thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled” Matthew 5:6

Chuck tells the story of Matthew Fontaine Maury who discovered the major currents of the oceans, not during his 14 years serving in the US Navy; but 22 years later, during a period of convalescence when the words of Psalm 8 became stuck in his mind: ‘... whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas’. Maury thought that if God said there were paths in the sea, then there must be. He went on to revolutionize sea travel and commerce reducing travel times by 50% or more on many of the most popular trade routes. Do you believe that God wants to teach you things about your business that could revolutionize it?

Chuck states: “Chick-fil-A had done a better job of teaching my [16 yr old] son manners than I have.” In regard to teaching life-skills, what advantage do you think Chick-fil-A has [or you have] over a parent?

“Money flows from character, not from businesses. Money flows from within.” Agree or disagree? [discuss with your group]

Chuck states that *possessing God’s moral character* is critical to success as an inside-out company [Kingdom Company] and company leader [Kingdom Leader]. He correlates possession of that character with Thirsting for Righteousness. How are those two qualities co-dependent?

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Anyone who can be trusted in little matters can also be trusted in important matters. But anyone who is dishonest in little matters will be dishonest in important matters. Luke 16:10 GNB

His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ Mat 25:21 CEV