



Business Leadership Group

Chuck Bentley, Business from the Inside Out-2—Session 1 of 3

“I saw disconnects between [Christian] business leaders on Sunday morning and how they would practice their faith and conduct business in the marketplace.”—Robert L. Dickey

Chuck, Robert and Calvin begin this session focused on gaps that often occur between Christian leaders’ declared beliefs and their conduct in the marketplace. Why do you think this is such a common theme?

Chuck recounts a November 2015 Economist magazine article describing a “revolution going on in the marketplace.” Chuck stated that though it is not attributed in the article, teachings from *Business by The Book* central to that revolution. It is permitted by the secular-minded Communist central government. Besides the teaching to *be honest & pay your taxes*, why do you think China is permitting this? [read Galatians 5:23 out loud before discussing this with your group-the KJV verse appears below]

Having taught Business by The Book all over the world, Chuck comments that China is the only place where people weep when they hear the Biblical teaching. Many FCCI leaders who have taught there share the same experience. Reflect with your group and share your best thoughts on why.

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

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Contemporary Chinese saying: "There was a period in China when we had nothing. Then there was a period in China when we had money. There is a new period where we have nothing but money."

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23 KJV

“Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.” (Proverbs 4:23 TEV)



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“You have been deceived. You can have an influence right where you are. You can disciple. You can train and multiply You can spread the Kingdom of God through how He has made you. Real leadership is getting rid of the excuses.” Chuck Bentley

Reflect on Chuck’s opening statement for this session, also appearing above. What would your city be like ***if all Christian business leaders were living strategically to reveal the Kingdom of God through their personal and businesses practices?*** [be prepared to share with your group]

Chuck states: “I want to talk about this idea of measuring beliefs & behaviors. I believe that humanism has crept into all of our thinking and everything that we do.” How do you personally avoid and detect humanism’s influence and combat against it?

Even top Christian universities use business text books are written with secular mindsets. In studying accounting, that may be less important than personnel management. The bottom line is that almost every business school graduate enters the workplace with almost all of their training tainted by humanism. What is the best solution to prepare business neophytes and veterans to integrate their faith in Christ?

Chuck encourages the use of Crown’s Business by The Book assessments as a check-point and pacing tool for benchmarking, targeting and pacing your growth, paralleling FCCI’s own Pathway to Purpose Assessments. Review the two assessment tools with your group, if possible or before your next meeting, making notes on issues you would like to discuss further or move to action points you can share with the group.

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

In the last segment of this series, Chuck encouraged using the assessment with employees [especially senior leaders] by *you using your own scoring* to be transparent with your employee[s], encouraging them to assess and be transparent with you. What are the inherent liabilities and benefits of doing so?

Chuck emphasizes the importance of using assessment tools with a context of your own perspective, your own views, your own leadership and doing the same with your employees. Change, alignment and ultimately transformation must begin with the leader. Share with your group tools that you use for personal and/or team assessment. [an opportunity to sow and reap ideas]

Assessments in general can be extremely helpful because they can: 1. Press hard questions that no one is asking, 2. Open avenues for 3rd party interaction and perspective and 3. Promote alignment in values, clarity in strategic or tactical challenges and aid in building unity. Can you think of other reasons to assess your own and your team’s thoughts & actions?

Strongly consider using both the Crown and FCCI assessments to engage peers to consider their [and your] awareness and growth as a Kingdom Leader/Kingdom Company. FCCI welcomes and cherishes you feedback on ways to make these tools more valuable. If you’re already using these tools, leverage them by making quarterly or semi-annual self-reviews to help benchmark, target and pace your growth as a Kingdom Leader & Kingdom Company. *If you don’t measure it, it won’t improve* is a tried & true axiom.

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The first person to speak always seems right until someone comes and asks the right questions.

Proverbs 18:17 ERV

Do not be conformed to this world, but continuously be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you may be able to determine what God's will is—what is proper, pleasing, and perfect. Romans 12:2 ISV