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Doing Business in the Spirit



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Introduction

Doing Business in the Spirit

Definitions

‘Doing Business’ refers to the activity that you do on a daily basis

‘Spirit’ refers to the Holy Spirit

Our topic is understanding what it means ‘To Do Business in the Spirit’.



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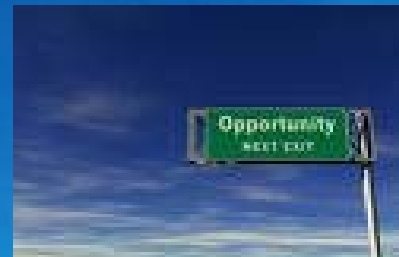
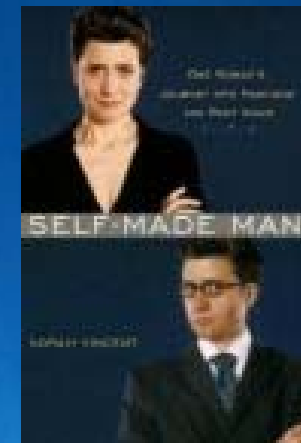


God Gives Assignments

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Qara': to call out by name => specific intent and purpose

God chose an obscure person named Bezalel to fill with the Spirit of God.



Many think that they must make their own way in life.

Heritage

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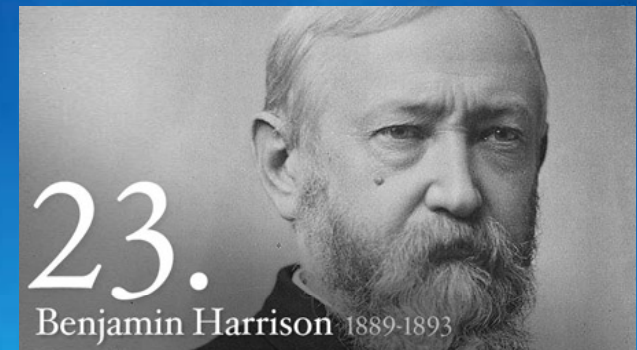
Who is this obscure person named Bezalel?

Betsal'el: Bezalel => in the shadow of God hidden and protected

Ben: son => heritage (multi-generational lineage)

'Uwriy: Uri means fiery => passion

Tribe of Judah (praise) => covenant person



Tangible and Intangible Meet



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Being filled with the spirit of God is:
a sovereign act of God and
manifested by specific skills.



Guide
Christians



"A Few Good Men"

You can't handle the
truth! Can you?

The Holy Spirit

"Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you. John 16:5-15 [NIV]

Convict
the World



Sin

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Righteousness



Judgment

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Three Levels of Work

Level One

Provision

The laborer's appetite works for him; his hunger drives him on. Proverbs 16:26 [NIV]

Level Two

Principle

The LORD abhors dishonest scales, but accurate weights are his delight. Proverbs 11:1 [NIV]

Level Three

Power of the Spirit

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:16-17 [NIV]



Level One Work

The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. "'Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock, therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them. Ezekiel 34:1-10 [NIV]

Level one workers serve themselves (use others and organizations for their own agenda)



Level Two Work

When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Luke 7:1-9 [NIV]

Values and principles practiced by centurion

Loved people (his servant and the Israelites)

Action (sent for help for his servant; built the synagogue for the Jews)

Humble (did not demand, but asked Jesus to help; didn't deserve to have Jesus come into his home)

Faith (believed that Jesus had the authority to heal)

Understood and submitted to authority (perhaps the greatest mark of faith)



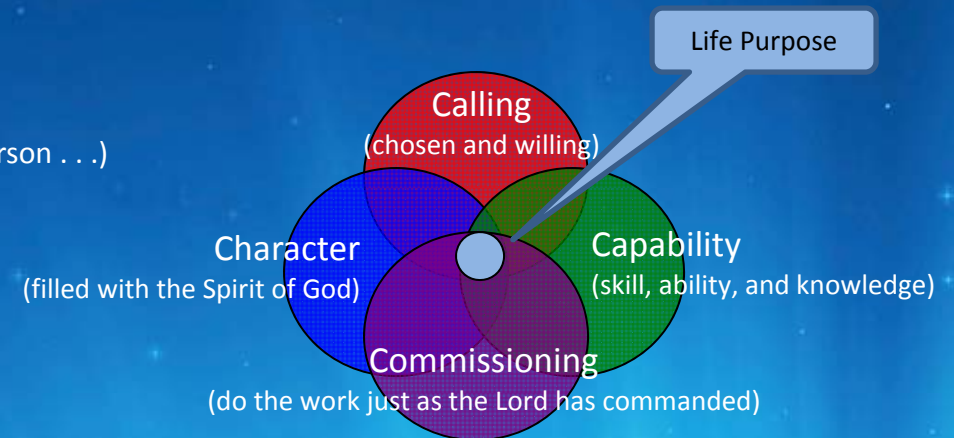
Level Three Work

Then Moses said to the Israelites, "See, the LORD has chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts -- to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic craftsmanship. And he has given both him and Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, the ability to teach others. He has filled them with skill to do all kinds of work as craftsmen, designers, embroiderers in blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen, and weavers -- all of them master craftsmen and designers. So Bezalel, Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the LORD has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work of constructing the sanctuary are to do the work just as the LORD has commanded." Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the LORD had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work. Exodus 35:30 - 36:2 [NIV]

Community (Bezalel, Oholiab, Ahismach, every skilled person . . .)

Excellence (master craftsmen and designers)

Generational transfer (ability to teach others)



Take Away

There are three levels of work:

1. Provision – self-centered worker
2. Principle – selfless worker
3. Power – selfless and called worker (Doing Business in the Spirit – living in truth)

Level three is finding and fulfilling your C4 life purpose - doing business in the spirit

What do you have C4 to do?



Are you ready to 'Do Business in the Spirit'?

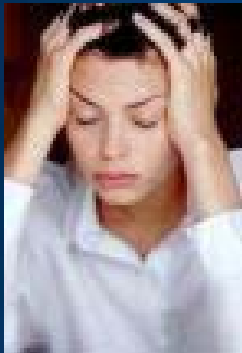
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