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## Entrepreneurship From A Spiritual View

By Kimberly Geddings

For the Christian, being an entrepreneur is a calling. A calling is an appointment from God -- a magnet that draws you into His plan which is completely irresistible, if you are obedient to the prompting. Likewise, for the Christian, being an entrepreneur is ministry. Ministry is our partnership with God to serve His people. For the Spiritual Entrepreneur, this call and ministry distinguishes us from an entrepreneur of the world in three distinct ways

- 1) Our Relationship
- 2) Our Resources
- 3) Our Routine

### Our Relationship with God Helps the Spiritual Entrepreneur make godly decisions.

Being an entrepreneur has challenges and there are tough decisions to make on a regular basis. Each day the entrepreneur is faced with decisions that affect the company's bottom line, which in turn have implications on the owner, the staff, the partners, and the customers. It is prudent and wise to incorporate all the tried and true business models for assessing and making quality business decisions. From the remedial 'Pros and Cons List', to a more strategic S.W.O.T Analysis, Root Cause Analysis or Decision Matrix, these are all helpful analytical tools and decision business models. However, the Spiritual Entrepreneur has to go above and beyond these worldly methods when making strategic decisions. The Spiritual Entrepreneur must have a healthy relationship with God to make godly decisions.

For many Christian Entrepreneurs even the call to start your own business may not have been the most logical, obvious, or likely path, but somehow your Spirit answered this call of God on your life. This is why having an authentic relationship with God has to be the cornerstone of the Spiritual Entrepreneur's life. Sometimes, it doesn't always add up 'correctly' by worldly standards and business decision models, but that still, small voice steers you into a clear direction and path.

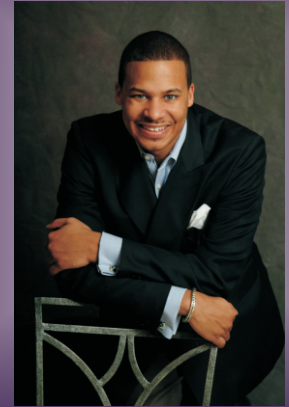
Knowing and following God's voice is the peace that passes all understanding. John 8:47 says "He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God." Henry Blackaby, the author of *Experiencing God*, says that "if you want to know the will and voice of God, you must give the time and effort to cultivate a love relationship with Him". Having a love relationship with God is a press. The Spiritual Entrepreneur must have the daily discipline to seek God and to hear God's leading and guidance. Knowing God's voice sometimes leads the Spiritual Entrepreneur to make decisions that the business model or business analytics may advise otherwise.

### Our Routine includes the spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and studying God's Word.

Because the Spiritual Entrepreneur has an authentic relationship with God, this translates into daily and regular practices of spiritual discipline which continue to foster and grow our relationship with God. Richard Foster, author of *Celebration of Discipline* says that "the spiritual life calls us to move beyond surface living into the depths. God has given us the Disciplines of the spiritual life as a means of receiving his grace. The Disciplines allow us to place ourselves before God so that he can transform us". For the Spiritual Entrepreneur, the inward spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and studying God's Word are the cost of entry into developing godly routines and practices that build our relationship with God.

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How do these disciplines translate for the entrepreneur on a practical level? The Spiritual Entrepreneur has a prayer life. The Spiritual Entrepreneur would not think of making any move without prayer. In addition to prayer, fasting is equally important. Often when business opportunities or challenges come, it is necessary for the Spiritual Entrepreneur to fast as a sacrificial posture to seek God for direction and insight. Prayer and fasting is a powerful combination in the spiritual realm which is tantamount to doing battle *with* God. Likewise, the Spiritual Entrepreneur studies God's Word. 2 Timothy 2:15 says to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". For the Spiritual Entrepreneur, the Word of God is our ultimate strategic roadmap.

#### **Our Resources are given to God to bring Him glory.**

Lastly, for the Spiritual Entrepreneur's resources represent the tools he needs in order to be a blessing to the Kingdom of God. Our resources are our treasures. Matthew 6:21 says "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". For all Christians, our resources can be defined as our time, our treasure, our talents, and our temple. The Spiritual Entrepreneur uses these gifts which God has bestowed on us as an offering back unto Him.

As Spiritual Entrepreneurs, we are called to be good stewards over all of our resources. This includes how we use our time...*service* is required. This includes how we use our treasure...*giving* and *tithing* is required. This includes how we use our talents...*sharing* our gifts is required. This includes how we use our temple...*holiness* is required.

Holiness and business seem like an oxymoron, but this is what distinguishes the Spiritual Entrepreneur from an entrepreneur who does not have a relationship with God. 1 Peter 1:16 says, "Be ye holy; for I am holy". The Spiritual Entrepreneur is called to be holy because God is holy. The Spiritual Entrepreneur's sole motive is to give glory to God because of the unique and personal relationship he has with God. Finally, the Spiritual Entrepreneur honors God in his daily routine and in the manner in which he uses his resources.

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## **Prayer for the Success of our Goals and Businesses**

Heavenly Father, we commit our goals, our plans and our business to You, we entrust them wholly to You. Please cause our thoughts and actions to be agreeable with Your will so that our businesses will be established and succeed.

In the name of Jesus, we submit to every kind of wisdom, practical insight and prudence.

Father, we affirm that we will obey Your Word by making an honest living so that we may be able to give to those in need and provide for our families and ourselves. Thank you for making Your grace, every favor and earthly blessings come to us in abundance so that we may have all sufficiency.

Thank You for the ministering spirits that You have assigned to go forth to bring in consumers. Thank you for the grace to remain diligent in seeking knowledge and skills in the areas where we are inexperienced. We ask You for wisdom and the ability to understand righteousness, justice and fair dealings in every area and relationship. We affirm that we are faithful and committed to Your Word and our lives and our businesses are founded upon its principles.

In Jesus' name,  
Amen

(~ author unknown)

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#### **April Monthly Focus Entrepreneurship**

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