



## Building Foundations That Last

Welcome to this companion devotion for our blog post on business. These Bible passages and thought-provoking questions are designed to help you engage with the Scriptures, as well as, observe, understand, and apply God's Word to your life. I pray this devotion will inspire and motivate you to consider the benefits of applying the truth of each passage and growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

As a young teenager I always knew I was born to be an entrepreneur. I have been blessed with energy and a unique ability to switch from one activity to another with ease. As I did odd jobs to earn an extra dollar or two; I always had this urge to do more and work for myself. Forty plus years later and I still enjoy doing business. Particularly the reward that comes with celebrating a win with your team – that, is always a highlight of being an entrepreneur for me.

### LEAN IN

What about you?

- What is one of the proudest moments that you have had in business?

Let us look at the following Scripture together:

### ***Isaiah 33:15-16***

*15 The ones who can live here are those who are honest and fair, who reject making a profit by fraud, who stay far away from bribes, who refuse to listen to those who plot murder, who shut their eyes to all enticement to do wrong. 16 These are the ones who will dwell on high. The rocks of the mountains will be their fortress of safety. Food will be supplied to them, and they will have water in abundance.*

### LOOK DOWN

- What stands out for you most in this passage?

### **LOOK OUT**

- How realistic is it today to operate a business as the writer suggests?

### **LOOK IN**

- In your business, how do you avoid the lure and temptations of taking shortcuts?

### **LIVE OUT**

- What adjustments in your business can you make to reflect values of honesty and fairness?

We're all familiar with the parable Jesus taught in Matthew 7:24-27. About the man who built his house on the sand and the one who built it on the rocks. One day a heavy storm came, and it washed the house that was built on sand away, but the one that was built on rocks – stood firm.

Your foundations – the values, principles, philosophies and commitments that you build your company on, will determine if it will stand or be washed away.

When one runs their business in a fair and honest way, they lay a solid foundation on which they can do a lot with. Holding firm to what you believe and what you know is right, pays dividends over and over and over again.

I pray God gives you the courage and wisdom to pursue Godliness and that He leads and directs you to stand in all circumstances.