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## PARTNERING WITH GOD DEVOTION

Welcome to this companion devotion for our blog post on Partnering with God. 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.

### LEAN IN

- What are the key characteristics you look for in a business partner?

Integrity, shared values, passion, skills are some of the key characteristics used when looking for a business partner. When you have a partner, you're not alone. You share responsibilities, benefits and enjoy each other's support. However, what would it look like to have God as a partner?

When we think about partnering with God, we tend to think about serving in churches and different ministries, working alongside fellow believers to see God's Kingdom come here on earth. The thought of partnering with God in business does not always come naturally.

In *1 Corinthians 3:6-7* we read:

*<sup>6</sup>I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. <sup>7</sup>It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow.*

### LOOK DOWN

- From this verse, what should our perspective on our work and business be?

From the Scripture we learn in our work, there is a role that we should fill and there is also a role that God fills.

### LOOK OUT

The world today celebrates entrepreneurs that go above and beyond their responsibilities to achieve business success. Those with attributes such as a strong focus, boundless energy, aggressive approaches and incredibly gifted.

- How do the verses below compare to what the world teaches?

***Deuteronomy 8:17-18***

*<sup>17</sup> He did all this so you would never say to yourself, 'I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.' <sup>18</sup> Remember the LORD your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfil the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.*

***Psalm 127:1***

*Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the LORD protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good.*

We rely on God for many aspects of our lives – our health, our children, our marriage and even our finances. It's important that we rely on Him for our work too. In order to succeed at business, we need to partner with God. In order to partner with Him, He calls us to have a relationship with Him.

***Proverbs 16:3***

*Commit your actions to the LORD, and your plans will succeed.*

**LOOK IN**

- Have you invited God into your day-to-day activities at work? Have you sought His guidance on different situations?

Partnering with God is not about a transactional relationship, where you give in order to get a return. It is about intimacy with Him. Spending time with God to learn more about Him, His plans and how to partner with Him to advance His Kingdom here on earth.

***John 16:13***

*When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.*

## **LIVE IT OUT**

- Think through your organization – the culture, systems, policies and your strategic plan. What spaces can you begin to invite God into? What adjustments can you begin to make to partner with God and seek His guidance?

As we continue to grow in our relationship with God, may He take center stage in our businesses as we grow in partnership with Him.