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The Way of Business



The Way of Business Honors Social Services and Ministries

Theme Verse:
Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is older he will not depart from it.”

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Annual

**Fellowship Review
Banquet**

Thursday,

November 15, 2018

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

At

Spokane Union Gospel
Mission,

1224 E. Trent Ave.

Spokane, WA 99202

Go to

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to register

The Way of Business is set to conduct its annual banquet for 2018. The format is a luncheon this year; being held at the Spokane Union Gospel Mission on November 15, 2018 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

The theme of this year's event is honoring the social service and ministerial organizations of our community that serve to heal the brokenness of people. President of *The Way of Business*, Carl Tompkins, explained that the greater Spokane area sadly carries some of the highest per capita percentages of poverty, homelessness, and brokenness of people within our country and that the work done by so many of our service agencies fails to gain the required support and recognition for the work that they do. He concluded that *The Way of Business* was honored to have the oppor-

tunity to pay tribute to these organizations this year, and he will be providing the keynote presentation as to what can be done to achieve improved support from community businesses and people at large.

In addition, the audience will gain timely updates from three guest speakers on subjects that are most critical due to their potential impact in Spokane. First, John Repsold of Mosaic Fellowship, will speak on the work being done by the faith-based community to influence the sex education curriculum that is being considered for adoption by School District 81. Second, Ron Hauenstein of the Spokane Fatherhood Initiative (SpofI) will share updates as to what is being done to help curb the fatherlessness that exists in broken families. Finally, Andre Lewis, from Spokane Youth For Christ, will be sharing how Spokane has been selected as the



beta test site for the new City Life Certification Program that will provide students life skills education.

Along with these three important updates, *The Way of Business* will be presenting its annual “Well Done Good and Faithful Servant” Award, along with spending some valuable time in fellowship and prayer with all those who attend.

Mike O'Connor, Vice President of *The Way of Business*, requests that you register right away, which helps in preparation.

Hope to see you there!

Mike's Corner

By Mike O'Connor

The absence of “fathers in the home” is an epidemic issue in our country where 23.6% of U.S. children grow up under this condition. The Spokane Fatherhood Initiative (SpofI) has been working to inform and educate our community

that the major problems in our society are nearly all rooted in fatherlessness. Secondly, cultural change will not happen unless the Body of Christ leads the way. And, finally, the church has a mandate, a duty and a responsibility to assist

our communities in the battle against fatherlessness.

A major role of SpofI is to teach, mentor and come alongside men who for various reasons did not have a dad or if one was in the home, it was an

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Mike's Corner (Continued)

abusive situation! The National Fatherhood Initiative has a curriculum embraced by SpoFI called "24/7 Dad." It contains twelve two-hour lessons. Some of the topics include Family History, What it Means to Be a Man, Showing and Handling Feelings, Men's Health, Communication, The Fathers Role, and Discipline.

Two classes are taught each week

for six weeks and began September 18, 2018. *TWOB* has one facilitator on the current teaching team. The goal is to have several teaching teams and classes going simultaneously. "Family of Faith Church" is the site of the first classes.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is older he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

If you know of an organization, or group of men who need training in being a "24/7" Dad or just have questions, please contact Ron Hauenstein at ronh@spofi.org or 509-999-3522. I too, am available for assistance.

Blessings,

Mike O'Connor

Let's Get Practical

One of my favorite NFL football coaches was Bill Parcells, who coached the New York Giants to a Super Bowl Championship in 1991, and later retired as part of the Dallas Cowboy's organization. One of his famous quotes was, "Don't tell me about the pain, did you deliver the baby?" While this quote may appear to be somewhat harsh, it lends cause for a great lesson in life, especially in this day and age, which is to be "results oriented." Within the race that we've been assigned to run, we are to run it to win it, according to Paul (1 Cor 9:24). This instructs us to concentrate on what we do and work within a plan that will deliver the targeted results. Do you remember the old saying, "It's not whether you win or

lose, but rather how you played the game that counts"? A coach that I played under use to spout, "That slogan is quoted by losers!" How I would modify his statement for the sake of managing the big picture would be to say, "Winning is essential as long as it's a result of fair play!"

We as Christians must be result oriented, realizing that there are no trophies for merely showing up or trying. While we may not win all the time, being results oriented by remaining fixed on attaining the blue ribbon, the greater our success will be and the more attractive we'll become to those from whom we desire support. People are drawn to winners.

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Teaching God's way of doing business and uniting community members to better serve the needs of people unable to provide for themselves.

The Way of Business (TWOB) is a 501(c)(3) corporation and an American tax-exempt nonprofit organization. Our vision is to see the needs of people, who are unable to provide for themselves, be fully met by the community members. Our mission is to educate people on how to conduct business God's way, resulting in an improved economic, social and spiritual capital to better serve the needs of people. Additionally, TWOB unites businesses, social services, churches and civil services for the purpose of working in a more effective and efficient manner in serving the needs of community. The mission is completed through the regular activities of educational seminars, TWOB Website and Fellowship Review Luncheons and Dinner Banquets.



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