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The Way of Business



Theme Verse:
John 16:33

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Our Roles in Dealing with COVID-19 and Civil Unrest

We trust that you're doing well within this year's start, as our first six months certainly have proven to be unprecedented in terms of adjusted living. With the COVID-19 pandemic and civil unrest, coupled with our governing authorities restrictions, all of us have been required to go through many lifestyle adjustments.

One of the more painful situations has been our inability to congregate, whether it be for worship or secular reasons. All of us at *TWOB* have certainly been disappointed that we've been unable to meet for our quarterly Fellowship Review Breakfasts. Hopefully, soon we will be able to pick up where we left on in December of 2019.

Many wonder where God is through all of this turmoil and disaster. Some ask, "Why has God allowed this global pandemic to happen?" I've benefited much from Will Graham's commentary on this very subject. Mr. Graham is vice

president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. His answer to this question starts off with the fact that he, like everyone else, has no clear answer, but this he does know: Such disasters are not necessarily God's judgement, using the story of Job as a reference point. While God certainly has the power to inflict judgement through plagues of many sorts, often God allows such calamity to bring people unto himself. The book of Job also points out that Satan is at work in causing suffering, but not all suffering can be attributed to him. We bring upon ourselves much suffering through our poor decisions. Mr. Graham concludes with the need for us to cling to Jesus' promise, quoted in John 16:33, which represents our theme verse for this edition:

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble. But be of good cheer! I have overcome the world.”

The role we should take in deal-

ing with the troubles we face during this time, while holding onto this promise of Jesus, is to follow what both King Hezekiah and King Josiah did during each of their reigns as king. First, King Hezekiah has been credited as the most faithful king in history (2 Kings 18:5). No one trusted in God more than King Hezekiah. As for King Josiah, he is accredited as being the most obedient unto the Lord. Obedience equated to Josiah knowing the Lord's way and then working with all of his strength in fulfilling the law of the Lord.

A summary that I would submit, based upon the examples of King Hezekiah and King Josiah would be to remain close to our Lord, submitting to His ways in all matters, and then getting to work in fulfilling his charter within every opportunity that He provides. For by doing these things you will certainly be in Christ and you can count on having His peace. Amen.

A Great Response from Our City Council

After learning that the subject of defunding of our police department might be on the docket of an upcoming meeting of our city council, I took the liberty of writing my concerns over such a subject and that our police department deserves the full support of all our community members. Within four hours of receiving my letter, three difference council members wrote back, thanking me for my input and assuring that the council in no way was underway with such considerations. In fact, they were looking to strengthen our police force. Thanks to our city council for such a quick and favorable response!



**Happy
4th of
July!**

**Pray for our
country**

**Pray for
our leaders**

**Pray in thanks
for how God
has blessed
our nation**

TWOB Continues to Serve

Though few can claim that it's business as usual, *TWOB* continues to conduct their work in serving businesses and ministries throughout the greater Spokane area. *TWOB* President Carl Tompkins states that they have had a busy first half of the year, even through the COVID-19 situation, providing training and consultation to a number of organization. Many of the meetings historically conducted in person, have been completed using the means of virtual media. Though different, Tompkins states that it has been a real help and blessing to be able to meet with people through video programs such as Zoom. Through this format of conducting meetings, classes have been conducted, along with special training sessions and business consultations. When asked at what point *TWOB* will be able to resume face-to-face meetings with groups of people, Tompkins stated that small group meetings are now underway with people, following regulation protocols, but he doesn't believe that larger meetings will begin until there are further medical advancements in the areas of COVID-19 testing and a

vaccine. He went on to add, "I just don't think people are going to feel comfortable in meeting in larger groups until further safeguards are put in place to protect our health." So, until then, organizations are encouraged to communicate their needs and interests with *TWOB* and plan on then being contacted so that the right type of meetings and support can be provided.

Subject areas of expertise provided by *TWOB* include strategic planning, market development, financial management, sales, personnel management and general business management. Whether you're a business or ministry, *TWOB* can and will provide all the assistance possible.

Check *TWOB* out on the web at TWOB.org or contact them at 509.994.6478.

Follow Good Health Guidelines

It makes only good sense to listen and adhere to medical recommendations in doing our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

1. Wear face masks when in public
2. Follow social distancing
3. Wash your hands regularly
4. Limit your exposure to large groups

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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 and consults with 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, consultation, TWOB Website and Fellowship Meetings.



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