

Our Mission

To present Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to business and professional men and to develop Christian business and professional men to carry out the Great Commission.

[John 7.13](#) observes no one had the courage to speak favorably about Him in public, for they were afraid of getting in trouble with the Jewish leaders. While watching a popular sports talk show I noticed the interviewee easily referenced his commitment to God but not to Jesus. As he was wearing a cross around his neck I am assuming he would identify with Christianity as his religion.

This comfort with God and discomfort with Jesus is age-old and helps explain why we are so broken in our current culture. Christianity is the story of God with us; God has come to us in the Man Jesus to restore us to a personal relationship with God and to prepare a place for us to live eternally with Him. Yet we are embarrassed to identify ourselves with Jesus.

We are fine talking about God because that word is more inclusive to the world but Jesus tightens everything down to one specific God and one specific way to live. Like the people in Jesus' day who didn't want to mention Him publicly, we too fear the opinion of the people around us more than we fear the God Who will judge us and determine our eternal destiny. Why is this?

First, it's a spiritual thing. Jesus is the only true God and as such the spiritual enemies of God are quick to make us feel immensely uncomfortable speaking His Name. All other religions take people to the same destiny, away from the One True God ending in destruction now and forever. Jesus is the Only Name by which humanity can enter heaven so His is the Name that must be spoken by everyone who seeks reconciliation with God.

Second, we have a propensity to fear the opinion of men more than we fear the opinion of God. Since breaking our relationship with God in the garden we have consistently been more concerned by what our neighbor thinks of us than what God thinks of us. Mentioning Jesus causes us to feel like we will end the conversation, turn-off this new relationship, kill the deal, make other people uncomfortable or simply invite people to judge us as religious zealots.

All of these lies we believe in the moment while we hear His small voice inside of us asking us to make Him known to those we are with because they too need a Savior. What is the antidote to our malady of shame and silence? Let's try to mention the Name of Jesus every day in as normal, practical, and meaningful way as possible as our day unfolds with the people around us.

We don't need to force His Name but let's pray and look for ways to naturally share His Name as we share how Jesus has impacted our lives with those who are still searching for a deeper relationship with God.

His Opportunities

1. **March 25th, Good Friday breakfast.** Join CBMC for breakfast at the YMCA 79th annual Good Friday breakfast this week. 7.30am at the Crowne Plaza Hotel off Creyts Rd. Cost is \$15. Only a few seats left at the CBMC table. Contact [Mike](#) if you are interested in joining us.
2. **April 29th, Friday, Conversational Apologetics** with Andy Bannister. Andy is the lead apologist for Ravi Zacharias Ministry in Canada. 7.30-8.30am at the Crafty Palate on Washington Sq. Cost is free but you must pre-register [HERE](#)
3. **May 18th, Wednesday, Michigan Prayer Breakfast.** 7.30am-9am at the Lansing Center. This year's speaker is Luis Palau. Buy your table and register for this event [HERE](#).

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Great Commissions...And The Great Commission **by Robert J. Tamasy**

If someone were to ask why you go to work, how would you respond? There are many possible answers to that question: To earn a living and pay bills. To earn enough money to support one's desired lifestyle. To build a rewarding career. To find expression for one's skills, expertise and interests. Some might sarcastically reply, "To fill in the time between weekends, holidays and vacations."

For people in sales, one of their primary motivations at work is to receive greater commissions. The more they sell, the more money they can make. But have you ever considered a different type of commission to pursue – at least for those who serve Jesus Christ in the workplace?

Just before leaving His followers and ascending to heaven, Jesus gave what is commonly referred to as His "Great Commission": *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you..."* (Matthew 28:19-20). Without question, this is very unlike any sales commission – it involves no monetary exchange. However, in some ways, it is far more valuable than the highest commission one could ever earn in selling products and services.

What does this have to do with the workplace? That is a valid question. In reality, it provides a very meaningful answer to the question of why we go to work. Because although earning income and finding fulfillment in our vocations are important, the Bible states, *"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus"* (Colossians 3:17). So for those of us who profess to believe in Him and follow Him, we have been placed in our respective workplaces to serve Him and others.

One way is to participate in His commission to "make disciples," which means to invest in others, helping them to understand what the Bible says, how it relates to the marketplace as well as one's personal life, and how to grow in their faith so they can pass it along to other people. Today there are many who would say they believe in Jesus Christ, but their lives would suggest that they do not. Part of "making disciples" in the workplace is teaching and demonstrating how to "do it all in the name of the Lord." Here are some other things the Bible says about being a disciple of Jesus Christ in the business and professional world:

Serving as an example. Someone has said, "I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day." As we strive to apply biblical principles and uphold God's commands and standards, we model for others what that should look like. *"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice"* (Philippians 4:9).

Being His ambassadors. Just as ambassadors from one nation serve as its representatives in foreign lands, as disciples of Christ we are instructed to represent Him in a "foreign" environment where matters of faith are often discounted. *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God"* (2 Corinthians 5:20).

Bringing light into the darkness. In a time when illegal, immoral and unethical behaviors and practices seem rampant, striving to serve God and uphold His commandments can separate us from many of our peers in a positive way. *"Do everything without complaining or arguing, ...children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe"* (Philippians 2:14-15).

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Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. Why do you go to work each day?
2. Do you think participating in Jesus' "Great Commission" is a genuine motivation for pursuing a career and success in the marketplace? Why or why not?
3. How would you respond to someone who argued that matters of spiritual faith – including following Jesus Christ – are "religious" matters and should have no bearing on how we live, work and conduct ourselves in the workplace?
4. If you agree that Jesus' mandate to "go and make disciples" can and should apply to the business and professional world, how should we strive to do that while also fulfilling our specific roles and responsibilities to the companies and organizations where we work?

*NOTE: If you have a Bible and would like to read more about this subject, consider the following passages:
Ephesians 2:10, 4:17-18, 5:8-11; Colossians 3:23-24; 2 Timothy 2:2, 3:16-17*

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