What is a Kingdom Business?

The United States is a democracy so we Americans have a little trouble completely understanding the idea of a Kingdom and how it operates. The Kingdom of heaven obviously is not a democracy, it's a Kingdom with a King that oversees it, and Viceroys that represent and extend the Kings desires. We see in the movies "All hail the King", the folks in the Kingdom truly love and cherish the King and honor and uplift his wishes.

What are the attributes of this King?



Nobel, bold, confident, represents strength, is kind, generous, decisive, fair, wise, founded in the Word of God, in tune with the Holy Spirit, represents the Kingdom of Heaven, warrior (shield in the background), worshiper (harp in the background).

Notice he has a scroll in his right hand, now read this excerpt from Deut 17:

... When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the Levitical priests. It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees... Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.

What does a Kingdom Business look like?

A business that operates with honesty? A business done with character and integrity? A business that pays its employees fairly and pays its bills on time? A business that makes a profit?

Aren't those attributes that any business should have, God or no God? Isn't it just common sense? It's probably taught in Business 101 at some of our Ivy League colleges. If you asked 100 people on the street "what would be some attributes of a well run successful business?", those would probably be on the list. How does that differentiate a Kingdom Business from a common business mired in the worldly, Babylonian way?

Here's an exercise:

Make a list of all the attributes you can think of that would apply to a Kingdom Business. Now divide those attributes into two separate columns. The fist column contains the attributes that could/should apply to any successful business, secular or sacred. In the second column, put all the items that seem to reflect the attitudes characterized by the 5 Talent servant in the Parable of the Talents in Matt 25.

How about this for a definition of Kingdom Business?

A business that makes Kingdom Impact through influencing change within the community it serves, the people it touches, the industry it is involved in, while bringing transformation to the land."

One that is **led by God's purpose**, is **innovative and creative**, does things with **excellence** and is a **good steward** (one that multiplies God's resources). A business that has a reputation of **Generosity**, saves and invests and creates an **inheritance**. One that **reveals Jesus** and **builds influence**.

Matt 6:10 says "your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." What would Jesus do if He were at the helm of your business? As Jesus walked through the cities, interacting with people, He had an impact. He was manifesting the Kingdom of Heaven every moment of every day in the context of wherever He was. He was a member of the Kingdom, walked in the Gospel of the Kingdom, and operated with a Kingdom Mindset. He was always in tune with Father and Holy Spirit.

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. Matt 9:35

Joseph represented the Kingdom of heaven so well that Pharaoh responded with the following, before promoting him to second in command.

... can we find anyone like this man, in whom is the spirit of God?" – Genesis 41:38

Misc verses:

"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Matt 21:43

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. Matt 24:14

And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Luke 22:29-30

Here are a couple alternative definitions of a Kingdom Business.

A Kingdom Business is simply any business owned or operated by a person for whom the Lordship of Jesus Christ is paramount in their lives and whose faith is integrated into their business life. The business becomes an expression of that person's ministry, since owning a Kingdom Business is a ministry in itself.

It involves a stewardship of financial resources and people, with a determination to exercise the principles found in God's Word. The terminology comes from a realization that His Kingdom must come forth on earth and that the Kingdom will reach into every area of people's lives.

Or ...

A Kingdom Business is an expression of the owner's personal walk with the Trinity (Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit) – exercising that relationship in the context of the business.

Videos:

Betenbough Construction in Lubbock Texas

http://healingcentercincinnati.org

Dream Center in L.A. http://www.dreamcenter.org/about-us/

Dream Center Video

Other Resources relating to Kingdom Business

Os Hillman

http://www.marketplaceleaders.org/

Doug Spada

http://worklife.org/

Chuck Proudfit

http://atworkonpurpose.org/

http://hrockchurch.com/blog/what-is-christian-kingdom-business-part-1/

http://hrockchurch.com/blog/what-is-a-kingdom-business-part-2/

http://thirdpathinitiative.com/2014/10/27/what-is-a-kingdom-business-why-start-one/

http://www.kingdombusinessconnection.com/

- pretty sure these guys were influenced by John Robert Stevens.
- http://www.johnrobertstevens.com/

http://kingdombusinessalliance.com/contact/

http://www.workasworshipnetwork.org/

http://atworkonpurpose.org/

Kingdom Business Trainers

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