



BAM Business is not a Corrupt Business

Case Study #02

Scenario

Bribery is the offering, receiving, or soliciting of any item of value to influence actions. It unfairly alters the business landscape, destroys social fabric, and causes societal injustice.

As Christian business owners, we are set apart and must not participate in bribery. **Scripture strongly opposes bribery (Proverbs 17:8, 17:23, Hebrews 4:13).**

The story of Glencore, a commodities trading and mining firm, illustrates the severity of bribery. The company used cash payments, sham consulting agreements, and inflated invoices to bribe government officials. **They pleaded guilty to bribery and market manipulation charges and were fined \$1 billion.**

Why is bribery so wrong?

1. **God forbids it** (Deuteronomy 16:19, Ezekiel 22:12).
2. **It undermines God's holiness and character** (Deuteronomy 10:17).
3. **It harms society, causing social, economic, and financial injustice** (Ecclesiastes 7:7, Proverbs 17:8).

Bribery is anti-thesis to our faith, demonstrating a lack of trust in God. **As believers, we must stand firm in our faith and resist the temptation of bribery.**

As ambassadors for Christ, we must conduct our businesses with integrity, transparency, and accountability. Our actions must reflect biblical principles, upholding the moral authority and holiness of God.



WHAT DO WE DO?

1. **Why is bribery morally wrong?**



PROVERBS 17:23

The wicked accepts a bribe in secret to pervert the ways of justice.





Featured Bible Verse

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Hebrews 4:13

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him to whom we must answer.

Reflection Questions:

1. How can Christian business owners maintain integrity and resist bribery?
2. What are the consequences of bribery on individuals, businesses, and society?

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