



# 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.*

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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?

## NOTES & REFLECTIONS: