

Secret Benefits

Case Study #06

Scenario

A BAM business is one which keeps one set of complete, timely, and accurate records, paying all rightful taxes and furnish correct financial statements to shareholders and other interested stakeholders like banks which lend us money.

And you shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the clear-sighted and subverts the cause of those who are in the right. (Exodus 23:8)

The wicked accepts a bribe in secret to pervert the ways of justice. (Proverbs 17:23) A gift in secret averts anger, and a concealed bribe, strong wrath. (Proverbs 21:14)

One reason we cannot partake in corrupt practices, apart from being downright prohibited in the Bible, it also prevents us from keeping an accurate set of books. We cannot give bribes and whitewash and call it by another name and descriptions. (Ecclesiastes 7:7, Galatians 6:7, Matthew 6:33)

You just concluded a big contract, and the revenue from this deal alone would exceed your company's full year's budgeted revenue and profit. Shortly after the deal was signed, you received a call from the senior engineer from the buyer company. He is asking for some benefits for approving the sale. He said he needed the money to pay for a family's medical emergency.

Reflecting on Proverbs 10:2 and Matthew 5:16, we realize that **our business practices should prioritize righteousness over corrupt gains.** As we navigate the engineer's request, **we must consider whether our actions would "let our light shine" or compromise our integrity.** By choosing righteousness, we uphold our values and honor God, even in complex business dealings.



PROVERBS 10:2

Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death.

WHAT DO WE DO?

What would you do? Would you give in, and no one will know? Or would you refuse and possibly face unwanted engineering challenges in completing the contract and may not get any new business in the future?



