



Business Endangering Health

Case Study #17

Scenario

In many Asian countries, **workers' safety at work is often neglected because of poor law and enforcement.** Abundant supply of cheap and often illegal and undocumented workers led to unscrupulous employers depriving them of their human rights, exposing them to dangerous, unprotected, haphazard work environment. In the extreme of cases, **workers are robbed of their freedom and dignity.**

Whatever you do, **work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,** (Colossians 3:23) So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 7:12)

Janice, the 24-year-old daughter of Mr. Kim died of leukemia. She had worked for one of the world's biggest mobile phone manufacturer and chipmaker. A number of her colleagues had also suffered from other types of cancer, rare illnesses, miscarriages and some of their kids have congenital diseases. More than a hundred people died over the years. For a period of 10 years, these **families had battled the company, which culminated in an apology by the company for failing to properly manage health risks at their plants.** Each case will be compensated by the company.

Pondering Hebrews 13:18 and James 2:8 in this case study, we recognize the importance of **praying for those in authority and treating others with kindness and respect.** Hebrews 13:18 encourages us to pray for integrity and a clear conscience, which should guide our actions as employers and business leaders. James 2:8 reminds us to fulfill the royal law of loving our neighbors as ourselves, which includes prioritizing workers' safety and dignity.

By applying these principles, we can create a more compassionate work environment, where workers are treated with the respect and care they deserve.



HEBREWS 13:18

Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honourably in all things.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Consider the way you run your business. Do you have any practices that may endanger the health of your workers?



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If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

As a Christian business owner, what can you do to minimize or prevent such risks to your workers? How can you show love to them?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS:

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