

REBUILDERS



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There are not many business conferences where we hear that our goal in the marketplace is to empower others, and that profit is a fruit. Few business leaders teach that success is defined as obedience to God.

Hundreds gathered last month to hear this countercultural message at Strategic Christian Services' annual Business Leadership Intensive in Rohnert Park, California..

The theme of the three-day conference was, "Positioning for Blessing in the Marketplace." The premise is that God cannot bless disobedience; thus, in order to experience fruitfulness in our lives and businesses, we must be rightly aligned with Him.

Each of the six speakers brought their expertise and wisdom to the theme. In his first time addressing the conference, South African pastor and businessman John Bendixen talked about what it means to be positioned in faith, journeying toward our maturity as believers.

"Active faith involves pursuing God through an intimate relationship with Him," John said.

Returning speakers Earl Pitts, a financial teacher, media executive Linda Rios Brooks, and Dr. Gerald Chester, a business management consultant, gave unique and practical insight on being positioned for blessing.

"Only people who are doing what God created them to do will have long term success," Gerald said in his teaching.

For the first time, the Intensive was held in conjunction with a conference for church leaders who desire to equip the business people in their local congregations.

"The typical view of a business person in the church is as a cash cow or as a member of the building committee," said Mike Danford, a Dentist in Santa Rosa, CA, and an elder at City Life Fellowship. "The church leaders' conference was about, 'how do we show the business people in our congregations Kingdom principles and

help them come into alignment with them.' "

The Intensive also serves as a launching pad for students and facilitators who are going through BLS, with a graduation ceremony at the close for those who have completed the two-year course. Two days prior to the Intensive, BLS graduates who have qualified are trained as course facilitators to begin mentoring others through the material.

Pastor's Track in BLS

The Business Leadership School is expanding rapidly and is currently offered in North America, France, Switzerland, New Zealand, Central America, and South Africa. Please contact the SCS office if you would like specific dates for upcoming Intensives or go to www.scsbusiness.org.

"The stage is being set in the realm of economics," Dennis said. "Our task is to get into the economic conversation and provide biblical solutions."

A six-part series on CD (\$54.95), or tape (\$49.95) with syllabus is available at www.gostrategic.or, or call 1-800-700-0605.



The SCS vision continues...

Around the world, SCS impacts thousands of believers by equipping their leadership through our schools, seminars, educational materials, and personal interaction. Since 1979 we have endeavored to serve those who are seeing God's Kingdom and seeking to express it in the whole of human life and culture.



PRAYER & EVENTS

CALENDAR

Please pray for those attending the SCS events, and for wisdom and discernment implementing the SCS Business Plan.

APRIL

Kentucky:
3-9 *Church Leader's Conference*

New Zealand:
13-22 *BLS Intensive*

MAY

South Africa:
8 Johannesburg *Leadership Meetings*
13 Capetown *Nation Building Conference, Various Private Meetings*
18-20 Johannesburg *Church Ministry*

JUNE

Oklahoma City:
7-10 *ATI Conference*

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GROWTH, NOT TIME
UNKNOWN*

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SPIRIT TO SPIRIT

Business Leadership School Pastors' Track

It was a great honor to participate in the first pastor's track to run in conjunction with the Business Leadership School. Twenty-five to thirty pastors and elders came together for five sessions to discuss how we can better join together the jurisdictions of church and business for a more complete picture of how the Kingdom is to operate. Three pastors (Steve Fleming of Bloomingdale, Ontario, Canada, Randall Howard, of Victorville, CA, and myself) shared from our practical experience both the conceptual ideas of jurisdictional joining and actual accomplishments.

The focus of the teaching was three fold.

1. Embracing a Kingdom worldview for Marketplace Ministries.
2. Equipping Marketplace Ministries to serve the church.
3. Equipping Marketplace Ministries to serve the Kingdom.

Each teaching was followed by much

discussion and practical suggestions as to what is currently being done and the possibilities of where the Holy Spirit would like to take us.

Overall, this pastors' track was an excellent first step of opening the dialogue as to how the jurisdictions of the church and the marketplace are to come together in a united effort to see the Kingdom of God advance. Ground of division was taken, and future vision for advance was acquired. This track left us all with a tremendous measure of hope, as we saw the church equipped to release the marketplace, and the marketplace envisioned to serve the Kingdom. Many thanks go to Dennis and Jan, for the vision to call the pastors together and equip them for this amazing journey.

Pastor Norm Willis and his wife Marcy reside in Kirkland, WA, with their children, Kyle, Kaleb, Jim & Kelsey Greeson, and granddaughter, Ava.

Rebuilder's Network

WEB PROJECT UPDATE

We are in the beginning stages of research and development of prototypes of what will be our "bait" for our new Web site. Dennis Peacocke is very excited about using the Discerning the Times concept. It will allow us to use "what the fish are feeding on." Several options will be developed, both video and audio, for test marketing. The goal is a site you will want to use regularly and can refer to other believers and pre-believers to find biblical analysis of current issues. The timing of this kind of Web site and the upcoming election should be great. We will keep in touch so you can participate when the options are tested on a separate site.

On the technical side, Ron Holt, one of our SCS Ambassadors, is coordinating our Web project. Currently, three of the four elements of the system are near completion for the student management software for Strategic Life Training and the Business Leadership Schools. The new contact management system for the whole organization is now in a strategic evaluation and planning process to fit SCS needs. These two tools will help us do our job much better and, most significantly, enable us to respond to a great increase of participants.....Which brings us back to the Discerning the Times makeover.

All of this requires "investment capital." We would love to have you participate in this project financially. You will have a front row seat for the development. Over the course of the year we will all see the beginning harvest as the message of SCS comes to its hour.

You can make donations at www.gostrategic.org and click on the "Partner with SCS" tab and then select "Donate to SCS," or send your donation to our offices (address in bottom left corner).