

Research Assessment #3

This week I focused my research on how to operate a business that is centered around the aspects of ministry. As I suspected a lot of my research led me to non-profit organizations and other businesses of that type; however, one article I read put emphasis on a lot of the ideas that I have about this subject. The main article of focus this week that I looked at was called "16 Reasons to Consider a For-Profit Status For Your Ministry", and it explained why a For-Profit was better than a Non-Profit for a ministerial business. Once again the article brought into light the fact that ministry does not just have to be through a church at all, and it made me consider once again that there is not enough Christian presence in the For Profit workforce. Something from the article that I thought was very interesting is the concept of money. I feel as if a lot of Christians think that they must work for a Non-Profit because they should not earn money in the way that a For-Profit does. The article debunks this concept with I think a very interesting choice of words, it says "Making money is not bad. Loving money is the problem". The heart a person has when conducting a business says a lot about them. If a Christian is running a For-Profit business to get a nice house, with nice cars, and are very materialistic, then they are not doing it in the ministerial way. If another Christian is running a similar business, and they are using the money to keep open their doors, to pay the employees very well, to improve their property, and to use the money in a non materialistic way, that is the goal of running a business with a ministry foundation.

Overall, this article was incredibly helpful to research this week for my assessment. It extended my knowledge on why a for-profit business is a good place to incorporate ministry, and above all, I figured how using a for-profit would be more beneficial than being a part of a non-profit organization.