The "*BBT 1-2-3* TM" Sample Curriculum



Doing Business By The Good Book, By David L. Steward Chapter 2 – Integrity

A sample of the BBT curriculum begins on the following page.

BBT Overview

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BBT Curriculum: "The BBT 1-2-3TM"

BBT curriculum is rooted in Scripture and applicable the day you study it. The *BBT 1-2-3*TM curriculum structure (1-Agenda, 2-Group Leader Guide, and 3-Recap) enables the group to have a consistent Biblical basis for discussion during the meetings and connectivity in between.

This sample is taken from the "Doing Business By The good Book" study, based on the book of the same title by David L. Steward. We encourage participants to read the chapter from the book and to review the questions from the agenda prior to their BBT. Books may be purchased online through Amazon or Barnes & Noble – or download an e-book through iBooks or Kindle.

AGENDA



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Meeting Preparation

- A. Review last week's topic and prepare to answer the review question below.
- B. Read Chapter 2 Integrity
- C. Read the following scriptures along with their associated discussion questions below.
 - 1. Proverbs 22:1; 29:10; 10:9; 11:13
 - 2. Luke 4:1-13
 - 3. 2 Corinthians 5:17-20
 - 4. Titus 2:6-8

Meeting Agenda

- A. Opening Prayer
- B. Review Question from Chapter 1 The Entrepreneurial Spirit:

When and how will you "wash your colleagues' feet"?

- C. Reading References and Discussion Questions for Chapter 2 Integrity:
 - 1. Read Proverbs 22:1. Make a list of those people you think have a "good" name. Is your name on the list?
 - 2. Read Luke 4:1-13. What are some examples of temptations at work that would compromise your "ambassadorship" for the Lord?
 - 3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20. Do you have "personal values" when you are at church, and then "professional values" when you are in the workplace?
 - 4. Read Proverbs 29:10. What does this tell us will happen when we have integrity? And, what does Proverbs 10:9 and 11:13 tell us will be the result?
 - 5. Read Titus 2:6-8. Dave Steward encourages us to lead by example, so "that integrity passes on to the next generation of managers". What does this verse say about this concept?
- D. Application Question:

What do your colleagues say about your integrity? Are you courageous enough to ask at least one of your trusted coworkers if you have a "good name" and take to heart their answer?

E. Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer

Share BBT! Invite someone you know to come with you next week.

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GROUP LEADER GUIDE



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Agenda Question #1:

Read Proverbs 22:1. Make a list of people you think have a "good" name. Is your name on the list?

Proverbs 22:1 says that, "A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold." A good name is essentially your reputation, or how others see you. Encourage your group to look at their "list" of people who have a good name, and then think about what character qualities each of these people have in common. Talk about why these qualities are important.

Agenda Question #2:

Read Luke 4:1-13. What are some examples of temptations at work that would compromise your "ambassadorship" for the Lord?

These verses in Luke describe the temptation of Jesus. There are many temptations in the workplace (and all around us, for that matter). Some examples may include gossip, laziness, jealousy, anger, greed, or lust.

Agenda Question #3:

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20. Do you have "personal values" when you are at church, and then "professional values" when you are in the workplace?

This set of verses describe us as living "ambassadors" for Christ. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines ambassador as, "an authorized representative or messenger." However, as fallen humans, we don't always live a consistent God-honoring life, and we don't always act as Christ's representatives. Encourage your group to discuss areas where they may be falling short personally, and talk about ways to begin to change this behavior.

Agenda Question #4:

Read Proverbs 29:10. What does this tell us will happen when we have integrity? And, what does Proverbs 10:9 and 11:13 tell us will be the result?

All three of these Proverbs talk about how people with integrity are trustworthy, and those who are "shifty" will be exposed. The Message version of 29:10 is simple and plain, "Murderers hate honest people; moral folks encourage them." Your group may want to discuss how integrity is really about how a person's words and their actions line up ...are they saying and doing the same thing?

Agenda Question #5:

Read Titus 2:6-8. What does this passage say about passing integrity onto the next generation?

Dictionary.com defines integrity as "the state of being whole, entire, or undiminished." This goes back to our working definition in question 4 of "how a person's words and actions line up". Here, in verse 7, Paul says to "model" (ESV) the right behavior with integrity, and to live above reproach so that your actions won't harm the message of the Gospel. While we are all guilty of living imperfect lives, nobody likes a hypocrite – someone who pretends to have certain principles, virtues, or moral beliefs, but lives differently. Have your group discuss how important it is to see integrity in action vs. just hearing about it … from which one do you learn more?

Application Question:

What do your colleagues say about your integrity? Are you courageous enough to ask at least one of your trusted coworkers if you have a "good name" and take to heart their answer?

Ask your group to think about this question over the next week and report back next week ... are they courageous enough to talk to a coworker about it?

SAMPLE EMAIL RECAP



Doing Business By The Good Book By David L. Steward Chapter 2 - Integrity

Use the sample email below to help you personalize your own recap of your last BBT.

We missed all of you who couldn't be at BBT this week!

We had a wonderful discussion about Integrity in the workplace, and being the same person at work that we are everywhere else. When I study God's Word, His timing with a word to my heart always amazes me (we talked about that some, too!) We talked about our temptation with "gossip" and about how it affects our ambassadorship for the Lord. (We all agreed, that's a tough one!!)

Dictionary.com defines integrity as "the state of being whole, entire, or undiminished." Like we talked about, a person with integrity says and does the same thing – they are "whole" all the time, not divided in who they are. We talked a little bit about being a hypocrite and how this can turn people away from the Gospel. This is something we all need to watch for and protect ourselves against – do not be divided in who you are!

Leading with integrity is not always easy. Spend some time in Titus 2:6-8 this week – where Paul counsels Titus to be "above criticism." This is something we can all strive to be!

Can't wait for next week, it is a privilege to study the word with you! I've attached the agenda for Chapter 3 – Delegation and our prayer "journal" so we can continue to pray for each other and watch as prayers are answered.

See you next week, same time and place ... feel free to bring someone with you!

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Doing Business By The Good Book, By David L. Steward Topics

- 1. The Entrepreneurial Spirit
- 2. Integrity
- 3. Delegation
- 4. Striving For Excellence
- 5. Adapting To Change
- 6. Finding A Niche
- 7. Good Leadership is Serving Others Part 1 & 2
- 8. Building Long-Term Relationships
- 9. Taking A Stand
- 10. Consistency
- 11. Teamwork
- 12. Risk-Taking
- 13. Being A Customer-Driven Company
- 14. Confrontation
- 15. Having A Vision
- 16. Long-Term Thinking
- 17. A Mission Statement
- 18. The Big Picture
- 19. Dealing With Adversity
- 20. Creativity And Innovation
- 21. Fire In the Belly
- 22. Mentoring
- 23. A Company Is Known By The People It Keeps
- 24. Branding
- 25. Being A Technology-Driven Company
- 26. Accent The Positive Part 1 & 2
- 27. Communicating With People
- 28. Nothing Happens Until Something Is Sold
- 29. The Joy Of Work
- 30. The Art Of Listening
- 31. Good Leadership Is Love
- 32. Think Big
- 33. The Personal Touch
- 34. Never Underestimate The Competition
- 35. Empowerment
- 36. Having A Contingency Plan
- 37. It's About Time
- 38. Be Flexible
- 39. Your Inner Voice (The Holy Spirit)
- 40. People Will Support What They Help Create

- 41. Networking
- 42. Conviction
- 43. Having A Succession Plan
- 44. Blessed To Be A Blessing
- 45. A Supportive Spouse
- 46. Accountability
- 47. Praise and Recognition
- 48. Competing To Win
- 49. Implementation
- 50. The Joy Of Giving
- 51. Let Go And Let God
- 52. God Bless America

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