

# **IN TRUTH AND LOVE MINISTRY**

**A Gospel Ministry covenanting to keep *all* the commandments of God and the *entire* faith of Jesus Christ, in preperation for Christ's Second Advent!**  
**(Revelation 14:6-16)**

**A response to the deceptions within *The Go-Giver* – a 2007 “success” book written by Bob Burg and John David Mann – in two parts.**

January 3, 2019.

Dear Br. \_\_\_\_\_,

I was thoroughly going through more than half of the book [*The Go-Giver*], but upon seeing where it was going, I was impressed to do a word search for "God". Brother, from front to back, there is no mention of God in the entire book. I am a Christian. My life is hid with Christ in God (Col.3:2-3); in God we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). How can I find genuine success in a philosophy which originates with man rather than God?

**Colossians 2:8>>** <sup>8</sup>Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

If this thing be of God, how is he not once mentioned? God does not hide under a bushel (Luke 11:33); Christ did nothing in secret (John 18:20), seeking to conceal his identity from the very things he taught.

I am sorry, but God has one law, his ten commandments. God has no laws of stratospheric success. His law of true success is summed up in his Word:

**Mark 10:29-30>>** <sup>29</sup>And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, <sup>30</sup>But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

**Proverbs 22:29>>** <sup>29</sup>Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean [men].

I am thoroughly persuaded that these "five laws of stratospheric success" are simply the laws of men, another scheme cunningly crafted by the enemy of souls. They may sound nice, even bordering on some Christian principles, but that is the very thing that makes them as deceptive as they are. They only can border: they are not genuine, pure Christianity. Satan comes to deceive, not as a fire-breathing dragon, but as an angel of light, impersonating even Christ himself (2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 11:14). 99% water mixed in with just 1% cyanide is still DEADLY POISON. Sounding philanthropic without the true God in the picture will still yield a satanic influence. There is nothing good without God.

**Proverbs 12:10>>** <sup>10</sup>...[T]he tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.

**Jeremiah 17:9>>** <sup>9</sup>The heart [is] deceitful above all [things], and desperately wicked: who can know it?

**Romans 8:7-8>>** <sup>7</sup>Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. <sup>8</sup>So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

As a result of what I've found in this book, I am no longer interested in this leadership program. On that arena, I would courteously decline any more involvement. Therefore I would not attend the meeting that was planned this evening. If it is that our interactions yielded any other fruits, I'm willing to yet dialogue as a friend or brother in Christ. But as for me personally, Christ is my all in all. I know that to serve him and the Father will require sacrifice, but once faithful, they have promised a hundredfold in this life and the life to come. I'll trust in the divine promise and not the promise of men.

Godspeed,

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Dear Br. \_\_\_\_\_,

I do admire your simple courtesy, and I wish you well likewise, in the Lord. Yet, in case you are so inclined to consider some clear evidences from the book which I found more than questionable, I leave them for you to judge in the light of scripture:

“I need you to agree that you will test every Law I show you by actually trying it out. *Not by thinking about it, not by talking about it*, but by applying it in your life... And that’s not all. *You must apply each Law right away, the same day you first learn it.*” {*The Go-Giver*, pp. 18}

**1<sup>st</sup>Thessalonians 5:21-22>>** <sup>21</sup>**Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.**

<sup>22</sup>Abstain from all appearance of evil.

**1<sup>st</sup>John 4:1>>** <sup>1</sup>**Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God:** because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

**Acts 17:11>>** <sup>11</sup>These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.**

“Your life works the same way,” she said. *“You just make it up. Being broke and being rich are both decisions. You make them up, right up here.”* She tapped her finger to her temple. “Everything else is just how it plays out.” {*The Go-Giver*, pp. 48}

**Jeremiah 10:23>>** <sup>23</sup>O LORD, I know that **the way of man [is] not in himself: [it is] not in man that walketh to direct his steps.**

**1<sup>st</sup>Samuel 2:7>>** <sup>7</sup>The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

**Proverbs 10:22>>** <sup>22</sup>The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

**Proverbs 22:2>>** <sup>2</sup>The rich and poor meet together: **the LORD [is] the maker of them all.**

Pindar spoke up. “Because if you place the other person’s interests first, your interests will always be taken care of. Always. Some people call it *enlightened self-interest*. Watch out for what other people need, *with the faith that when you do, you’ll get what you need.*” {*The Go-Giver*, pp. 68}

“It’s *not better* to give than to receive. It’s *insane* to try to give and not receive.” {*The Go-Giver*, pp. 107}

“All the giving in the world won’t bring success, won’t create the results you want, unless you also make yourself willing and able to receive in like measure... [I]f the secret of staying young, vibrant and vital throughout life is to hang onto those most precious characteristics we all have as children but which get drummed out of us—like having big dreams, being curious, and believing in yourself— then one of those characteristics is being open to receiving, being *hungry* to receive, being *ravenous* to receive!”

{*The Go-Giver*, pp. 108}

**Acts 20:35>>** <sup>35</sup>I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to **remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.**

**2nd Corinthians 9:7>>** <sup>7</sup>Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, **[so let him give]; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.**

**Philippians 2:3-4 (VW)>>** <sup>3</sup>Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or self-glory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others as surpassing himself. <sup>4</sup>**Let each of you not look out for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.**

**1st Corinthians 10:24>>** <sup>24</sup>**Let no man seek his own, but every man another's [wealth].**

**Matthew 19:21>>** <sup>21</sup>Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go [and] **sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven:** and come [and] follow me.

In conclusion to this – with the hope that you may take the Word of God to heart regarding this situation – I leave the final charge to the apostle Paul:

**1st Timothy 6:5-11>>** <sup>5</sup>Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. <sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into [this] world, [and it is] certain we can carry nothing out. <sup>8</sup>And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. <sup>9</sup>But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare,

and [into] many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. <sup>11</sup>But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Godspeed,

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