

The Ten Commandments for Workplace Excellence

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Open Lecture 1	\$120	\$120	\$100	Add:\$30	\$
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Following God's Way in the World of Business

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For more than a quarter of a century, Dennis has been doing research and teaching in business ethics in Christian colleges and universities. Over the past dozen years, he has focused on international business ethics particularly in Chinese cultural settings. With advanced graduate training in both the Roman Catholic and Protestant traditions of Christian ethics, Dennis has attempted to create a common ground where all Christians can stand together in witnessing to Gospel values in the workplace.

Course Description

The Decalogue has been prominent in Christian moral teaching for centuries. It has been the primary guide to what Christians believe God expects of them as they seek to follow His Way in their personal conduct. But is it relevant to how Christians conduct their business affairs? This course will offer a fresh interpretation of the Ten Commandments as providing the best guidance for developing business ethics consistent with Christian faith and practice. In addition to answering questions about the Decalogue in its original context in both the history of ancient Israel as well as in traditional Christian moral teaching, we will explore its meaning for business and economic life. Case studies based on the stories told by Hong Kong Christians engaged in business here and in China will be explored in order to understand the practical difference that keeping the Ten Commandments can make in doing business God's Way.

Educational Outcomes

1. Understand the ethical challenges typically encountered by Christians seeking to follow God's Way in the workplace.
2. Appreciate the Ten Commandments in their original meaning in the Bible as well as their use in the formation of Christian moral teaching.
3. Critically appropriate the Ten Commandments as reliable and practical guidelines for workplace conduct consistent with Christian faith and practice.
4. Enhance skills in interpreting case studies in business ethics in order to determine the practical meaning of the Ten Commandments for workplace excellence.
5. Explore the meaning of moral values and best business practices within the overall pattern of Christian faith and practice.

Course Requirement

The course will be offered in English. Participants must have a recognized undergraduate degree and should be sufficiently proficient in English for graduate theological education.

Book

Participants of the entire program are requested to read selected sections from *On Moral Business: Classical and Contemporary Resources for Ethics in Economic Life* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995) edited by Max L. Stackhouse, Dennis P. McCann and Shirley J. Roels.

Program (Participants may participate in the entire program or any of the Open Lectures)

Open Lecture 1

Jun 19 (Thu) 7:30-9:30pm

Why (and How to) Take the Ten Commandments to Work?

The lecture will introduce the general topic and, in addition to exploring the ethical content of the Decalogue in its biblical and historical contexts, will open up the theological, exegetical, and hermeneutic challenges involved in formulating the "Ten Commandments for Workplace Excellence."

Open Lecture 2

Jun 20 (Fri) 7:30-9:30pm

Thou Shalt Not Steal! Is Business Success Possible on a Basis Other Than Profit?

The lecture explores the range of issues implicit in this commandment, and how it has been interpreted as a guide to good business practice in the history of Christian ethics. Guided by the insights of Thomas Aquinas and John Calvin, we will attempt to show precisely how this commandment can and ought to shape Christian attitudes and behavior in the world of work and business. It will seek to answer the question: What in today's business is rightly regarded as "stealing," and how does it differ from good business practice? What should a Christian do when everyone else seems to be succeeding in business by "stealing" whatever and whenever they can to make profit?

Intensive Day 1

Jun 21 (Sat) 9:00am-6:15pm

The first day of the intensive will relate each of the Ten Commandments with the moral challenges typically faced by Christians in business. To test whether the proposed "Ten Commandments for Workplace Excellence" can provide practical guidance in addressing these challenges, participants will explore a series of case studies based on the testimonies of Chinese Christians doing business in Hong Kong and China. The evening program will feature a panel discussion among Christian business and professional people, indicating how they would approach these moral challenges.

Intensive Day 2

Jun 22 (Sun) 3:00-6:00pm

Does the Decalogue have anything to offer beyond a list of prohibitions? In Day 2 we seek to make the shift from "Thou shalt not" to "Thou shalt...," attempting to draw a positive vision of the world of business implicit in the commandments by outlining a biblical theology of work, vocation, covenant and stewardship that has inspired Christians to develop various models of doing business in God's Way. Participants will explore case studies illustrating these models—which range from businesses explicitly dedicated to God, which seek to shape a corporate culture consistent with biblical teaching, to various experiments in making one's workplace more "Christian friendly." The intensive will conclude with the presentation of a model for self-evaluation, by which each participant is encouraged to think critically about his/her current work situation so as to begin a personal discernment process on discovering how he/she might respond to what God is enabling each one of us *to be* and *to do* in the world of business.

Location

EFCC Kong Fok Church, Unit 1, 1/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Admiralty

Fees (excluding meal)

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	Entire Program	Open Lecture 1 or 2	Entire Program	Open Lecture 1 or 2
Practitioners	\$1,600	\$120	\$1,800	\$150
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