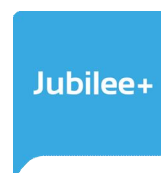


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Social Business: Building the Future



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1 Social Business

1.1 Definitions

- **Social enterprise:** A business with primarily social objectives whose surpluses are principally reinvested for that purpose. [DTI]
- **Social business:** A business whose objective will be to overcome poverty, or one or more problems (such as education, health, technology access, and environment) which threaten people and society; not profit maximization. [Prof Muhammad Yunus]

1.2 Legal structures

- Charitable incorporated organisation
- Community Interest Company
- Social enterprise
- Social business
- Social firm
- Co-operative
- Charity
- etc

1.3 Business influencers

- Innovative goods and services
- Employment
- Witnessing to business contacts
- Making the world a better place

1.4 Examples of social businesses

Historical background: see [A Voice To Be Heard ch 4](#)

Recent examples

The role of Christians

1.5 Exercise:

The Daily News October 2022

It's October 2022 and your business is front page news!
Spend a few minutes writing the key points of the story as you would like it to be.

- What is the headline?
- Draw a picture for a photograph
- Add a few comments

2 The Foundations

2.1 Attitudes, Traits & Skills

Proverbs 31

Something to consider: Entrepreneurs

Based on your knowledge and from reading Proverbs 31, consider:

- What characteristic or trait makes a good entrepreneur stand out from the crowd?
- Why?
- Give examples
- How will you develop such traits?

2.2 Values & Integrity

Key factors

Words----Actions-----Beliefs

Avoiding sharp and dodgy practices (See [A Voice To Be Heard](#) ch 11)

Integrity: Things to consider

1. What are *your* weaknesses?
2. How will *you* guard against them?
3. To whom are *you* accountable?
4. Do *you* have a mentor?
5. Do *you* mentor anybody?

2.3 Vision

Vision: Drucker's Five Most Important Questions

1. What is your mission?
2. Who is your customer?
3. What does my customer value?
4. What are your results?
5. What is your plan?

Identify your Challenge

- 1 Decide what you are building
- 2 Confirm for whom you are building
- 3 Ascertain where you will build
- 4 Determine how you will build
- 5 Clarify why you are building

Calling

Prayer

Exercise: The Golden Circle (see Simon Sinek [The Golden Circle](#)))

1. What do you do?
2. How do you do what you do?
3. Why do you want to run the business you are running?
4. Would anybody notice if you were not in business?
5. What support do you have to keep you going when times are tough?

2.4 Planning

A business plan is important for many reasons. For example it helps in

- 1 considering your objectives
- 2 formalising a strategic road map
- 3 identifying required resources
- 4 assessing alternative courses of action
- 5 undertaking performance management
- 6 assessing how to do things
- 7 communicating an agreed course of action
- 8 securing funding
- 9 preparing for a future exit
- 10 supporting valuations for investment purposes

Proverbs 19:21; 3:5-6

3 The Pillars

To meet its objective, an organisation needs to have:

- a clear and realistic strategy - to achieve the vision;
- appropriate financial resources, controls and systems - to see it through; and
- the right management team & business processes - to make it happen.

Read 2 Kings 12 then analyse the comments under the three pillars of Strategy, Finance and Management.

3.1 Strategy

Techniques such as SWOT Analysis or STEEPLE Analysis can help.

Max McKeown The Strategy Book: "Strategy is deliberately trying shape the future by asking these questions

- Where are we?
- Where do we want to go?
- What changes have to be made?
- How should changes be made?
- How shall we measure progress?"

Remember to initiate action!

3.2 Finance

Don't just roll the dice!

- What costs are involved in building a business?
- What benefits will there be? For whom?
- What are the risks?

Don't underestimate the importance of cashflow forecasting and cash management.

Prepare budgets.

Accounting systems are more than spreadsheets.

Do you really need finance from third parties?

Weigh-up the pros and cons of giving security.

Financial goals

- Earning a reasonable amount in the long-term whilst making enough in the short-term to ensure that the long-term results
- Keeping cash in the bank

Legal responsibilities

3.3 Management

Definition

The right people

Obstacles to growth

Weatherproofing the building

From Larry Burkett (1990) Business by the Book

Consider the extent to which you do the following:

1. Reflect Christ in your business practices (Proverbs 3:32, 4:24)
2. Be accountable [especially to your spouse] Gen 2:24)
3. Provide a quality product (or service) at a fair price [Amos 8:4-7]
4. Honour your creditor (Proverbs 3:27-28)
5. Treat your employees fairly (James 2:9)
6. Treat your customers fairly (Philippians 2:3)

Building confidence

4 Success

Building the Future: Success

What will success look like for you?

How will you know when you have been successful?

The success iceberg

Success	Ecclesiastes 5:10
Significance	Nehemiah 6:3
Faithfulness	Matthew 25:23

Andy Stanley: *"If you are where God wants you, fulfilling the responsibilities he has given you, you are successful."*

5 Summary: Building the Future - Rising to the challenge

Getting ready	Building the house
1. Identify your challenge	8. Consider the cost
2. Decide what you are building	9. Lay the foundations
3. Confirm for whom you are building	10. Install the pillars
4. Ascertain where you will build	11. Weatherproof the building
5. Determine how you will build	12. Build confidence
6. Clarify why you are building	13. Pass on the building
7. What is your calling ?	14. The meaning of success

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