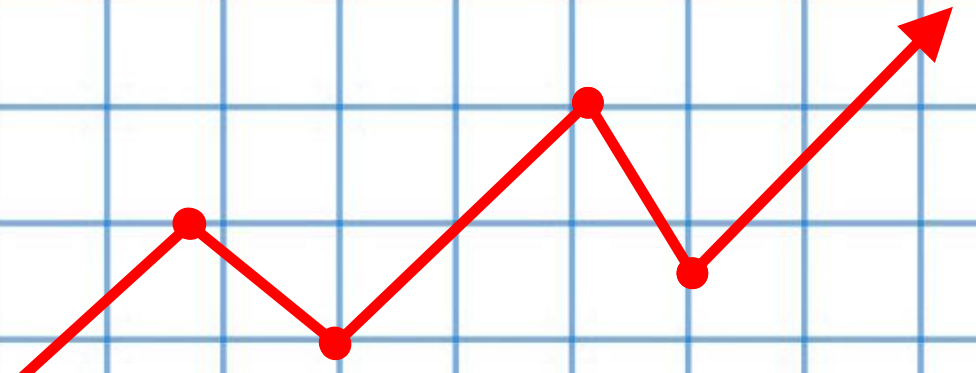


Jhn 2:¹⁴ And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; ¹⁶ and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; **stop making My Father's house a place of business.**"



stop making My Father's house **a place of business.** (Jhn 2:16)

Εμποριον
(em-por'-ee-on)

*a place where trade
is carried on, a mart,
an emporium*

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1. Business is about an equal exchange of goods between parties

For **the wages of sin is death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23... see also Rom. 4:4f)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, **so that no one may boast**. (Eph 2:8)

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, **for our God is a consuming fire**. (Heb 12:28-29)

stop making My Father's house **a place of business**. (Jhn 2:16)

2. Business is best when practiced devoid of emotion

If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and **the Fear of Isaac**, had not been on my side, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed... (Genesis 31:42)

And **David danced before the LORD with all his might**. And David was wearing a linen ephod... (2 Sam 6:14f)

Worship the LORD with reverence and **rejoice with trembling**.
(Ps 2:11)

stop making My Father's house **a place of business**. (Jhn 2:16)

3. Business is about competition and self-interest

I appeal to you
therefore, brothers, by
the mercies of God, to
present your bodies as
a living sacrifice, holy
and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual
worship.
(Romans 12:1)

And He sat down and called the twelve.
And He said to them, "If anyone would
be first, he must be **last of all** and
servant of all." (Mk 9:35)

Whoever seeks to preserve his life
will lose it, but **whoever loses his
life** will keep it. (Luke 17:33)

stop making My Father's house **a place of business**. (Jhn 2:16)

4. Business requires adaptation to market conditions

Thus says the LORD:
“Stand by the roads,
and look, and **ask for
the ancient paths**,
where the good way
is; and walk in it,
and find rest for
your souls.”
(Jer. 6:16)

Remove not **the ancient landmark**, which
your fathers have set. (Proverbs 22:28)

Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who
lived there would spend their time in nothing
except **telling or hearing something new**.
(Acts 17:21)

As I looked, thrones were placed, and **the
Ancient of Days took His seat**; His clothing
was white as snow, and the hair of His head
like pure wool; His throne was fiery flames; its
wheels were burning fire. (Daniel 7:9)

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1. Business is about an equal exchange of goods between parties

GRACE

2. Business is best when practiced devoid of emotion

LOVE

3. Business is about competition and self-interest

SACRIFICE

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ETERNAL