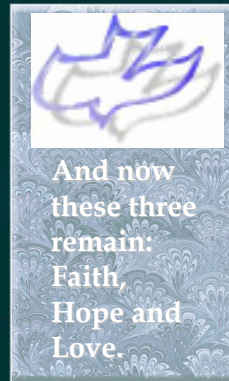




### False Profits

Faith-based businesses are not new, but Christian business owners say they've become increasingly vocal about their faith in recent years. That sounds great but the question becomes, as Christian business people, are we walking it out in our daily practices?



you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup> And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

In the book of Matthew chapter 19 Jesus was approached by a rich ruler who asked how he could enter the kingdom of heaven. Jesus first explained to him the he should keep God's commandments to which the ruler replied, "All these things I have kept from my youth, What do I still lack?" v20. Then Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. (verses 21-22)

After the young man left, Jesus turned to his disciples and said, <sup>23</sup> "Assuredly, I say to

As Christians then, we are called to follow Christ's commands and deny the chains, temptations and baggage that surround earthly riches and remember that God owns all things – including the financial blessings He may choose to bestow upon us.

### Don't be a Camel

Recognize that all profits are 'false profits' if we are not utilizing the gifts we have received to honor and advance His kingdom giving God the credit for our successes however big or small. Are you giving to the poor? Or do you grumble about the the poor because you believe they create a burden on our economy? Don't be a camel... be a fountain, sharing your blessings with joy and deep appreciation.

*"Enjoying the abundant life? Then give with the same spirit by which you have received"*

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**Faith,** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

**Hope,** For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth. Psalm 71:5

**Love,** And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

