



# Marketplace Moments

## Bibliophoria

### Great Commission Companies

*The Emerging Role of Business in Missions.*

The old paradigm is that Business and Ministry (Missions) do not mix, like oil and water. However, the times are quickly changing. It is indeed more difficult to integrate the two than just doing it the old fashion way. This book is unique from the very beginning with the two authors.

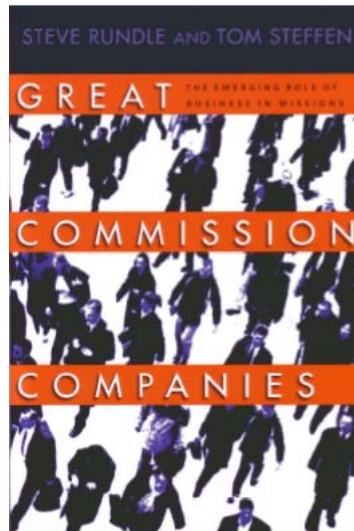
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Here are some quotes from the first chapter of the book.

*Our individual callings and gifts may differ, but mission is nevertheless the central purpose of the entire boy of Christ.*

*The purpose of this book is to show how it is not only possible today but also neces-*



*sary for business professionals—and companies owned by Christians—to become more actively involved in missions.*

*We have found that the most effective GCCs are in fact quite open about their faith and even have a reputation for evangelistic work. What keeps them from being persecuted or expelled? The value added. Without exception the most secure business 'platform' is the profitable, job-creating, tax-paying company.*

This book is a great read because it goes beyond the theoretical concepts, which many of such books are about. It is well researched to provide hard data from missiological perspective. It also gives principles and examples of companies and how they operate. Financial summaries of these companies are also included. A must read for business people and students.

By Timothy Liu

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## Google Plus

### The Facts of the Matter

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Good devotional materials are hard to come by. Good devotional materials with a focus on work and workplace is even harder. A lifetime of experience being a person in the marketplace, a strong conviction to discipleship and a wealth of international experience who writes good reflection on work and daily living, is like finding a needle in a haystack (Chinese equivalent: Fishing for a needle in the sea).

Mission impossible? Not quite. I met Dwight in a restaurant at Bugis Junction. A very unassuming figure, but a man with passion for seeing men and women living out their lives victoriously in the marketplace. He has a simple strategy; one life at a time.

Topics cover a wide range from understanding work, ethics, balance and perspective of Christian life, best practices, leadership and success, witness and discipleship, reflections etc.

In his foreword in the book 'Mission Critical', Dwight writes,

*"Any thoughtful follower of Christ who is in business or the profession has wondered if it is possible to combine true biblical Christianity with the rocking, socking reality of the world of commerce.*

## FACTS of the MATTER

*I suspect that most of us—under our breath, of course—would utter, "No" or, "I'm not so sure. We would never publicly admit such misgivings in Christian circles. But the reality is that when Monday morning rolls around and we enter the "real" world of cut-throat competition, most of us find ourselves doing whatever it takes to survive. To win. To turn a profit.*

*R.C. Sproul had it right in stating that most professed Christians are in fact "practicing atheists"*

*Intellectually, we probably know that from a biblical perspective, the secular and the spiritual worlds are supposed to be one and the same. The question is how to apply shoe-leather Christianity to the rough and tumble world of the marketplace in order to make that a reality.*

You can register online for a free, weekly e-mail of a devotion. You can use this creatively for your office or home/small group discussion. Achieves of previously written are also available online.

A collection of devotions into a handy copy 'Mission Critical' is also available either online or from

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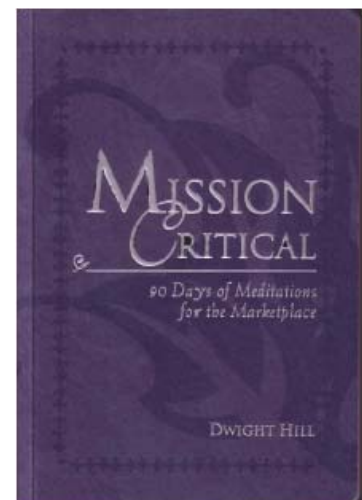
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Mr. and Mrs. R. Dwight Hill have invested the past 35 years of their lives in discipling men and women to follow Jesus Christ, and apply Biblical principles to daily living. Their primary focus has been to equip lay people to multiply their lives spiritually, thus helping to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. (Matthew 28:18-20)

For the past 20 years the Hill's have concentrated their discipling efforts on leaders in the business and professional community, in the United States, Asia and Europe.

Mr. Hill grew up in Hong Kong, as his father was the director of a shipping company headquartered there. The Hills have two children, Wes and Julie who were born in the Philippines. The Hills reside in Paradise, California, U. S. A., having recently returned from 5 years residency in Singapore.

By Timothy Liu



## Eyes in a Darkened Room

### Primary Colours (1998)

Directed by Mike Nichols, Universal Pictures, starring John Travolta as Governor Jack Stanton, Emma Thompson as the governor's ambitious wife Susan Stanton, and Adrian Lester as Henry Burton

We've just had a general election here in Singapore. In that time, did you think a little more about politics than you'd normally have?

There is a world of difference between politics here and in the United States of America. Recently I watched a film about the campaign trail that is based on candidate - later President - Bill Clinton in his bid for the White House. I thought it was a very good movie not because it was easy or exciting or pleasurable to watch but because it dealt with so many significant human issues.

Issues such as motivation which arises from visionary idealism as opposed to motivation that is driven by blind ambition. Issues that asks where is the blurred boundary between beliefs and values, idealistic though they may be, and pragmatic expediency.

The film explored issues of honesty and plain human decency fighting it out with the all encompassing will to triumph (a.k.a. 'kiasu!'). In the race to capture the voters' attention and votes, when does opportunity become opportunism and where is the line

when the 'fighting spirit' descend into sordidness? These and a number other dilemmas that drive ordinary and extraordinary people to do the things they do in politics are portrayed in this thought provoking film. I highly recommend it.

Briefly, the story is based on the novel 'Primary Colors' by Joe Klein, a reporter at the New York Times.

'This work is the barely fictionalized account of candidate Bill Clinton in 1992 via the character Southern Governor Jack Stanton. Joe Klein joined Newsweek as a political reporter and columnist during the 1992 US Presidential race, and followed then candidate Bill Clinton on the road. As such, Klein dutifully conveys the youthful exuberance for a new candidate, along with the sense of awe at his determination, drive, and intelligence. All along, he also displays the shocking lack of personal morals of a "natural" candidate for the office. Further, he shows the inner deal-making that everyone connected with the campaign makes to achieve the vision they started with, no matter how ugly the cheating, talented candidate gets on his road to the election.'

David Edelstein, Slate,  
Posted Sunday, March 22,  
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The story is seen through the eyes of an idealistic young political activist Henry Burton who inadvertently becomes the political campaign manager of the smooth-operator candidate - Arkansas governor Bill Clinton - for the president of the USA.



Along the way, Burton's ideals, visions, beliefs and value systems are tested and challenged as the campaign unfolds on its way to the White House.

'Primary Colors is a pale imitation of our great national soap opera.' David Edelstein, Slate, Posted Sunday, March 22, 1998

#### Questions to ponder:

1. Who, if anybody, do you identify with in the movie?
2. Do you agree with some of the arguments presented by a number of the characters to justify what they did? In other words did the ends justify the means?
3. If you know what this movie suggest about candidates, that they are anything but "pure", would you still vote for him/her? Is the choice choosing between the lesser of two evils a choice you would support?

By Yap Vong Hin

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## Coming Events

### Reality Café.

**05 Aug** – May I Help You Sir?  
**26 Aug** – Mission Impossible

2pm–5pm at 03-05, Bible House,  
7 Armenian Street. Register with  
Elaine, info@marketplacechristian.net. Drinks and Snacks provided (RSVP)

**28 Aug** – Intelligent Design or Evolution—What's the fuss about?  
Metro YMCA at Stevens Rd,  
7:30pm, \$25 / incl dinner  
Call Simon: 63144910

For more information check our web-site.

## Of the Heart and Mind

### Finding Ourselves.

In quietness, we find ourselves empty  
In crowds, we find ourselves lonely  
In relations, we find ourselves longing  
In work, we find ourselves exhausted  
In church, we find ourselves pretending  
In ministry, we find ourselves spirit-less.  
We see ourselves, broken and desperate.

But in God, we find our being.  
In quietness, we find solitude.  
In crowds, we find opportunities  
In relations, we find friendships  
In work, we find purpose  
In church, we find fellowship  
In ministry, we find the giving of ourselves.  
We see ourselves, still broken but redeemed.

By Timothy Liu

## Affluence and Influence Seminar

It was great to hear Rick and his personal journey of faith and how God has provided. His concern was how to use the affluence and influence of the church to meet the needs of the very poor and helpless. But more than charitable work (which will meet the more immediate need) in my opinion, the longer term solution is really for

Christians to build up the church's financial reserve for Gospel work (perhaps through GCCs as in page 1) and Christians redeeming politics, law, medicine, business, government, art and culture, in and through our daily work. Imagine God releasing more than a billion full-time ministers and missionaries. It will be more than a revolution.



Like to specially thank those who have helped us with ushering that evening.