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I PETER 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

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But you are the ones chosen by God, **chosen for the high calling of priestly work**, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night and day difference he made for you---from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

## PRIESTLY ATTRIBUTES

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### Priests Are

- Chosen for the high calling of **priestly work**
- Chosen to be a **holy people**
- Chosen to be **God's special possession**
- Chosen to **declare God's praises**



## PRIESTS IN THE MARKETPLACE

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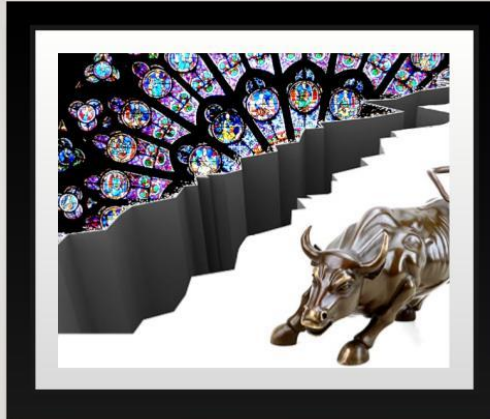
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## THE GREAT DIVIDE

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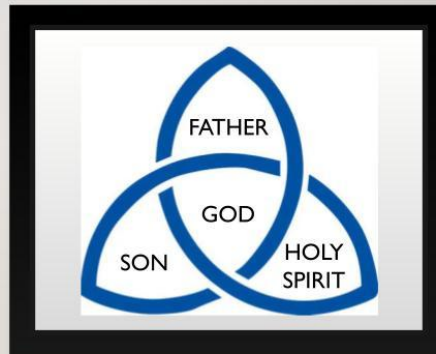
- Sacred Suspicions about Business
- Secular Suspicions about Christianity



## PRIESTS MEDIATE GOD'S PRESENCE

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- God's presence is relational



## HUMAN BEINGS ARE RELATIONAL

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Let us make human beings in  
our image, make them  
reflecting our nature so that  
they can be responsible for...

- Genesis 1:26

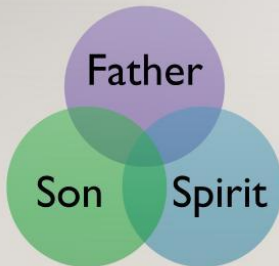


## BUSINESS IS INHERENTLY RELATIONAL

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## RELATIONSHIPS



- God
- Human Beings
- Business

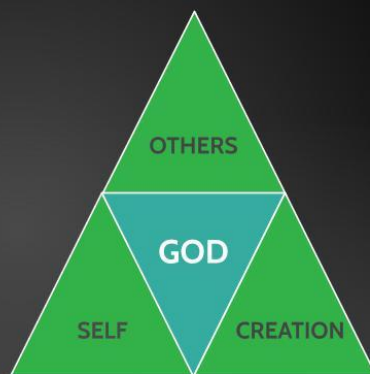


## MARKETPLACE PRIESTS WORK FOR SHALOM

“Shalom is the state of **flourishing** in all dimensions of one’s existence: in one’s **relationship** to God, to fellow humans, to nature and to oneself.”  
- Nicholas Wolterstorff



SHALOM



## MEDIATE GOD'S PRESENCE | MICAH 6:8

He's shown you O mortal what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

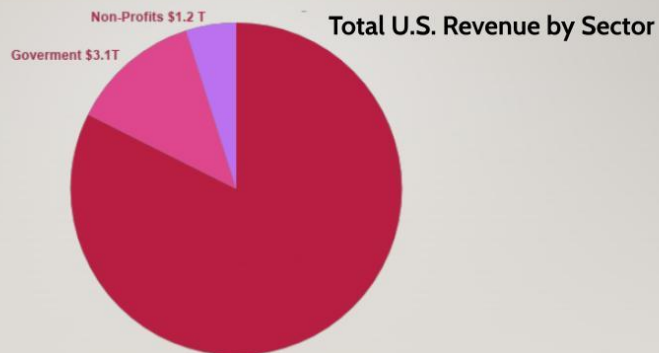
1. To act justly (justice)
2. To love mercy (kindness)
3. To walk humbly with your God (humility)

Priests in the marketplace embody **Justice** | **Kindness** | **Humility**

## ENVISIONING YOUR CALLING AS "BUSINESSTRY"

- **Micro Level** – Business-people mediate the presence of God
- **Meso Level** – Businesses as organizations mediate the presence of God
- **Macro Level** – Business mediates the presence of God for shalom

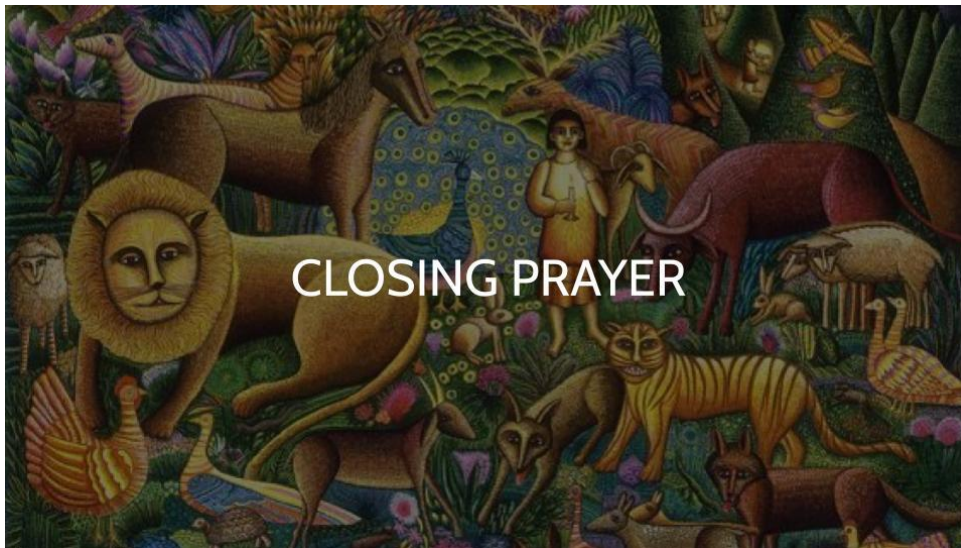
## CREATING SHARED VALUE





CLOSING THOUGHT | *1 PETER 2:11*

“Dear friends, I urge you to...live such godly lives among unbelievers that though they accuse you of wrongdoing, they may see your good deeds and glorify God!”



CLOSING PRAYER