

# THE DAVIDIC DEVOTIONAL

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## PROFITMAKING

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**The businessmen love to cheat; they use dishonest scales.**

**-Hosea 12:7 | NET**

The Bible has a say about how we make profit in our various businesses we work in. No one wants to make losses at all. It is always a sad demeanor around businessmen and women who ply their trade concerning goods and services they render. In a well rehearsed marital sage on the lips of many mothers for their daughters is that, 'When you get any losses, leave it in your matrimonial home, but when you get any profit, bring it to your mum and dad'. This brings us to the question: what is profit?

Profit in the business terms, is the excess of revenues over outlays in a given period of time (including depreciation and other non-cash expenses), but in simple terms, is the advantageous quality of being beneficial. There is nothing wrong in making profit but, it is how we make them that concerns God. As a Christian, you have to make money the right way. Having a job which will enable you gain a lot of money but will prevent you from going to church or engage in spiritual activities must be quit.

I was once confronted with a question from a friend that, **what will one do if one works for an alcoholic company but will not drink any of their alcoholic beverages, knowing that, that is the only job vacancy available?** I paused for a moment and answered, **I will never work for such a company because, I am a Christian.** The work you do can take you to hell. It is said in the Bible that, the hands that does not work must not eat, but it is not every work that is godly. It is rather good to be unemployed, than to make money the wrong way.

A lot of cheating and dishonesty are at their peak in the various workplaces and many Christians are victims of that. Many give testimonies in churches concerning how God has made a breakthrough in their financial lives but deep inside them, they know they made those money through deviant means. Let us not be carried away by the Spirit of mammon who is Satan's right-handed and trusted Assistant. It is good to be self-employed as a Christian so that you can make money the right way than to work for an ungodly person.

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