

HOW TO HANDLE THE BARRIERS OF BUSINESS

FOCAL PASSAGE: Mark 2:2-5

BIBLICAL TRUTH: God wants us to press forward even when we come up against the obstacles in our business.

BUSINESS IMPACT: To help understand that barriers and obstacles in our path can help us grow and we will become recipients of the blessings that God has in store for our business.

Mark 2:2-5 *So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3. Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. 4. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. 5. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.*

You have to wonder how many people were standing outside and wanted to get to Jesus for whatever the reason. I am sure that a lot of them gave up and turned around and went home no better off than when they came.

There were some that probably never left their home because in their mind they knew there just wasn't a way they would be able to get close to Jesus.

So the question is what did these four men do that the rest of the

people didn't do? The answer is they didn't let a few obstacles stand in their way. Their determination was greater than the obstacles they encountered.

In business you are going to run into some barriers and you are going to have to make a decision, go through them, around them or over them. Oh yea I almost forgot you could just stop and go home and be like the rest.

Let me remind you that Jesus rewarded their efforts and he will do the same for your company. I can assure you that the character it builds along the way can't be taught in any seminar.

I heard it said once that barriers and bridges are made of the same material it's all a matter of how you go about putting it together. We have to be careful sometimes we can allow ourselves to become the barriers in our business.

If you find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere. Frank A. Clark

PRAY— that God will give us the wisdom and perseverance to overcome the obstacles that come in our path. And don't forget to thank him when we overcome those obstacles.