

# Vancouver hosts entrepreneurial leaders conference

**M**aking money is not a sin. Money isn't the root of all evil; the love of money is. The Bible devotes considerable time talking about money and stewardship, and the use and abuse of money is probably the biggest challenge for business owners and entrepreneurs who call themselves Christian.

I have attended dozens of conferences that devote considerable energy to developing Christian leaders, and on connecting our faith with the real issues that confront today's Christian business leaders. I regularly attend more than a dozen monthly breakfast meetings where men and women talk about business issues from a biblical perspective. These are important discussions to have as a regular diet to develop our business skills.

But a conference focused solely on entrepreneurship from a biblical perspective is extremely rare. I am therefore particularly delighted to hear about the seventh annual Entrepreneurial Leaders Conference, taking place Nov. 8 - 9 at the Sheraton Wall Centre in downtown Vancouver. Billed as "the world's leading event to equip, connect and inspire Christian entrepreneurial leaders," it's happening right here.

Noted author, lecturer and financial adviser Rick Goossen saw the need eight years ago to develop a conference that focuses solely on entrepreneurship. He has gathered an impressive slate of internationally renowned speakers from across the U.S., Europe and South Africa. Among the topics are: The Serpent and the Dove - Can I be ethical and make money at the same time?, Succeeding in business without selling your soul and How to work on your calling, character and competence.

Workshops and conferences are typically a dime a

dozen. I've attended and even led many of them. They are worthwhile places to connect and to pick up a few new ideas. But I have never - and I want to be unequivocal - seen a conference with this caliber of speakers and topics. The conference's Entrepreneur Expo will feature displays by organizations, corporations and ministries. It's a great place to network and connect with others.

If you're involved in business - and especially if you live in the Lower Mainland - this is your opportunity to take in a world-class conference without incurring the major costs associated with travel. I'm flying in from Ontario for the conference.

Making money is not a sin. We need to learn how to do it in a Christ-like manner.

*More details about the conference, including registration, can be found at [eleaders.org](http://eleaders.org).*

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