

## ABSTRACT

*The Difficulties of Evangelizing Businessmen in Japan and Implications for Tentmaking Ministry* is the result of the author's concern for evangelizing businessmen in Japan. The proposition of this paper states that the Christian businessman can minister to secular businessmen by involving himself with so-called tentmaking ministry. This was made possible during the time of Paul, and so the author is confident enough that the Japanese Christian businessman will be able to carry on the same kind of ministry while he is actively involved both in his secular work and church activities.

The first chapter presents the introduction that leads the reader to a full understanding of the content of the research study. The introduction includes the statement of the problem that has become a guide to the research.

The Chapter Two is a Review of Related Literature. The historical background of Christianity in the Chubu area, Japan, is given to show the context of the study. Japanese history is one of the rejection of Christianity. Following this, the cultural reasons are given for the difficulties of evangelizing businessmen in Japan. Japanese cultural mentality and social structure creates many difficulties for the evangelism of businessmen.

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The Chapter Two discusses the principles of the Christian Business and Church Ministry. The author compares the principles of secular business and biblical Christian business in order to establish the possibility for Christian business in Japan. This points to the need for the tentmaking ministry concept. Paul's practice of tentmaking ministry is applied to Japanese Christian business.

The Chapter Three discusses the Methodology of Research. The author researches Wesleyan-Holiness churches in the Chubu area of Japan. This is a significant business center of Japan.

The Chapter Four presents statistical analysis and interpretation of the questionnaires. The author uses this data to determine the difficulties of evangelizing businessmen, and to know the implications to Tentmaking Ministry.

The conclusion is the tentmaking ministry can mobilize Christian businessmen for evangelism in Japan.