Faith & Family Business: Learning from Others

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Davon and I enjoy facilitating peer groups in which business owners have a chance to learn from one another. While each participant’s business has a unique culture, has its own set of family dynamics, and has different local or regional opportunities, owners and managers often struggle with many of the same challenges.

Whether working with family, growing your staff, changing your structure or developing new business ideas, helping one another brings to mind several instructional Bible verses.

1. **Surround yourself with people you trust and respect**: “He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harms.” (Prov. 13:20)
2. **Openly share your challenges and be vulnerable**: “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” (Prov. 27:17)
3. **Support one another**: “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work; If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!” (Eccles. 4:9-10)

When you spend time together with friends who are peers, you will find that someone else has addressed your dilemma from a different angle, or someone has even solved your problem in ways you may not have considered. Put yourself with the right people, open up and help one another. The support you feel will encourage you to continue improving your family and business.