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"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven"

Matthew 5:16

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Finding Your Place Called There... In Business Sandra Steen urges business owners to create a "kingdom explosion" in the marketplace

"Life, energy, passion and excitement surround us," says Sandra Steen as she suddenly moves to the whiteboard for an illustration. "I believe being successful in business and in life means being purpose-driven." She begins to draw, "Here's your purpose in the center and here's life all around it. If everything you do is not directly connected to your God-given purpose, then your ability to be impactful in any area of life is in danger. You can't work for God's kingdom and be out of place – finding your place called 'there' is not a destination, but a journey."

According to Steen, we have a responsibility to understand our purpose. "Life fulfillment and joy comes from understanding your purpose," she explains. "When you're not operating in purpose, joy robs like frustration and jealousy prevent you from realizing joy and experiencing true, God-given success."

Steen's message is captivating. And her voice reaches corporate America, serving an impressive list of Fortune 500 clients such as SONY, Proctor and Gamble, SBC, JCPenney, Frost Bank, H-E-B, and Wal-Mart.

Companies hire Sandra Steen because she speaks a purpose driven message that provides a rare blend of bold energy, incredible enthusiasm and life-changing information.

Steen's workshops target spirit, inspiration, motivation and destination. For more than 13 years, Steen's clients have come back and remained loyal to her philosophy. "They always tell me or my staff that their business experiences dynamic breakthroughs and environmental changes following each session. Changes that occur once the individual realizes their inner purpose and capture abundant and joyous living."

Steen credits her first speaking engagement to the church. She was just six years old when she realized her life's calling, and faced the task of addressing her church's congregation to deliver a five-minute speech. She was undaunted. Instead of shrinking in fear, she strode to the podium, seized hold of the microphone, and exceeded her allotted time, gaining strength and confidence

with each word.

Sandra Steen shares a message that transcends all levels of life, from the corporate businessperson, to the entrepreneur to the stay-at-home mom. According to Steen, when people find their purpose, the next step is to act on it. She is extraordinarily skilled at encouraging people to find a vision and the motivation to take action.

"I don't have the power to change your life," Steen explains, "You do. I can plant the seeds, but ultimately each person has the ability to take action that will bring about change."

Sandra Steen's message of purposeful living is recognized internationally. She has shared her message all over the globe, from Sao Paulo, Brazil to Sydney, Australia and now in her own home court – San Antonio.

In addition to working with Fortune 500 companies, Steen has recently partnered with churches, non-profit organizations and educational institutions.

"Here's what I ask myself, 'Is God interested in building any kingdom other than his?'" Steen shares that her kingdom perspective has been greatly expanded under the teaching of Rick Godwin, Senior Pastor of Eagles' Nest Christian Fellowship. Steen has been a long-time member of ENCF. Steen shares, "Rick's messages continue to create life-changing experiences in my life; this life is not about me – it's about the impact and experience that I create for others.

I am convinced that creating a "kingdom explosion" removes us from the pattern of business as usual. Our assignment in life is to be rightly positioned. Being in that right place is powerful for the corporation as well as for the individual. I believe that when you are in your right place, everyone should benefit from your presence."

In an ongoing effort to partner with the community and the church, Sandra Steen is speaking at Family Praise Center's Winner's Circle on September 10, 2005. Family Praise Center (FPC), a multicultural church with over 4,000 members and two locations in San Antonio, began in 1993. In 1997, they began



Sandra Steen to Address Winner's Circle

Local author and motivational speaker Sandra Steen will speak at Family Praise Center's Winner's Circle Breakfast on Sat., Sept. 10. Beacon readers will receive a discounted admission to the event, for more information call (210) 432-5775. (Courtesy Photo)

a marketplace ministry forum called Winner's Circle. Designed to equip the businessperson with both information and resources, its quarterly session has an attendance of nearly 100 business owners, entrepreneurs and corporate executives.

"My passion is excellence and I look for it everywhere, in business and in people," declares Steen. I love what FPC is doing with business people – it's cutting edge. The church should deliver the same level of service to its members that we would expect any corporation to deliver to its top clients."

The Winner's Circle was created to provide an opportunity for local business owners to network their talents and resources. We are about equipping them with the principles and tools to be successful spiritually, emotionally, and financially," states Will Norris, Minister of Education at FPC.

"We've partnered with Sandra Steen in the past and we've seen the incredible fruits of her work. We don't take it lightly that she is joining with us for our third quarter event and know that she will deliver a relevant message."

"The amazing thing about Sandra Steen is that she understands the dynamics of marketplace ministry, it's not about you, it's about the kingdom of God. That's what makes her message a

perfect fit."

Sandra Steen is speaking at Family Praise Center's Winner's Circle Breakfast on Saturday, September 10 at 8 am.

Registration is required and includes a full breakfast. Receive a discounted registration cost of \$25 when you mention this article. Family Praise Center Central is located at 5820 NW Loop 410. To register, call 210.432.5775 or visit www.fpc.us.

Sandra Steen, an internationally renowned inspirational speaker and author, has won business audiences over with her positive messages of joy, fulfillment and purpose. She is the President and CEO of Sandra Steen & Associates, Inc., an international speaking, training and consulting firm, started in San Antonio in May 1993.

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