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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
Greater Hartford Chapter
Mitchell's Coffee House
March 2, 2011**

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- Today's Topic: **Peaceful Relationships**

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. (Romans 12:18)

The Rev. Tony Campolo, the preacher and speaker, once recalled a conversation he had with another pastor, who told him, "if it weren't for people, I'd love the work of the ministry." But if you remove people from ministry, what do you have?

Sometimes you may think, "if it weren't for people, I'd love running my business." But if you remove people from business, what do you have?

Since people, ministry and business go hand-in-hand, what kind of relationships should you try to have with:

- employees
- former employees
- clients
- former clients
- suppliers
- former suppliers
- government officials
- competitors
- the general public?

God knows that we cannot live at peace with *everyone*, because there are evil, brutal, brutish, unreasonable people in this world, even among "Christians." Thankfully, this passage contains an escape hatch: "if it be possible, as much as lieth in you." There's only so much you can do. Relationships are reciprocal!

Some relationships just don't work out long-term. Others experience a bump in the road, and can be repaired or restored. Can you share an example of a business relationship that you struggled with, and how the Lord led you to try to live peaceably with him or her? What was the outcome? Are there relationships in your business today that need some divine attention?

- Next meeting: Wednesday, March 16 @ 7:30 am here
- Upcoming events/news
 - Jacob's Well in Rockville this Friday 3/4 @ 7 pm (JacobsWellCoffeehouse.com)
 - Called To Work Conference in NJ on 3/11-12 (CalledToWork.org)
 - Iron Sharpens Iron in Bloomfield on 3/19 all day (IronSharpensIron.net)
 - Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Southern NE Conf in Cromwell on 3/24-26 (fgbmfisnec@aol.com)
 - Total Woman Conference in Simsbury on 4/2 (TotalWomanConference.com)
 - other
- Closing prayer