



# TRANSFORMED WORKING LIFE

## - Practical Equipping for Working by Faith

A resource for the people of God to come forth in their calling  
and manifest the Kingdom of God in their working life.

### **INTRODUCTION AND GUIDANCE NOTES**



# WHY TRANSFORMED WORKING LIFE?

Transformed Working Life began over 30 years ago when J Gunnar Olson, a successful businessman from Sweden, radically experienced how the calling of God turned his entire life upside down. He founded the International Christian Chamber of Commerce (ICCC), an organization which seeks to encourage and equip Christians in the marketplace all over the whole world to work and live in a new dimension where the Kingdom of God is clearly revealed.

**Transformed Working Life is an opportunity to go deeper with God.** To understand that His calling encompasses every part of our life, and that God has prepared a work for each and every one of us! A work where success depends entirely upon a close relationship with Him.

**Transformed Working Life gives well-proven material to you as a congregation or small group, as an aid to help you serve the larger body of people who have the primary outlet for their calling outside church activities.**

This TWL course is entitled **“Practical Equipping for Working by Faith”**.

It sits alongside the other TWL course which is entitled **“The Call to Life in the Kingdom”**. The two courses complement each other.



# WHO IS TRANSFORMED WORKING LIFE FOR?

Transformed Working Life is not only for entrepreneurs but for everyone in the workplace, young and old, who have a desire to understand their calling and to manifest the Kingdom of God.

We all work in some way. Whether it is in public, private or non-profit sector.

Whether we are educating ourselves, working at home, or seeking work.

**It's not about our position in the workplace, but about our relationship with God who has called us to work.**

Transformed Working Life course material is specially designed for use in congregations or small groups (e.g. home groups, Christian groups at companies or universities) or for personal use instead.



# WHAT IS TRANSFORMED WORKING LIFE?

This Transformed Working Life course, “Practical Equipping for Working by Faith”, is divided up into 16 different sessions.

The estimated time for each session is c. 1-1.5 hours (including time for questions).

This is a tool to help practically equip us for the life of faith at work or business.

The course material includes:

- A 30 minutes' video (or audio) presentation (in English) on each session by a range of different international ICCC speakers.
- Group Study Guide, containing:
  - advice for the group facilitator on running a TWL course
  - a summary of the key truths & scriptures for each session
  - notes of all key points made in each session
  - a list of questions for the group (or you an individual) to consider at the end of each session
- A range of 11 teaching booklets, covering both the core TWL sessions and a few more as well!

Bonus material: Also included is a full set of the TWL 'Classic' series – a set of 24 videos from 2004 covering more or less the same material as this Practical Equipping course, and including a number of personal testimonies (available in English and German)



# HOW SHOULD A TRANSFORMED WORKING LIFE COURSE BE PREPARED?

- It's important to have a course leader to guide each session, preferably with a colleague to help with practical arrangements and prayer.
- Locate a place to meet. It can be a church hall, a conference room, or a home.
- Create a plan for the course. Transformed Working Life can, for example, can run over two weekends, once a week for 10 weeks or 2-3 sessions at a time over 4 dates. What is important is that you give. c. 1-1.5 hours per session, ensuring time for questions & discussion.
- Invite and gather people who have a hunger for more of the Kingdom of God to be manifest at work.
- The course material is give completely free of charge; however, an offering may be taken to cover expenses.



# HOW SHOULD A TWL SESSION BE PREPARED?

- Prayer is a key in preparation. Pray together with your team that the material will become revelation to people and that they become released into their God-given calling.
- Please listen to the session video (or audio), and then work through the Group Study Guide for that session, looking up the scriptures mentioned in the notes.
- If you are not going to show the video, then plan your own presentation using the material provided, including personal stories wherever possible to illustrate the truths being communicated.
- Consider the questions noted at the end of the session. Do you understand them? What do they mean to you and your group? Can you think of other suitable questions to use, to ensure a fruitful session?
- Create a good atmosphere for the session. Coffee with refreshments can be a good way to start your time together.



# HOW TO RUN A TWL GROUP SESSION?

- Begin the session with praying together, asking the Holy Spirit to bring revelation of the truth (not just information).
- Play the video (or audio) recording, or work through the slides yourself. If possible, please connect the material to a personal experience, but be sure to keep to the theme of the session.
- On some slides in the session there will be questions. It is important that you take time to answer these questions. We suggest you allow 5 minutes to discuss each question. Be careful that not only one or two people do all the talking, but encourage as many as possible to share. Naturally, you can add or exchange a question to better fit your group. You can cover questions on the way through the material or all together at the end of the session. The important thing is that the purpose of the session is followed.
- After the end of the session, you could ask the participants to review and meditate upon the scriptures covered in the session before you start the next session. They should also be encouraged to bring along with them any other questions they may have themselves.
- At the next session, you can give someone 2-3 minutes to share what God has spoken to them and what happened practically in their life since the last session.



# A TRANSFORMED WORKING LIFE

The goal with Transformed Working Life is to actually see working lives literally transformed. This is something **only God** can do in a person's life.

Our prayer is that this material may be a blessing to you, your congregation or group, so that more people may experience the wonderful freedom available to all those who have faith in Jesus.

If only ONE person gets a hold of his calling and begins to walk with God in their work, God can do almighty things! Look at Joseph, David, Esther, Deborah, Joshua and many other examples in the Bible.

For further equipping, we recommend you study the other course in this TWL series, entitled *"The Call to Life in the Kingdom"*, which complements this course.

May God richly bless you as you study the Transformed Working Life course!

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