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### The Cost of Doing Business with Satan

No matter what business you may be in, there are associated costs of doing that business (inventory, advertising, labor, etc). Not one of all the business classes I had in college ever taught me that all sales revenue is straight profit!! The old adage is true...“You have to spend money to make money.”

This same fundamental truth is equally applicable in relation to our spiritual standing before God. For the purposes of this article, consider committing sin as “doing business with Satan.” Remember, the Bible teaches that “...the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23). Wages have historically been the highest cost of any business. When we sin, there are going to be “costs” we’ll have to pay.

Have you ever heard of the expression “hidden charges and fees” when dealing in business? These are those costs we usually have to pay because we didn’t really pay attention when we agreed to enter into some transaction. Since sin always brings separation from God (cp. Isa. 59:1-2; Eph. 2:1-3, 11-13), Satan never really explains this charge to us. He knows he would never close another deal if he fully informed us of the consequences if we committed the sins he places before us. Usually, we shy away from certain costs of doing business if we think the costs outweigh the benefits we hope to derive from our investment. How pleased he must be when we agree to pay this price and thus estrange ourselves from the God who made us, loves us, and planned for our redemption through His Son’s death.

Let us all be “fully informed spiritual consumers”...none of us can afford to do business with Satan. His costs are way too high!.....J Smith

