



Justified Bribes?

The U.S. government is cracking down on bribery, and at least one scholar thinks it'll backfire and harm developing countries. According to a Wall Street Journal article Andy Spalding, a former securities-fraud lawyer, believes that strict enforcement of antibribery laws may cause U.S. corporations to stop investing in emerging markets.

Mr. Spalding seems to be in favor of the U.S. looking the other way. Rather than encouraging businesses to go along with corruption wouldn't it be better for the U.S. to model integrity and use this opportunity to encourage ethics reform?

Jesus taught in Matthew 16:26, "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

If the only way you can land that contract is with a bribe, consider carefully the longer term consequences. Don't sell your soul.

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