

Conditions Precedent to Living Faith Out At Work

We started our discourse on “Releasing the Power of the Church in the Workplace” in 2012. We have been encouraged to appreciate our important role as workplace ministers. We discussed the complementary nature of the Creation and Redemption mandates. In the last discussion we focused on what it means to live faith out in the workplace. The focus for this month is what needs to be in place for us to live out our faith consistently.

The first step in living faith out is not in outward actions. Behaviour is thought in action, thus the first condition precedent to living faith out is a change in an individual’s thought process, that is, a renewing of mind that leads to a strong inward conviction of the truth and practicality of the faith.

The renewing of the mind comes through an injection and engagement of spiritual information and knowledge; an acceptance of and obedience to faith teachings; and courage to act out faith teachings in a public arena. In The Message, Gal. 5:25 reads “Since this is the Christian faith is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives.” This calls for an integration of claims of faith or spirituality with the demands of the workplace and work.

The other conditions include:

- A life that is guided by the Holy Spirit to recognise and use opportunities appropriately to point others towards God;
- A sensitive and caring heart towards others;
- Willingness to help others; and
- An abiding trust in God’s presence and control of one’s life.

Dave Branon stated “...we must be eager students, ready to accept God’s teaching, guidance, and help....We should fulfill three requirements: (1) examine God’s words for what they are teaching, (2) gain understanding from those words, and (3) obey His statutes.” Careful meditation on the Scriptures makes for a closer walk with the Savior.

Are you ready to live out faith out at work? If yes, you are encouraged to consider working on renewing your mind and pursue a closer walk with God.

