

Living Out Faith at Work (1st Part)

The Bible teaches us that the gospel is not limited to forgiveness of our sins and getting to heaven but it extends to a new way of living whose source is the power and peace of God. We are called not only to proclaim our faith but to demonstrate our acceptance of our faith with our lives. Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life...." (Jn. 14:6). This means that if anyone believes in Jesus Christ and is committed to living by His words and teachings, the individual is living by the truth. The Bible states that "But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God." – Jn. 3:21. Anyone living by the truth should therefore not be afraid to be exposed as a person whose real source of power or success is God.

Believers are to live out Christian faith in homes, local churches, communities, workplaces and web of relationships. To 'Live Out' means to act out; to represent in action; translate into action; or to express directly in overt behaviour without modification to comply with social norm.

God has called many Christians to minister to us in various ways as He called some to be apostles, evangelists, prophets, pastors and teachers. God is calling on all Christians so see wherever they work as a place of ministry, that is, an opportunity to meet the needs of others and show love to others in a way that will cause such people or recipients to give glory to God. Work is a calling that God has given unto man and He started it in the Garden of Eden when He called Adam to tend the garden.

We've all heard stories of men or women in the workplace that left their jobs for the "ministry." Certainly God does call people into vocational ministry. However, many times this move is more rooted in dissatisfaction with a career combined with a spiritual renewal or first time commitment to the Lord. The idea of a "higher call" can also appeal to our sense of a greater and nobler destiny. This is because we have incorrectly elevated the roll of the Christian worker that serves within "the church" or a traditional "ministry" role to be more holy and committed than the person who is serving in a corporate environment.

Yet the call to the corporate workplace is as important as any other calling. God has to have His people in every sphere of life to meet the needs of His creation. Also, many would never come to know Him because they would be separated from society.

My prayer is that you will let God demonstrate His power through your life so that others might experience Him through you today. I encourage you to consider your vocation as means to worship Him.

Have a blessed day.

