

## Possible Benefits of Living Faith Out At Work to the Local Church

Local Church members represent God's contact points with the larger community. If they have positive influence and impact in workplaces where decisions are made, the faith community stands to benefit as follows:

1. A congregation that understands and accepts relevance of the Bible to their work lives will strive to be ethical and be a good influence in the community.
2. More favourable perception of biblical teachings and community of faith. This will make the larger community more receptive to faith community activities and positions on issues.
3. Some community members sitting on the fence may be drawn closer to God. This will lead to increasing influence of God's word in community life.
4. Members will tend to live a wholesome faith life – leading to more reliance on and obedience to the Holy Spirit. This will probably lead to less intervention by pastoral staff.
5. A Holy Spirit-influenced membership will act more like Aaron and Hur (lifting up the hands of Moses) as they are committed to evangelism, discipleship and support of the church and its programs and services. This will lead to a distribution of the workload and increased capacity and capability of the local church to do the work of ministry (Eph. 4:11-16)

Such members of a Local Church may:

1. Be willing to go "above and beyond" call of duty
2. Stay in the local church

These two situations will translate into tangible engagement outcomes of:

1. Increased degree of volunteering
2. Increased financial commitment
3. Reduced fault-finding focused behaviour
4. Active participation in local church activities
5. Retention of members

Have a blessed weekend.

