

Relationships @ Work

One of the reasons many individuals will not consider becoming a Christian is the perception that Christians do not relate or behave like Christ. Ghandi said "I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." This means that our witness is more effective when we demonstrate Christ-like behaviour towards others especially where we work in addition to being able to speak about our faith.

We could demonstrate Christ-like behaviour by living out the following 3 scripture passages:

1. Col. 3:22-24 –
 - We are God's employees on assignment in our various offices or businesses
 - We should take our instructions from God and act on them
2. 1 Cor. 10:33 –
 - Be accommodating and adaptable without sinning
 - Seek to relate to your colleagues and pray for them
3. Matthew 5:13-14 –
 - Get out of your comfort zone – shakers and bushels – mix with others at work

Please find below what Os Hillman wrote in a devotional:

What would happen if Jesus took your place for a year in your workplace? Let's consider some hypothetical things that He might do.

- He would do His work with excellence. He would be known around the office for the great work He did (Exodus 31:1-5). -
- He would develop new ideas for doing things better (Eph 3:20).
- He would hang out with sinners in order to develop a relationship with them in order to speak to them about the Father (Mt 9:12-13).
- He would strategically pray for each worker about their concerns and their needs. He would pray for those who even disliked Him (Mt 5:44-47).
- He would rally the office to support a needy family during Christmas (Jer 22:13-17).
- He would offer to pray for those who were sick in the office and see them get healed (Mt 14:14).
- He would honor the boss and respect him/her (Titus 2:9-10).
- He would consider the boss as His authority in His workplace (Rom 13:1-3).
- He would be truthful in all his dealings and never exaggerate for the sake of advancement (Ps 15:2).
- He would always have a motive to help others become successful, even at his own expense (Pr 16:2).