

Being a Godly Man at the Work Place

(Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 3:22-4:1; I Peter 2:18-25; Col. 3:17; I Cor. 10:31; Titus 2:9-10; II Thess. 3:6-15)

1. There's been a fire in your office building, two floors below your workplace. Out of concern for a chemically-toxic atmosphere, employees are unable to go to their former workplace. While production responsibilities continue, a delay of six-weeks occurs before staff are provided with a new office location. How should believers respond to or function during a long-term disruption within or to the workplace?

2. Due to a sudden, unanticipated drop in demand for the products produced and marketed by your employer, two-thirds of the workforce have been laid off. Some of your co-workers have filed for unemployment insurance and have recommended that you do so, as well. Is it biblically and morally permissible to do so?

3. Do we work because of the Fall, or for some other reason? If your answer is "no", why do we work? How does the Fall effect the Work Place?

4. How do we apply the "Great Commission" (Matt. 28:16-20), to our jobs?

5. Scripture tells us that God had filled a man known as Bezalel with His Spirit for the purpose of work and craftsmanship (Ex. 31:1-6.). How can we be "Spirit-Filled" at the Work Place? What will a "Spirit-filled" worker look like?

6. Is there something inherently more sacred about working as a pastor than working as an auto mechanic or engineer? Why or why not?

7. How can I work in a secular job for the glory of God (Col. 3:17; I Cor. 10:31)?

8. How can I witness for Christ in my workplace? Are there limits to the witnessing I can, or should, do at the workplace? What if my employer tells me I have been doing “too much” talking about the Bible in the work place?

9. I have a boss who is always demeaning and insulting to my co-workers and Me. In addition, that same boss recently told a co-worker that a pay raise might depend on the response to a sexual advance. How can, (or should), I respond to and work for that boss?

10. What should I do if my employer tells me to do something that I think is “immoral?” Or not to do something that I believe God would want me to do?

11. My job requires me to be in a union. Is there something inherently wrong with labor unions? What should I do if there is a strike or a work “slow down?”

12. I have three co-workers who are openly gay. How can, (or should), I work with them?

13. In his book, *The Conviction to Lead*, Al Mohler tells believers that we should think in terms of “redeployment” rather than “retirement.” Would you agree or disagree? Why/why not?

For those who are retired, what opportunities are there for productive work or service?

For those who are still working, what can you do to prepare for productive work into retirement?

14. The Scripture teaches that Christ will return for His people and His church (I Thess. 4:13-18; I Cor. 15:50-58). How does our “eschatology”, our doctrine of “last things”, effect our conduct in the workplace?