

Growing Spiritually at Work

SERIES: It's Not Just a Job – Part 4

*"From the very beginning God decided that those who came to him should become like His Son." **Romans 8:29 (LB)***

*"...real maturity is that measure of development which is meant by the fullness of Christ." **Ephesians 4:13 (Ph)***

God's Goal: *That I will develop the **CHARACTER** of Christ.*

HOW DOES MY JOB FIT IN?

1. God uses PRESSURE at work to teach me RESPONSIBILITY.

*"Live life, then with a due sense of responsibility, not as people who do not know the meaning of life, but as those who do." **Ephesians 5:15 (Ph)***

WAYS TO SHOW RESPONSIBILITY:

⇒ **By keeping PROMISES.**

*"(God blesses the one)... who always does what he promises, no matter how much it may cost." **Psalms 15:4***

⇒ **By meeting DEADLINES.**

*"One who is slack in his work is a brother to the one who destroys." **Proverbs 18:9***

⇒ **By working without SUPERVISION.**

"Don't work hard only when your master is watching.. work hard all the time, as though working for Christ."

Ephesians 6:6-7 (LB)

*"The man who is faithful in the little things will be faithful in the big things too. If you cheat even a little, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities." **Luke 16:10-11 (Ph & LB)***

⇒ **By controlling COSTS.**

"If you are untrustworthy about wordly wealth who will trust you with the true riches of Heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people's money, why should you be entrusted with money of your own?"

Luke 16:11-12 (LB)

*"His master said to him, `Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.'" **Matthew 25:21***

2. God uses PEOPLE at work to teach me RELATIONSHIPS.

Romans 12:16-18

"Work happily together." (LB)

"Treat everyone with equal kindness." (JB).

"Don't become set in your opinions." (Ph)

"Never pay back evil for evil." (LB)

"Do all you can to live at peace with everyone." (JB).

COOPERATION

FAIRNESS

FLEXIBLE

HUMILITY

COMPROMISE

*"Do all your work in love." **1 Corinthians 16:14 (GN)***

3. God uses PROBLEMS at work to teach me CHARACTER.

*"We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials for we know they are good for us - they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character..." **Romans 5:3-4 (LB)***

*"I think you ought to know about the hard time we went through in Asia. We were really crushed and overwhelmed, and feared we would never live through it... We saw how powerless we were to help ourselves, but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God who alone could save us. And He did help us..." **2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (LB)***