



Work... A Matter of the Heart

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There are various reasons why people get a job and what causes them to perform their work the way they do. Of course, the most obvious reason why people work is to provide the necessary means to live and support a family. However, there are those who want to work because they have a driving passion to succeed and accomplish personal goals, status, and financial success. Then there are others who seek to get their dream job. Then again there are those who just want to have a safe and secure job and thus pursue a job in a particular company because of its good reputation of providing good employee benefits. And lastly there are some who work like a machine, functioning and operating without any personal interest or involvement.

I love the story of the “Shoe-Shine Man” who worked at a major US airport. It seems that he learned to do more than do a good job at shining shoes; he saw his whole being involved in what he was doing. The story goes that business people enjoyed sitting in his seat to have their shoes shined, not because they were enamored with his job... but because they were intrigued by how he engaged personally with them in conversation and took interest in his work, paying close attention to details. A friend of mine, who watched him over time, decided to find out what made this man operate like this, so he stopped by his chair to have his shoes shined. While watching him do his job joyfully, my friend asked, “What makes you tick in such a way that people enjoy coming to you?” He didn’t miss a beat by answering, “It is because of my relationship with Jesus Christ!” My friend came to realize that this man did not necessarily speak about his



faith right away with his customers, but he did exhibit it by putting his whole person into it by how he performed his job and treated each of his customers as he engaged in conversation with them.

We are told in Ephesians 6:5-6 that performing our job should be a matter of the heart. In the Bible, the heart is considered the core of our being, not simply the physical organ in our chest. The Ephesians passage says that we are to first do our work as unto Christ with a sincere heart. The idea here is singleness of purpose, instead of doing your work from mixed motives, do it for the one underlying purpose... as unto Him. Then it goes on to say that performing our job is a matter of our doing the will of God from the heart. This makes our work more than a thoughtless function or a driven passion. It is holy and therefore the will of God that our whole being is presented to the Lord as we perform our work. If not, then as Christians we can easily get ensnared by many misleading motives that can affect us personally as well as the performance of our work.

God is not asking us to just perform our job description...He is asking us to do it with our whole being, and completely as unto him. (PMC) Consider this: *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”* (Luke 10:27)

From the heart,
The FCAP Staff

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THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN AIRLINE PERSONNEL

History:

The ministry of FCAP began in 1971 and was incorporated in 1973 when 50 people from eight different airlines in the United States and Canada met to consider how God wanted them to serve Christ in and through the airline industry. Since that time, the ministry of FCAP has spread in over 90 areas of the world. We do not have a membership or dues; rather we are a fellowship among Christians in the airline industry worldwide that share a common commitment and focus.



Perspective & Focus:

Most people look at work primarily as a source of income. Some even view it as a curse imposed on them as punishment from God. *The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel* believes that God places a high value on work and is deeply interested in our work, our performance on the job and our relationships with our co-workers. We recognize that both our work and the way we relate to people in the workplace are of great importance to God. So it is our mission: *“To represent Christ in the airlines through meaningful relationships and quality work.”*

FCAP’s two-fold purpose encourages people to *know and experience God’s presence with them at work* and to *trust Him for the enabling strength in the responsibilities and challenges of work*. We see authentic ministry in the workplace as a result of our displaying this relationship to our Lord within the sphere of our influence at work, without being coercive or self-serving.

Values:

- We value doing our work wholeheartedly as unto the Lord, knowing we represent Christ by the quality of our performance while on the job (Ephesians 6:6).
- We value intentionally engaging our faith in the workplace by expressing it in both deeds and words (1 Timothy 6:17-19).
- We value influencing the people around us by creatively building relationship with them and looking out for their interest just as we do our own.
- We value connecting the church in the workplace by seeking out other Christians, to mutually show our love for one another and our care for the people God has placed around us (John 13:35).

Making Your Connection:

Like the airline industry is all about making connections, so FCAP is all about Christians making their connection in the workplace in three basic ways:

- Connecting God’s purposes in the details of your work.
- Connecting ministry to God working through you to influence the people and circumstances of work.
- Connecting the church in the workplace in unique and creative ways, in order to extend and strengthen its influence.

- WE OFFER:**
- Training that helps Christians integrate the Christian faith into the everyday details of our work and its challenges.
 - Free publications that offer encouragement, gives focus, and provides information.
 - Support and fellowship through local groups, prayer network, training sessions, special events and conferences.



The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel

The ministry of FCAP is carried on by everyday ordinary people throughout the airline workplaces of the world who go to work with an extraordinary calling. The FCAP ministry does not focus on specialized people, nor are we a special interest group focusing on certain issues. We do not have a membership nor are we a club with dues. Rather, FCAP is a fellowship of Christians who identify with one another through a common focus and purpose. And we desire to demonstrate how our faith in Jesus Christ can influence the people and circumstances of our workplace. We are blessed to have both airline and non-airline people who encourage and support this ministry.

Your Next Step:

Check on the FCAP website to see if there is a group in your area, or seek out and connect with other Christians at your workplace. Contact us at the international office for further assistance or click on “Your Next Step” on the website.



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