

Alertness at the Workplace

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A response to pray was of utmost importance to Jesus Christ. His life demonstrated this while He was on earth. At times He even removed Himself for periods of time to pray. This urgency to engage in prayer is found throughout the Bible. In Luke 18:1, Jesus told His followers that they should pray in all things instead of becoming fearful and disheartened. When Jesus faced His greatest earthly trial of being arrested, tried, and crucified, He told His followers: “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

Often people think they need to join a prayer meeting or at least be in the presence of certain people in order to pray. But Jesus calls us to pray at all times. Praying should be as automatic to our spiritual life as breathing is to our physical life. Prayer is more than a devotional or ecclesiastical ritual performed on a scheduled day or at a special location by certain people. It is the privilege of every Christian to talk personally with God, our Heavenly Father, about everything and anything! When we engage in prayer in every situation of life, we declare our dependence on God. We humbly acknowledge in faith our need for Him to guide, to provide, and to sustain us. You, like me, most likely have heard the comment, “Well, at least we can pray.” We should be saying, “We can pray...it’s the most effective thing we can do!” Please know, if you don’t see how praying engages your faith in difficulties you will resort to other, less effective means.

What is your first response when crisis hits your workplace? Have you trained yourself to be alert by first running to God? This is not a suggestion! We are instructed to be alert by praying for the things happening around us.

“With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition....” (Ephesians 6:18)



As you practice this privilege in your workplace, or any place for that matter, you will find peace, stability, strength, hope, wisdom, and guidance even in the most trying situations. God loves to hear our prayers of faith because He wants to be involved in the details of our life. I believe one of the reasons why God allows difficulties in our lives is for us to learn to trust Him and be alert to pray in all things. Rather than seeing prayer as some kind of “magic wand” that will change the circumstances immediately, we can be assured that God will use our prayer to change us and to supply what is needed at the moment. There is so much more that could be said on prayer, but let me urge you to take advantage of this direct “life line” to the One who holds all things in His hands!

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

Do the difficulties of work draw you toward God or away from Him? Why not give some thought to creating a routine in your workday that would remind you to be on the alert to pray in all things. You might want to also consider asking a few coworkers if they would like to meet with you for prayer during a break time or start to exchange prayer requests regularly.

United in Prayer,
The FCAP Staff

(Excerpt from Paul Curtas’ book “When God Shows Up At Work”)

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 and weekly thoughts 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.

OVER TWO MILLION AIRLINE EMPLOYEES IN THE WORLD

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 [“Connect With Us”](#) on the website.



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