



Attitudes Determine Your Altitude

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Your ability to do your job description is based on your skills and aptitude. However, the way you perform those skills is a display of your attitude. Attitude is how you carry out your job. Your job skills may not affect your attitude, but your attitude can definitely affect the way you perform your job skills at work.

Attitudes are something we develop over time. Though they may pop up immediately when triggered by certain things, they are emotional responses we have developed over time. These responses are a result of what we've chosen to believe about someone or something. For example, you may hold a belief that everyone is against you and no one likes you. Whether right or wrong, from this belief you form attitudes toward people that will dictate how you will respond emotionally to them. We also learn attitudes from observing and adapting to the people around us. We learned them from our family upbringing. They also are learned by watching our coworkers respond to the work environment.

Here are a few beliefs about your workplace that can be creating in you bad attitudes while you are at work:

- *My work is spiritually meaningless, and only worth a paycheck to me.* Having this belief will cause me to ignore people and situations around me at work, and display the attitude that I really do not care! so don't bother me. I'm just here to do my job and then go home.
- *My company doesn't care about anything except money.* Well, there could be some truth to this, but holding to this belief as you work will affect your

work performance, and even be detrimental to it. So should you just let it slide and forget about it? No! Instead, as Christians we hold to a belief about work that gives us a greater reason and motivation in how we do our work, and even greater than the company incentive of benefits and pay. We are told to do our

work wholeheartedly as unto Christ because it is Christ whom we serve (Colossians 3:22-24).

- *Everyone is out for themselves, so why should I care about anyone except me?* With today's problems in the workplace, this belief can be like a subtle undetected virus that spreads and permeates many a workplace. You can be blinded by it. Sometimes you may try to

disguise this by defending and promoting issues that look important or spiritual, but actually you are defending your self interest. God places great importance on your considering the interest of others as well as your own. (Philippians 2:2-4).

Attitudes can affect our work and our relationships at work. So, why not take an inventory of the prevailing attitudes around you at work? Then ask how you entertain them in your own life. You should evaluate the beliefs that form them. Lastly, but most important of all, learn God's truth, which lays the right foundation for building healthy attitudes for work and life. Jesus said in John 8:32 that knowing the truth will set you free. (PMC)

Still climbing,
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.

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 “Your Next Step” on the website.



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