

IN THE JETSTREAM



Checklist for the New Year...

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The beginning of the New Year is often a time when people make resolutions that bring promises and mottos into the New Year. I would like to offer a different approach to the New Year. Because the workplace thrives on checklists...here is a checklist that focuses on attitudes and actions needed daily in our workplace.

- Remember...God is in control whether we see it or not. Though we may not exactly know what God is up to, we are told that He is up to something that will ultimately work out for good. This means...sometimes the crisis before us is actually a door in disguise, and it could be used to direct our life in a different way.
- Remember...only God's resources allow us to live life to the fullest. We tend to look for ideal circumstances in our work environment in hopes they will bring fulfillment and contentment to our work. God did not promise us heaven here on earth...that is something we look forward to. Even if your company could provide you financial security, it cannot provide you the peace, hope and contentment, which are absolutely essential for enjoying life to its full potential...regardless of what we have or don't have. It is only within God's power to give anyone the ability to enjoy things. (Ecclesiastes 2:25; Psalm 145:16)
- Remember...don't be driven by the wrong around you, instead work by what you know is right to do. Way too often we get caught in a pattern of reacting to the wrong things around us. Why not daily go to work with the resolve that you first of all desire to respond by what you know is right, honorable and



kind to do, even when the situation is all but this. God is not so much interested in our comprehension of adversity, as He is in our response to it. Though He wants us to gain understanding through difficulties, we sometimes get stuck trying to analyze them, when the best thing, at the time, would be to respond by doing what is right. Doing so can prevent us from becoming bitter and cynical.

- Remember... God has promised to take care of us. God has not promised to give us all our wants in life, but all our needs. There is a difference! There are those in affluent cultures who have tried to prescribe such false concepts about God...that He will fulfill your every dream. Such false notions fix our hope on getting what we want and not on God who has promised to supply us all our needs (Philippians 4:19).
 - Lastly, remember...God enjoys when we seek Him out in the midst of our workday. We are told (Hebrews 11:6) that He actually rewards those who diligently seek Him in faith. This is more than a one time weekly exercise of paying tribute to God. It is daily taking steps of faith to call on Him in prayer in the midst of my troubles and stresses at work. God loves when we run to Him in our needs. He is a God who meets us in our weaknesses, and calms us in our distresses.
- Why not make it your ambition this year to seek God daily in the details of your workday. If you do, you will look back at the end of this year with great joy...for God enjoys rewarding those who seek Him.(PMC)

Looking ahead,
The FCAP Staff

Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel

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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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