

# IN THE JETSTREAM



## God's Checkpoint Scanning

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Just imagine for a moment that every time you go to work there is a special checkpoint you were required to go through. This checkpoint has an unusual x-ray scanning machine that can detect any harmful thoughts, attitudes, and intentions in you that could be detrimental to your work and to the people at work. How often do you think you would set off the warning alarm?

The airport security scanning machines are there for the purpose of revealing any hidden items that could be used as weapons to hurt people. Using this analogy...we need to have a spiritual scanning on a regular basis, because sometimes we enter work with hidden thoughts and attitudes that are hurtful. If not detected they become like concealed weapons in our heart and mind. The ammunition comes out in the form of words and gestures that are released when we feel we should retaliate, or when we want to be judgmental of a person. Maybe you have been hurt by a co-worker's comments or their mistreating you. Maybe a company decision has turned you bitter, and you become resentful. If such thoughts are not revealed and dealt with, we will walk into situations at work loaded with arsenal of words and attitudes that can create and escalate conflict.

God gives us in His Word the process of dealing with the sins in our thoughts. First, He tells us we should be willing to be examined. Scanning ourselves doesn't work, rather we first need to ask God to search our hearts and reveal any and all ideas, thoughts and attitudes that are detrimental to having a sound mind and heart. Because God knows every thought and intent of our heart, He is the only one who can properly scan it. His goal in doing so is to change what is going on inside by transforming

our mind and heart. Next, He tells us to take captive or capture these thoughts, by submitting ourselves to His directions and His will in life. God is not just interested in revealing our wrong thoughts and attitudes, He wants to correct our thinking. So He gives us further instructions about this. After we recognize and take captive our wrong thoughts by submitting to Him, He asks us to replace such thinking by renewing our mind with His thoughts. This is not simply an exercise in positive thinking, where we are told to think optimistic thoughts about something that is wrong. God's replacement principle means we approach difficult people and circumstances His way. So, instead of constantly thinking how bad they are, we learn to think about how we can

put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (Colossians 3:12-13) in our dealing with them. This is God's way, and it starts by our willingness to have Him regularly examine our hearts and mind.

*Search me, O God, and know my heart! Test me and reveal my thoughts to see if there is any hurtful ways in me. (Psalm 139:23-24)*

So, the next time you see a security checkpoint with scanners, let it be a reminder for you to take a moment and ask God to examine your heart and bring to light what needs to change inside. God's checkpoints and spiritual scanning is done because of His great love and mercy toward us. His purpose in revealing our hidden items is ultimately to change us for the better. (PMC)

Under His Care,  
The FCAP Staff



# 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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