

IN THE JETSTREAM



Who's Watching Anyway?

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There is a natural tendency in all of us which sometimes shows up in our work. We will go out of our way to do our best when the “right” people in the company are watching us. We may catch ourselves becoming more polite and even showing how enthusiastic we are about our work. By nature our heart can be quite crafty when it comes to impressing those around us. We look to seize opportunities that give us an edge and make us look our best. Of course, we do all this to draw attention to ourselves. When we incorporate such tactics in our work, we often do so to give the impression that we do our work in a certain way...when, actually, we may not. Some people try to offset their careless attitude about work by doing occasional commendable work, more like random acts. For a Christian to do her or his work in this way reveals conflicting beliefs and deeper personal issues. It could be that they don't understand God's purpose and interest in their work. Maybe they think that God just doesn't care about their secular job, so why should they give it so much attention and concern? But, actually the opposite is true according to God and His Word. As Christians we should have a different view about work, because we understand how important our work is to God and that we take His presence and display it at our workplace.

Christian employees in the first century (AD), most of whom were slaves, understood God's view of work. The government (the Roman culture) of their day had rejected God's design of work, distorting the view of work and creating an oppressive work environment. God instructed Christians to do their work wholeheartedly as unto to Him and not merely for humans. Work should be done sincerely from the heart instead of it just being a duty

and outward performance. God showed them, and us, that our work comes from a “higher calling” and not merely from our employer. When my work performance is based on this motivation, the results will make all the difference.

“Obey your earthly masters...with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man.” (Ephesians 6:5-7)



God evaluates true success in our jobs, not so much by what we gain from it or how people acknowledge or reward us for it. God's appraisal is based on how we see ourselves performing our jobs before Him and unto Him...as if no one else was watching. When we

do our work in this manner, we will be an exceptional asset to our company. But even more so, we will be a spectacle of the Lord, the designer of work!

Nowadays companies are spending more time and money to find new ways of monitoring their employees and their use of time while on the job. Why? Because when people know they are being watched at work, they tend to be more conscious of doing their job right. They will also be more hesitant in doing wrong things, like steal from the company. This speaks of something all of us humans have in common...we do better when we know someone is watching us. However, for Christians the meaning of being watched by God reminds us that **He takes pleasure in our work!** (PMC)

In His Presence,
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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