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VIEWING LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF GOD'S TRUTH

A simple droplet of water placed under a microscope can be revealing. To the untrained eye, it may appear very beautiful. To the trained eye, the same droplet of water containing many organisms, may reveal the cause of an epidemic. This same drop of water can reveal vastly different perspectives.

Likewise, sin can be viewed in a similar way. Sin disguises itself so attractively, like a beautiful drop of water, that we are lulled into thinking that it cannot really harm us. Those in God's Word know how sin relentlessly tangles our lives. We must recognize it for what it is. Sin can creep into our lives when and where we least expect it.

OBSERVING LIFE AROUND US

To the untrained eyes of the disciples, Jerusalem was beautiful. Jesus saw, in the same city, a sight that left Him heartbroken. The twelve disciples did not see the greedy traders and a religion so corrupt as to make a poor widow casting her two mites into the treasury in pious simplicity a rare and pleasing exception. The disciples thought only of the present. Jesus sees an approaching and fearful doom.

Today as we observe life around us, sin is running rampant and becoming the norm. Relationships, politics, abortion, TV, films and commercials are desensitizing us as sin is displayed ever-so subliminally.

STANDING FIRM IN GOD'S TRUTH

In our daily walk, be it in the home, in the workplace or even in our own churches, we need to know how to discern the signs of the times. We must stand firm following God's truths despite the criticism of the world. Whatever role we play in the workplace for our airline, we are judged by our fellow employees and even the general public whom we serve. Here is an example: An agent known to lead a devotional during lunch break once a week was openly known to cheat the clock. His fellow agents knew and questioned his double standard. Where one person reads the Bible, a hundred people may read you. Our image as Christians at this time in history is vastly different from who Christ is.

Jesus expressed: *"Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah"* (Matthew 16:3-4 NKJ). It is in the three days and three nights where Jonah was swallowed by a great fish that Jesus is referring to.

BECOMING SPIRITUALLY PERCEPTIVE

Train yourself to be spiritually perceptive! Life looks different through the lens of truth. Let your life become a sharp contrast to the forces around us as you lean on God's power and Word to direct us in life's circumstances. Pray that you produce thoughts, actions and attitudes that conform to His ways.

Pray as Paul did for the Ephesians: *"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him....that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe"* (Ephesians 1:17-19 NKJ).

GOD'S LOVE TRIUMPHS

Although circumstances may not always turn out the way we would like them to, we can be comforted by the fact that in the end God's love triumphs over all of the evil schemes of the devil. At the restoration of all things in the world to come, God's plan will be fulfilled on earth as it is in heaven. Our fellowship with our Lord will be unimpeded by doubt, sin or any evil circumstance.

Hold onto all the promises you find in Scripture with a strong faith, knowing:

"...in all things God works for the good of those who love Him." (Romans 8:28 NIV)

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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 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 relationships 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. 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.

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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