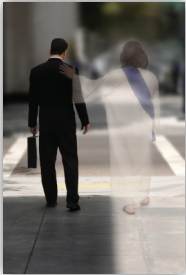


Life Principle Day Four:
The awareness of God's presence energizes us for our work.

Today's Reading
Colossians 3:23-24



Grasping today's life principle from our Scripture reading can revitalize your walk with Christ and change the way you approach your work. Think about the comparison. Most people I know spend 1-4 hours a week with God's people at church...and up to 40-50 hours each week at work. If you limit your awareness of God and His presence to those hours spent at church, you will fail to recognize Him at the workplace. If you understand that God is very much present at work...in fact, that you serve Him while on the job... your attitude and work environment will change. Think about having more joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and self-control in your work place. Isn't that worth pursuing? As you walk with God at work, your attitude and performance may change radically as you hit your stride!

Some time ago, it occurred to me that I had little awareness of my Lord while at work. My heart and the hearts of my colleagues

were heavy because of the lack of sales over the last year and a half. I made a conscious decision to become more aware of God's presence on the job and began to pray for my colleagues, and our work performance. I prayed that we would all live a life in unity with Christ. For 30 days, I prayed for individuals in the company, before, during, and after work. My month long prayer reaped rewards. Our attitudes toward each other and our situation changed. God brought attitudes like joy, patience, kindness, goodness, and self-control to the business. We experienced our most successful month of sales in eighteen months. We had hit our stride. We were doing so well that other stores were contacting our manager, and asking what we were doing right. I told the manager to tell the other store managers we were walking with God.

Walking in stride with God at work won't always be reflected in success, but it will certainly change your attitude!

To listen to Dr. Stanley, click here: http://www.intouch.org/resources/life-principles-to-live-by/content/topic/energized_by_his%20presence_life_principle

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