

## **REAL MOMENTUM Bible Study**

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God has developed a plan and purpose for each person (Jer. 29:11). His plan is to prosper us and give us hope. He equips us to fulfill that plan.

More than 50% of our waking time is spent on average at work with work associates. All God promises apply to work, just as they do at church (i.e. wisdom, strength, guidance).

Work is not a curse, the ground was cursed so we would have to toil in our work (Genesis 3:17), the curse from Adam/Eve was work would more difficult. (Example of Friday)

The fallacy of full-time Christian work. "I didn't know you were in full-time Christian work." Every person following God's plan for their lives are in full-time Christian work. God sees our work as worship. Colossians 3:23-24. See things from an audience of one (God). (Example from work anniversary party)

The model for leadership is Jesus who served others (humbled himself) and gave his life for us. Philippians 2:8

Examine your mindset at work. It should be the same as home or church. Live a blended life, exercising your faith each day in everything you do.

God wants us to be light for him at work, just like home or church. Ambassadors!

Do not wear yourself out to be rich. Don't make money your primary motive for working. Proverbs 23:4

What are some practical ways to be a minister in the marketplace?

- 1) Do you work with excellence as you are working for Jesus.
- 2) Always work from your integrity and honestly with all working associates.
- 3) Ask the Holy Spirit to bring people at work to minister to.
- 4) Keep your spiritual antenna up to pray or help people.
- 5) Pray about all decisions before accepting transfers or promotions.

Some examples from work at Coca-Cola

- Prayed for a lady with cancer (Audrey)
- Prayed for and with people most days. (Before big meetings)
- Prayed for wisdom on projects (Secret weapon)
- Shared the gospel as God opened the door to share. Help those in need.