

Don't we all love the encouragement through the gathering of the saints on a Sunday during service or in a connect group? The knowledge that we are part of something so much bigger, a higher calling, gets us refreshed and re-invigorated to make a difference – to be the difference – to become an active member of the great commission (MATTHEW 18: 19-20).

Then Monday morning comes around ...

How do we fulfil our mission in an environment with strict corporate governance, structured engagement platforms, and a culture where success is the only goal and people are just a means to that end? And yet, it is in this very environment that we are strategically placed by the King to be salt and light in an otherwise dark place.

Constantly the question begs - how do we evangelise and leave the fragrance of Jesus wherever we go, so that people are drawn to Him?

There are 3 ways of acting, that I personally have found to make an impact in opening doors and allowing truth to be spoken:

## 1. Integrity and Excellence

If we want to be believed, our credibility should be unquestionable. Two ways we create credibility are through unwavering integrity in all our actions and deeds (which will show our trustworthiness), and through the consistent delivery of excellence in every task we set out to do. We are working as unto the Lord, so shouldn't all our tasks be done to His standard? (COLOSSIANS 3:23-24)

## 2. Love, Joy, Peace and Contentment

I don't know about your work environment, but in mine, the fruits of the Spirit are clearly not the norm. People set out to achieve at all costs, regardless of who they step on along the way. This is an area where the Lord Himself empowers us to be different through the fruit of His Spirit at work in our lives: peace when there should be anxiety, love when there should be animosity, joy and contentment where discontent and constant striving are the order of the day.

Isn't it wonderful that He Himself provides you with all you need to show the world His difference in our lives? This difference is clear to see when you are operating in the opposite spirit to all those around you.

## 3. Approachable and Available

Work can be a very lonely place. All the hurts hidden away but clearly visible. No one caring or loving enough to step out and support. How was Jesus so impactful in everything He did (other than being the Son of God!)?

He was always approachable and available to the lost and hurting. Are we truly available to our colleagues in their time of need? Are we those that have daily displayed Jesus in a way that we are the very first people that those in need engage with for comfort, support and hope?

Be encouraged! You are all equipped with His Spirit to empower you to be His hands and feet wherever you are. Ask Him today to change you so that wherever you walk, you leave the beautiful fragrance of Jesus in your wake, so that more may be drawn to get to know Him.

Be different, be like Jesus!!