

ROOTED DEEP IN CHRIST: FAITHFULNESS IN THE WORKPLACE

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Day 1: Carrying His Name Into Every Room

Reading: Colossians 3:22-24

Devotional: Before you speak a single word about your faith, your presence in any room is already communicating something. Paul's instruction to work sincerely, as though Christ Himself is watching, strips away the performance we put on for supervisors and replaces it with something far more stable: a heart oriented toward God. The question is not whether your coworkers will notice how you work. They will. The question is what they will conclude. When your effort remains consistent whether anyone is watching, you are not simply demonstrating good character. You are making an argument for the reality of Christ in your life. Today, before you begin any task, ask yourself whose approval you are working toward.

Day 2: Integrity When No One Would Know

Reading: Proverbs 11:3; Genesis 39:7-9

Devotional: Joseph's response to temptation in Potiphar's house reveals the true source of his integrity. He did not calculate the odds of being discovered. He did not weigh the personal cost of saying no. His first and deepest concern was whether his action would grieve God. That is the mark of a person whose roots have gone down into something that external pressure cannot reach. Proverbs 11:3 teaches that integrity functions as an internal compass, guiding the upright even when no external accountability exists. The shortcuts available to us at work will always appear when no one is watching. In those moments, integrity quietly asks the question Joseph asked: how can I do this and sin against God?

Day 3: Excellence Without Idolatry

Reading: Ecclesiastes 9:10; Matthew 11:28-30

Devotional: Solomon's call to work with all your might is not a call to exhaustion. It is a call to presence, to bringing your full attention and honest effort to whatever task God has placed in your hands. There is a critical difference between biblical excellence and perfectionism. Perfectionism roots your worth in flawless performance. Biblical excellence roots your worth in Christ and then offers Him your genuine best. Jesus, who spent years in a craftsman's trade before His public ministry, understood honest labor. He also understood the necessity of rest and withdrawal. A life rooted in Christ can work diligently without making work an idol, because the worker's identity does not depend on the outcome of the work.

Day 4: Making the Gospel Attractive

Reading: Titus 2:9-10; Matthew 5:14-16

Devotional: Paul uses a remarkable word in Titus 2:10. He says our conduct should adorn the Gospel. To adorn something is to make it beautiful, to present it in a way that draws people toward it rather than away from it. Every believer is either making the Gospel attractive to the people

around them through the ordinary details of daily life. The way you respond when corrected, the way you speak about colleagues who are not in the room, the way you handle a mistake, the way you treat someone who cannot advance your career. These are all items that are either adorning or obscuring the message you claim to believe. Before the words of the Gospel are heard, its character must first be seen.

Day 5: Rooted to Be Sent

Reading: Colossians 2:6-7; Acts 1:8

Devotional: The entire logic of being rooted in Christ is that rootedness produces fruitfulness in the places where we are sent. Paul's image in Colossians 2:6-7 is not of a tree that grows roots to remain stationary. It is of a tree whose deep roots make it capable of bearing fruit in every season. The church gathers on Sunday to be strengthened and reminded of whose we are. Then it scatters on Monday to live out that identity in homes, offices, classrooms, hospitals, and neighborhoods. You have not been hidden inside the walls of a church building. You have been strategically placed by God in a specific location among specific people who need to encounter the hope that is in you. Your workplace is not a distraction from your calling. It may be the very center of it.