

Seven Pillars of Faith at Work: Relationship

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Executive Summary

HOW DO I ABIDE WITH GOD AT WORK?

Scripture: - *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* **John 15:5**

Definition: a-bide - remain

Why don't we abide with God at work:

1. Fear?
2. Don't think about it?
3. Busyness?
4. Cost your job?
5. Guilt?
6. Others?

How do we abide with God in our work:

#1 – Decide to Abide!

I've learned from experience that we have to be intentional about living your RELATIONSHIP with GOD at work!.

My Utmost For His Highest – Oswald Chambers - June 14

Think of the things that take you out of the position of abiding in Christ. You say, "Yes, Lord, just a minute ... I still have this to do. Yes, I will abide as soon as this is finished, or as soon as this week is over. It will be all right, Lord. I will abide then." Get moving— begin to abide now. In the initial stages it will be a continual effort to abide, but as you continue, it will become so much a part of your life that you will abide in Him without any conscious effort.

#2 – Let Go and Let God

Work is the LAST thing we want to let go of!

From day one, we are "trained" to own our work and our careers.

- 12 – 24 years of school preparing for our career.
- We are hardwired to own it!

But read this powerful promise in Proverbs 3:5-6:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart (not just 80%) and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

- So, when the busyness of your work turns into anxiety,
- Or, when you are feeling incredible pressure from your customer,
- Or, when temptations creep in to compromise your integrity,
- Or, when you receive some very bad news...

...you can know that in the heat of the moment you are not alone!

- That if you *"trust in the Lord ... He will make your paths straight!"*

#3 – The Result ? Finding Peace in the Chaos

I truly believe that God wants us to find His peace in the middle of our chaos.

PEACE is difficult to describe. But when you get to that place with your faith, where you are trying to rely on God throughout your day, wisdom begins to sneak up on you.

- You respond to people at work differently
- You seem to make better decisions
- You begin to see the positive in otherwise negative situations
- You become more grateful and thankful for your co-workers, your wins,

Jesus said something so powerful in Philippians 4:7:

⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

“HOW TO” TIPS:

1. Morning Bible reading/prayer - include your work!
2. Wear wrist band as reminder to "think God".
3. Meet weekly with trusted co-workers to discuss/pray for work.
4. Ask God for his peace in your work. Start watching for it.
5. The privacy of the bathroom makes an awesome prayer room!
6. Over lunch, fast and serve in a food kitchen or homeless shelter.
7. Be intentional with Seven Pillars of Faith at Work.

RESOURCES:

- ❖ Book - My Utmost For His Highest - Oswald Chambers (daily devotional)
- ❖ Blog - www.fromsundaytomonday.org (blogging on Relationship this month)
- ❖ Website - www.workmatters.org (Executive Summary, Podcast, Video, "Relationship" resources)