



Workplace Spirituality

Workplace spirituality refers to the ways we express our spirituality at work, both for personal support and in making ethical, just decisions.

Good self evaluation: Are we are undependable in showing up for work? If we are frequently late? If we do lousy work? If we steal/pilfer from our employer? If we only do the things that will bring us to the attention of someone who can promote us or do favors for us? What if we are the supervisor and we show favoritism? If we place unreasonable demands on our workers? If we do not recognize those who work hard? If we spend work hours accomplishing personal things at the expense of our employer?

- Luke 3:12 Jesus tells tax collectors and soldiers to refrain from the unethical and sinful practices of the unbelievers; to conduct themselves in a proper manner.
- Philippians 2:1-4 This passage continues with specific instructions for Christians to look out for the interests of others. We will find in other passages this also applies to those we work for.
- Romans 2:17-24 God tells us we cannot practice what we tell others not to do; otherwise, we turn them away from Christ and the Church. Thus, we cannot practice unethical and sinful things in our work because we will bring shame on Christ and the Church.
- Luke 6:31-38 God tells us to treat others (even non-Christians, even our enemies) as we would like to be treated.
- Colossians 3:22-25, 4:1 This passage tells us to work heartily with the expectation.
- I Peter 2:18-25 Here we are given specific instructions about how we are to work for someone who is unreasonable and/or unfair.

A simple test to determine if we should or should not do something at work is: If I were the owner of the company or the person responsible for task accomplishment would I want this to happen? How would I feel about it? If I were working for me, would I feel my expectations are realistic and fair (not necessarily liked!) **The ultimate test is:** Would God be proud of my work and my attitude toward work?

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Special points of interest:

- * 15 day lent starts Aug 1st
- * Trans-Figuration Aug 6th
- * Ascension of St. Mary Aug 15th



A GOOD EXCUSE

Everybody has a good excuse for not attending church. If you take those excuses and apply them to other things we do (or don't do), like eating, they might look like this list:

1. I was forced to eat as a child.
2. People who eat all the time are hypocrites; they aren't really hungry.

3. There are so many different kinds of food, I can't decide what to eat.
4. I used to eat, but I got bored and stopped.
5. I only eat on special occasions, like Christmas and Easter.
6. None of my friends will eat with me.

7. I'll start eating when I get older.
8. I don't really have time to eat.
9. I don't believe that eating does anybody any good. It's just a crutch.
10. Restaurants and grocery stores are only after your money.

<http://www.crosswalk.com/fun/>

CALENDAR

Young Adult Meeting:
Call and coordinate Mr. Kirk Edwards for next meeting.

Martha Mariam Samajam: Meeting will be held at Church on Sunday Aug 12th and 19th .

Sunday School:
Friday, August 3rd to 5th: OVBS 2007

Choir Practice:
Carol/Choir practice every Sunday after Mass.

Prayer meeting:
Please call and coordinate with Mrs. Aleyamma Mathew to host monthly Zonal prayer meeting at your residence.

We're on the Web !
<http://stthomasla.com>

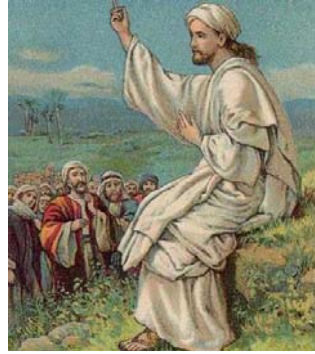


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TEACHINGS OF JESUS



taught them many things.

Jesus' Teachings are in Matthew, chapters 5, 6, and 7.

Once he taught on a mountainside near the Sea of Galilee. He told people how they should live so that they would be happy and pleasing to God.

He told them to be peacemakers; they would be called the children of God. He told them to love their enemies, and to do good to people who hated them. They were to pray for people who mistreated them.

Crowds of people came to Jesus to hear him teach. Sometimes he performed miracles and they knew he came from God. He

He said they were to be like salt, like a city on a hill and like a light that would light the way for others. His followers were to be a good influence on others and try to get other people to do the right thing. He wanted people to share with others out of love for them. "Do not judge others", he told them. "And don't worry about things. God will take care of you."

The Importance of Children Mark 10:13-16

Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me painted by Julius Schmid-Exhibited at the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893. Jesus loved children. No matter how tired he was, he liked to have the children at his side. One day a group of mothers brought their children to Jesus, to be blessed by him.



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WHAT DOES JESUS' TEACHINGS MEAN TO ME?

His disciples thought Jesus was too busy to be bothered by the children, so they were sending the children away.

Jesus stopped them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." And he put his hands on them and blessed them.

Jesus loved children and valued them highly. He taught that people should become like children. In what ways should they become as children?

Children trust their parents and are dependent on them. We should trust God and depend on Him for our needs. We need to remain pure in our thoughts and motives as children. Children do not hold a grudge and remember wrongs. They are quick to forgive and forget.

If you are a child, try to keep these child-

like qualities as you grow up.

Memory Verse

Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of God .

Mark 10:14

..... reported from www.gardenofpraise.com/bibl21s.htm

