

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



Does God Fit In My Briefcase?

It was a clear day in Washington. My office at the Department of Homeland Security Office of Procurement Operations was busy as usual. Employees popped in and out of my office as I tried to prepare for a meeting later in the day.

In a moment, everything changed. The whole building began to shake. I got up from my chair and walked into the hallway. The employee in the next office was a diminutive lady who had become quite animated. “Dave, what’s happening?”

“It feels like it might be an earthquake,” I said, without a lot of conviction. My mind went first to terrorist attack or perhaps a big nuclear bomb aimed at the Capitol.

“I don’t want to be alone,” Misha said.

“Come in my office. You can get under the credenza and I will get under the desk in case something falls from the ceiling.”

As we crawled under the office furniture, I began a simple prayer that God would protect us and help us find out what was happening. After a minute or so, the rumbling stopped. The electricity in our building went off, but the windows produced enough light to see that we were unharmed and the office was intact.

We emerged from our hiding places and checked on the other people in our group. Soon, everyone was filing down the staircase. Some people were very scared and wanted to hurry down the stairs. Others encouraged everyone to remain calm.

On that day, I was glad that I brought God to work with me. In times of uncertainty, those around us need our faith. We must be prepared.

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KEY VERSE
Colossians 3:23-24

“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.” NKJV

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Colossians 3:23-24

Introduction

What has been your personal experience regarding faith in the workplace?

This passage says we should whole heartedly perform our work for the Lord. What impact would this have on your work if you adopted this attitude in your workplace?

Tuesday: Matthew 5:13-16

Light in the Workplace

Many Christians experience pressure to not practice their faith in the workplace. What is your experience?

What are some ways that you can stand out for God in the marketplace?

Wednesday: Genesis 2:8-15; 2:1-4

God Created Work and Rest

God created work and then called all of His creation good. In what way is work good?

What are some ways you can carve out time in your schedule to rest and reflect upon God?

Thursday: Genesis 3:17-19; 1 John 4:7-11

Life and Work are Difficult

In what ways is your work difficult?

Romans 13:1 claims that God set up the authorities in our lives. How should this knowledge affect our attitudes toward our earthly bosses?

How can love help us when dealing with our bosses and co-workers?

Friday: Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Peter 3:15

Heavenly Investments

What are some ways you can lay up treasure in heaven while earning your paycheck on earth?

Have you taken the advice of 1 Peter 3:15 to share the hope in your heart with a co-worker? If so, tell us about the experience and how it worked out.