

## 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

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**Taking God To Work**  
The Keys To Lasting Success

GROWTH GUIDE

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## Temptations In A Modern, Diverse Culture

Human beings are prone to fear. Perhaps one of the major drivers that energizes the world of business is fear. Whether it is fear that the individual will lose a job or the company will cease to exist. Fear motivates so much of what happens within the four walls of a business. Government organizations are far from exempt. Without the profit motive, Government organizations thrive on survival instincts. Take no chances. Don't get in trouble. Avoid anything remotely risky.

Heaven's economy is the opposite of fear-based. It is faith-based. Jesus put it this way: "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?" (Matthew 6:30). If we want to follow Jesus at work, we have to conquer fear. Easier said than done? Sure, but not impossible with God.

The key is love. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love" (1 John 4:18). We have to think about, meditate on and immerse ourselves in God's love for us. Think that through. The Creator of the whole Universe loves you. He considers your life, your problems, your workplace. Is there any thought more awesome? No matter where you go or what you do, God is watching over you.

When the temptation to fear strikes, remember whose you are and God's great love for you. In the end, you will not be defeated as long as you trust in the Lord.

When our fear is activated, it is easy to revert to survival mechanisms that tell us to fight or run away. As Christians, our goal is to emulate the one we serve, Jesus. Remember that we are not warring against people. "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12). Once we get that perspective, it should bring us to our knees in prayer. There is no way to win a spiritual war exclusively in the flesh. Our calling is to bring God's light, His Word and His power into the conflict by praying Jesus into every situation. His presence with us is pure love. That love will cast out fear.

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## KEY VERSE

1 Corinthians 10:13

*“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.” NKJV*

## WEEKLY READINGS

### Monday: 1 Corinthians 10:13

#### Introduction

1. What are your biggest temptations at work?
2. How does God promise to help us with temptation?

### Tuesday: 1 John 4:17–19

#### Perfect Love Drives Out Fear

3. Do you see examples of fear in your workplace? If so, what are they?
4. Have you seen examples of the promise of 1 John 4:18, perfect love casting out fear? How have you applied the principle of using love to dispel fear at work?

### Wednesday: Matthew 6:25-34

#### Worry in the Workplace

5. In what ways has God taken care of you at work?
6. What specific situations require the most faith at your workplace?
7. How can faith help you conquer fears that hinder your performance at work?

### Thursday: Genesis 39:7-12

#### Dealing with Sexual Temptation in the Workplace

8. What was Joseph’s response to the sexual advances of Potiphar’s wife?
9. How can a relationship with God help us resist temptation in the workplace?
10. What are some practical steps we can take to practice purity in the workplace?

### Friday: John 15:1-8; Psalm 121

#### Our Help Comes From the Lord

11. Abiding in Christ is the key to producing spiritual fruit at work. In what ways do you prepare yourself to abide in Christ at work?
12. How can abiding in Christ help you deal with temptations at work?
13. Do you sense God’s presence at your workplace?
14. When you lift up your eyes to heaven, how have you seen God’s larger plan for you and your workplace?