

I Don't Care Enough to Pray

Effective leaders develop their teams across broad skill sets. Unfortunately, the spiritual development of a team is often neglected by leaders of work teams.

Is the spiritual development taboo at work? Is it not politically correct to encourage faith? Are we concerned about HR issues?

Perhaps the problem with faith in the workplace is similar to the problem with faith in churches.

It seems to me that faith crises are issues of complacency. Too often, leaders are aware of hurting team members but fail to address a problem because of work priorities.

Complacency is a dangerous walking companion. The battle cry of this walk is "I just don't care."

Survey research probably couldn't uncover the reason leaders don't care about their team's spiritual development but spiritual complacency is a clear marker of independence from God.

If we don't care, we must be satisfied with our progress. It's easy to be satisfied with the way things have become.

"For the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the prosperity of fools will destroy them." (Proverbs 1:32, MEV).

Do you demonstrate complacency about spiritual matter?

May I suggest a one-point action plan?

1. Offer prayer.

Make it clear to your team that you make prayer a priority. Encourage your team to seek the Lord in your

workplace.

Aren't you glad Jesus wasn't complacent?

Prayer creates care.

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Today's Scripture

"Now I ask you, brothers, through the Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf" (Rom. 15:30).

Platform Tip No. 80

One of my jobs while growing up was to go out to the driveway and retrieve our daily newspaper.

I remember asking my mom why we got a newspaper every day. The

answer seems obvious now. Someone in our household needed to read the daily news. It was OK because I wanted the Cardinals' box score.

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