

What If Jesus Was Your Boss?

Once as I sat on a 737 getting ready to leave the gate at the airport, my window seat looked directly down at the luggage loading area. A large tractor had pulled the string of carts up to a long conveyor belt that ran into the belly of the plane. A worker (I will call him "Larry the luggage guy") stood with a scanner in his hand. As his "helper luggage guy" placed each piece of luggage on the belt that was slowly moving into the plane, "Larry" electronically scanned the tag that had been placed on the suitcase at check-in.

Wow, I thought. What a great way to keep track of our bags. A bag is placed on the belt, scanned and moves up the conveyor. Next bag ... scanned ... up the conveyor. Bag after bag. Someone had actually created a marvelous system to prevent "lost" luggage (the airlines will always tell you it is **not** lost; they just do not know exactly where it is).

Suddenly, someone else standing at another vehicle hollered for "Larry." He was laughing about something. Larry *laid his scanner down* and walked over to Mr. Comedian. "Helper" guy seemed to not even notice. He just continued to dutifully place the bags on the belt that was *still moving* into the plane. Bag after bag was moving up the conveyer belt, but NOT being scanned.

Several minutes later, “Larry” walked back over, picked up the scanner, and started back in like nothing had happened. Only now, about every third bag, he would turn around to his *not so funny* friend and laugh again—and miss a bag.

While I was stunned at the “I couldn’t care less” attitude shown by “Larry,” at least now I knew why several years ago, my wife and I landed in Aruba at precisely the same time that our suitcase landed in Detroit. “Larry the luggage guy” must have been on duty that day.

The wisest man who ever lived, Solomon, instructed us in Ecclesiastes 9:10, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it *with all your might*” (NIV, emphasis added). In Colossians chapter 3, the great apostle Paul admonishes believers: “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, **as for the Lord** rather than for men ... *It is the Lord Christ whom you serve*” (vv. 23-24, NASB, emphasis added). Now, there is a work ethic that should be posted in every work place in America. You are working *not for a boss, but for the Lord Jesus Christ*.

What would happen if *everything* we did—every day—we did as if Jesus was standing there, and *He* was the one who had given us a task to perform? Would we approach the job differently? Would we be watching the clock so we could “punch out,” or count the days with a TGIF attitude? Probably not.

A few years ago I was with the best-selling author Andy Andrews,

who said, "I believe that *everything* we do matters." Check out that attitude. No matter what you are doing every day, it matters. No job is "moderately" important.

For those of us who call ourselves *Christians*, every minute of every day should be lived with the mental concept that everything we do matters to *Him*, and we are simply living every day to please Him. We should realize that all of our positions—whether leadership, staff or even the janitor—make a difference in the kingdom of God.

This week as you journey in your Christ walk, determine to have a new attitude. Have a "can-do" attitude. Have an "I work for Jesus" attitude. Decide that you will not do your job to just "get by" and receive a paycheck. Work as if it matters—because it does. Work as if you are important—because you are. Work as if Jesus was standing and watching—because He is.

If you can develop this mental thought pattern, you can "whistle while you work." Your job will never be drudgery. The days will fly by. Your soul will be light. You will have a smile on your face. Your heart will have a song in it. And what you do, while you may not see it, will matter to *Him*—and ultimately to the kingdom of God. I promise.

PRAYER POWER FOR THE WEEK OF 4/16/2012

This week as you approach His throne of grace, begin by thanking Him for Who He is and for giving you both natural and

spiritual life.

Recognize that you belong to Him by creation and redemption and verbally

express your love and gratitude for every breath you take and every opportunity

to serve Him—whether in the workplace, home, church, school or community.

Continue to remember Israel, the Middle East and the persecuted church this

week. Pray for unity in the Body of Christ that we may be one as Jesus prayed

and usher in revival across our nation. Pray for the upcoming elections and ask the Lord to show you

how He wants you to serve Him and use you as an instrument of love that

transcends race, gender and cultural differences. Col. 3:23-24

To enrich your prayer

life and learn how to strategically pray with power by using appropriate

scriptures, we recommend the following sources by Apostle John Eckhardt: Prayers that Rout Demons, Prayers that Bring Healing, Prayers that Release Heaven on Earth and Prayers that Break

Curses. To order any or all of these [click here](#).