



WORKPLACE WISDOM

Wisdom for Everyday Living

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Wisdom For Everyday Living

The first question most people ask is “Would God allow me to work for a difficult boss?” Or “Would God allow me or want me to say in an uncomfortable situation?” The answer is, yes, He very well might.

Too many times Christians run from hard situations saying that this can't be God. God won't allow His child to go through all this junk. His ways are easy, and his burden is light. To quote the scripture correctly – it says, “His Yoke is easy and His burden is Light”. This is referring to the blessing that comes from being a believer. We no longer have to worry about all life trials and troubles, sickness and diseases, we could lay those burdens down and take up the redemptive cross of Jesus.

OK, now that you've breathed that deep painful sigh of “I don't know how much more of this I could take,” let's look at individuals who had a hard time with this also.

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Rescinding of Contracts

(Genesis 29:18-28)

Jacob served seven years for Rachel and at the end of seven years he gets her sister Leah. This was not the original agreement, she was not the one he wanted, she was the lesser valued package deal, and he had to serve seven additional years to get what he had asked for in the first place.

This happens more often than we can count, especially in the times we live in. In the early 2000s, when many of the Internet companies crashed, and later on, many of the larger organizations also fell, (such as Enron, WorldCom, Arthur Anderson, and Lehman Brothers to name a few), many contracts/promises were broken (i.e. 401 K, and other retirement packages). Like Jacob, many of us worked for many years hoping at the end of our time we would receive what was promised to us, but we were left disappointed.

Workplace Wisdom Rescinding of Contracts

In some of these cases, many had no other choice but to leave because they received a pink slip. In other cases, many were left behind to help pick up the pieces. Staying in a company that has gone through major changes like this, can be very heart wrenching. To start, the work morale is very low, the stress level is very high, and your job security is not certain, all making it – “between a rock and a hard place situation”.

Prayer is the answer. God will give grace in both situations.

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Sexual Harassment

(Genesis 39:7-20)

Joseph stood his ground. He responded to his harasser (Potiphar's wife) with his Godly values and conviction. He continued working unto the Lord, and when the situation became dangerous he fled.

He used Godly wisdom. He knew that telling his boss would not resolve the issue, after all his boss was his harasser's husband. Joseph did all that he could do to stop the advances. He was a slave, and the person doing the harassing was of higher command than he was. There were no review boards or committees to settle this matter. The only way it could be settled is if Joseph could reason with Potiphar's wife. When that did not work after many efforts Joseph had to flee the situation so as to avoid putting himself in a compromising situation.

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Sexual Harassment

Sexual Harassment is one of the more stickier work related situations. There are company guidelines that one could follow to get the proper recourse to this matter. Also, one should pray for guidance, and Godly wisdom, God will reveal the best approach for you to follow in this situation.

The recourse that Joseph faced for his obedience to the Word of God was initially not what he thought it was going to be. Years in prison isn't fun. Sometimes, taking the Godly stand on certain issues may lead you into hot water. That's why it is very important to pray and ask God for his direction as to how to handle the matter. Once you believe that you have His direction – GO, and let the chips fall where they may. Trust God to deliver you out of the situation, whatever the initial outcome, know that your end is blessed.

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Unfavorable Working Conditions

(Exodus 3:7)...the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people, which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by the reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows.

(James 5:4) Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

We can rest assured that God knows exactly what we are going through at our workplace. He hears our cries and our sorrow, which have been caused by unfair bosses. Continue doing what is right and the situation will turn around. Harbor no evil against the person/persons who is/are doing you wrong, but instead pray for them. Pray for those that despitefully use you (Luke 6:28), and the Lord God will eventually bring victory your way.

Workplace Wisdom Unfavorable Working Conditions

Not always will we understand why God does things differently to what only our finite minds can comprehend. It's like playing as children where one person blindfolds the other and then tries to guide that person to the goal. We just have to trust Him and know He is working it out for our good (Romans 8:28).

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Work Responsibilities that are Not Godly

(Daniel 1:8-16) Three Hebrew young men protested about the food they were given to eat, saying that it would defile their faith. They stood up for what they believed and they got a favorable outcome – they got to eat their choice of food.

There are times that we will be called upon to do something that is ok to do by world standards, but goes against Godly principles. What would you do?

- ■ You can take the stance of the Hebrew boys, who refused to defile themselves with the Kings meat.
- ■ You can work toward implementing a change.
- ■ You can meet individuals half way

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There are individuals who would envy the fact that everything is going your way. You seem to have favor with the top brass and your ventures are successful (Daniel 6:3). And they will plot to bring you down (Daniel 6:4-9).

Daniel's response to his accusers was to pray. He continued doing what he had been doing all along, because he knew who was the one fighting his battles (Daniel 6:10).

As a child of God your victory is assured (Daniel 6:16-22), and the Word of God says that your accusers would be put to shame (Daniel 6:24).

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