

Praying for Your Job / Work



Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV) Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

- No matter our job or profession we are called to work as if we are working for God.
- Remember that He is Jehovah-Jireh, the Lord God our Provider.

1. God our Provider

Genesis 22:9-14 (NIV) When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied.

¹² “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”



- Pray and give thanks to God for the job you have.
- Pray for the strength, wisdom, and discernment to work each day as unto the Lord.

2. A New Attitude

- Maybe your current job isn't everything you hoped for or it's just temporary as you work toward your dream job and it's hard to be motivated.

- What can we do?

John 15:4-5 (NIV) Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 14:1 (NIV) “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.



- Pray for the ability to stay focused on Jesus.
- Pray God will help you abide in Christ and be fully committed to Christ so you can produce good fruit.
- Pray for God to remove any troubling thoughts from your heart or mind so your faith in God will continue to grow ever stronger and allow your faith to be reflected in your work.

3. Seeking New Employment

- In the process of seeking a job or new job we need to put our faith to work first.

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV) And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Matthew 6:31–33 (NIV) So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.



- Pray and ask for help to fully rest in the assurance of God’s desire and promise to provide for your needs.
- Pray and ask for help to keep seeking God’s kingdom as your first priority.
- Pray and give thanks, understanding God knows your needs and will provide.

The waiting game

- There is plenty of pressure when it comes to finding a job.

- Sometimes the hardest part is waiting for the call back from a potential employer.

- But God reminds us of the spiritual growth that happens during times of waiting.

Romans 8:28 (NIV) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Proverbs 25:4 (NIV) Remove the dross from the silver, and a silversmith can produce a vessel;



- Pray and submit your mind, heart, and life by fully trusting in God.
- Pray and ask for patience and give God thanks for the good that is yet to come.
- Pray for a humble spirit and teachable heart so we can experience all of God’s goodness even while we wait.

- Give thanks for the difficult times, knowing on the other side of this time of uncertainty, God will not only provide for us but he will produce something in us better than we can imagine.

4. Conflict at Work

- As long as we are around other people there is a good chance conflict will arise.
- Some conflicts are easier to handle than others so let's consider how to handle the difficult conflicts.
- Let's start by asking a few qualifying questions...
 - Is there anger or resentment that needs dealt with?
 - Have we acknowledged our own part in the conflict?
 - Do we need to ask for forgiveness or is there someone we need to forgive?
 - Have we tried to see this conflict from God's perspective?
 - How would God view this conflict?
- From God's perspective who or what is the true enemy in this conflict?

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Matthew 18:18 (NIV) "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.



- Pray for the ability to recognize the real enemy in this conflict.
- Pray and bind, in the name of Jesus, whatever enemy is at work; such as spirits of division, dissension, jealousy, envy, pride, or confusion.

Our Response to Conflict;

Romans 12:18 (NIV) If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:14 (NIV) Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Matthew 5:24 (NIV) "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.



- Pray for the ability to live at peace, as far as it depends on you, with your co-workers.
- Pray for God's blessing and hand to be upon your co-workers.
- Pray for the opportunity and ability to seek reconciliation with your co-workers.

5. Give Thanks

- While we wait and when our prayers are answered always give thanks to God.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (*NIV*) Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



- Pray with a grateful heart and give God thanks and praise for being with you through the job search process.
- Pray and give thanks for the answer to your prayers.
- Pray for God's blessing on your place of employment.
- Pray and ask for faith, strength, courage, and motivation to work as a living testimony of God's goodness, mercy, and love.