

SIGNS THAT I HAVE A WELL-DEVELOPED THEOLOGY OF WORK

I am consciously aware of God's presence everywhere in my workplace. *Ps. 139:8; 46:1*

I realize God knows all the thoughts of myself and my co-workers, and is fully aware of the life, needs and desires of each individual connected with my work. *Luke 8:17; 12:6-7; Ps. 7:9*

I think about the fact that God wants a personal relationship with me at work, and He wants a relationship with all of my co-workers and customers, too. *II Pet. 3:9; I Tim. 2:4; John 3:16*

I communicate with God at work, and I ask Him for wisdom regarding the work I do. *II Tim. 3:16-17; Rom. 1:18-20; James 1:5*

I realize God is all-powerful and there is no problem I face at work that is too difficult for Him. *II Chronicles 16:9; Jer. 32:17*

I think about God's justice being done throughout every aspect of my work. *Ps. 33:5*

I realize God is merciful and He forgives me when I confess my sin, when failing to live up to His standards of conduct at work. *I John 1:9*

I recognize God has given people diversity of gifts and abilities, which He desires to be freely exercised for the benefit of all who are involved in my work, and do what I can to facilitate this. *James 1:17; Eph. 2:10*

I am conscious that God answers prayer on my job. *Luke 11:9-11*

I see God working through other people to accomplish His purposes in and through my work. *Matt. 5:16; John 15:16*

I am conscious that my entire workplace and everything in it was spoken into existence by the Creator's willing choice. *Gen. 1; John. 1:3*

I am conscious that all things in my workplace are continuously sustained by God, held together by Him, moment by moment. *Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 1:2-3*

I realize God's creation in my workplace includes both physical as well as spiritual realities. *Col. 1:16*

I realize God's creation in my workplace includes both temporal as well as eternal realities. *II Cor. 4:18; Col. 1:16-17*

I celebrate the fact that all aspects of God's creation in my workplace speak of His power and rightful authority over all things related to my work. *Rom. 1:18-20*

I understand my workplace is affected by corruption due to sin. I'm not surprised when "bad things" happen. *Gen. 3:17; Rom. 5:12*

I hold on to the truth that my workplace and everything in it has not been forsaken by God, in spite of the Fall. *Gen. 3:21; John 3:17*

I bear in mind that my workplace and everything in it remains God's own possession, and therefore everything in my workplace has great significance to Him. *Ps. 24:1; Ps. 103:19*

I think about the fact that my workplace is a realm God intends for me to steward and govern over well. *Gen. 1:26-28; Ps. 8:4-8*

I realize spiritual forces exist that oppose God everywhere, including in my workplace. *Eph. 6:11-12*

I see my co-workers and customers as all created in the likeness and image of God, and thus having intrinsic value and inherent worth, regardless of their behavior. *Gen. 1:26-28; Gen. 9:6.*

I think about my co-workers being spiritual as well as a physical beings, having both physical and spiritual needs. *Gen. 2:7; Deut. 6:5*

I realize that human pain, suffering, sorrow, and alienation from God are all the result of sin, and none of my co-workers and customers are exempt from these realities. *Rom. 5:12*

I think about the fact that my customers and co-workers can be restored to a right relationship with God through trust in Christ's finished work on the cross, and that the Father wants to reconcile all things to Christ, too—including all my work things. *John 3:14-15, Col. 1:17-20*

I am conscious of the fact that since I am a believer in Christ, and I have the Holy Spirit dwelling within me, He empowers me to live a God-glorifying life in the workplace in all circumstances. *I John. 4:4*

I realize I should be ready to give a reason for the hope that is within me to any co-worker or customer who asks. *I Pet. 3:15*

I remind myself frequently that by God's grace, I can model what it means to be a dedicated follower of Christ by joyfully observing His commands in the context of my daily work. God is my ultimate Employer. I work for Him. *Matt. 28:19-20; Col. 3:23*

I realize God has endowed me, and my co-workers, with special gifts and abilities that can be put to good use in the workplace—where the Lord intended them to be used from the beginning. *Gen. 1:26-28; Matt. 25:21*

I bear in mind daily that the two foremost workplace responsibilities I have are to love the Lord with all my heart, mind and strength, and to love my co-workers and customers as myself. *Matt. 22:36-40*

I think about the fact that I am responsible to God and accountable to Him for all my workplace thoughts and actions. *Heb. 9:27*

I bear in mind that ultimately, God determines all moral order at work, not by my boss, the Board of Directors, or my customers. He is Lord. Nobody else. *Ex. 20:1-3; Deut. 10:12*

I recognize the Bible is God's divinely inspired gift, and His authoritative rule of faith and conduct for my daily life in the workplace. *II Tim. 3:16-17*

I apply the non-optional and non-negotiable moral order of God to every aspect of my work. *Deut. 10:12; Gal. 6:7*

I celebrate genuine freedom as the internal self-control that comes from self-government under God – through the enablement of the Holy Spirit – regardless of my circumstances at work. *Gal. 5*

I remember that to obey God in all work-related things is the most intelligent thing I can do. *Ps. 119:97-99*

I realize that since the Fall, human beings (including myself and every co-worker and customer I come in contact with) have experienced an internal problem with sin – a natural “bent” to go our own way rather than God's way, and to be a law unto ourselves. *Rom. 7:18-19; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:23*

I remember that although I have the God-given *ability* to break His moral laws on the job, I do not have the *right* to break them. *Matt. 4:10*

I remind myself frequently that violation of God's moral order at work results in pain—for the violator and for others. *I Cor. 15:21-22; Rom. 5:12; Ex. 20; Romans 6*

I am aware that through my work, I can treat others as I would want them to treat me. *Matt. 7:12*

I remember that the First Commission God gave to humanity was to rule over all the earth—and that includes my workplace. *Gen. 1:26-28*

I think about the fact that God desires His will to be done in my workplace, as it is in heaven, through my work. *Luke 11:2*

I realize my function as a believer in Christ is to be “salt” and “light” in my workplace. *Matt. 5:13-16*

I celebrate that the real purpose of all work with is found in Christ's purpose for all things, and that good work, done for Him and for His glory, has eternal significance. *Col. 1:16-20; Rev. 4:11; Eph. 2:10; Rev. 21*

I celebrate the fact that there is a God-given purpose for myself as well as for each co-worker and customer I know. *II Pet. 3:9; Eph. 2:10; II Chron. 16:9*

I read the Bible to help me to understand God's plan and purpose for my work. *II Tim. 3:16-17*

I remind myself that Christ's Great Commission to “make disciples” can be fulfilled by me through the work I do on a daily basis. *Matt. 28:18-20*

I bear in mind that by God's grace, He will work through me to bring His light to every sphere of my workplace. *Luke 11:2; Matt. 5:13-16*

