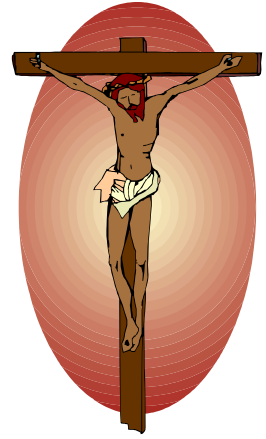


Keeping Jesus Central

Ephesians 6: 7 & Colossians 3:23
"Doing your job with Jesus as the supervisor"

Keeping Jesus Central #7



KJC's: "You Will Have Good News or Very Good News!"

"Sowing the Seed":

I bet every one of us in the work place has used the phrase, "I have some good news.....and I have some bad news, which one do you want first?" This is really a silly statement when you think about it. What news do you think your co-worker or supervisor wants? What type of frame-of-mind does this approach set up for the other person or people? When you enter a conversation offering "bad news" or bringing up a negative, have you considered what the other person is going through at that moment?

I have tried hard, especially since the day I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior, to keep a positive attitude and approach to my conversations. Why? First of all it is difficult to be a "light" if you are viewed as a sarcastic or negative person. Secondly, and most importantly, other people have issues of their own, often much more serious than my "little" day to day issues.

A very close friend of mine brings this subject into perspective. Several months ago he was diagnosed with a potentially serious form of skin cancer. I know for a fact that I was complaining about my job situation to him and the other men in my small group (one of those days I strayed from being a "light"). He then shared his "news" with us. When he explained the diagnosis, all of my "problems" seemed petty. I quickly lost focus on "me" and thought about him. I was also deeply concerned for him, as I lost my father to the same form of cancer several years earlier.

The funny thing was my friend was not worried in the least. Why? Because his faith in Jesus Christ is rock-solid and genuine. He simply told me he would either have "Good News or Very Good News": Either the Holy Spirit would heal his earthly body through His own miraculous powers or through the hands of His physician servants, or he'll leave this earth and enter the presence of his Lord Jesus. He not only received "Good News" after the surgery, as the doctors declared him cancer-free, but he also holds the promise of "Very Good News" to be realized at a date known only by God.

The next time something "bad" arises in your work place or life, think of it as an opportunity to share the glory of God. Meditate on this scripture: Jeremiah 29:11 states "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

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Read the following verse from The Bible:

Exodus 3:1 to 4:17
Jeremiah 29:11
Matthew 6:34
John 1:1
John 14:12
Romans 12:15
1 Corinthians 12:26



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