

# How to be a Godly Employee based on The Ten Commandments

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## This week marks our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday!



- NE Christians At Work was launched at "Congress 2000," New England's annual Christian convention held at Hynes Convention Center in downtown Boston.





- Praise God for this technology! We have a very exciting, diverse group of working Christians on today's webinar.
- God Willing, this is the first of many ongoing POWER LUNCH webinars. We have plenty of content!

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- Let's begin with prayer.

## Why the Ten Commandments?

- In today's diverse workplaces, they are a helpful, multi-cultural, basic blueprint of constructive human attitudes and behavior. They are relevant to a larger number of people than "just" Christians.



## Specific events that led to this topic:

- Fatal 1998 workplace shootings in CT.
- Personal devotional time re-reading Exodus 20.
- Experimental workshop and newspaper column.
- Development and global distribution of poster.



- Recent economic crises, ethical breaches, and workplace violence across the USA and around the world add more relevance to this message than ever!

## #1: TRUST in God only.



- Mark it down: people will disappoint you.
- We're all dysfunctional and hypocrites in one way or another... but God isn't! He has a divine plan for your life!

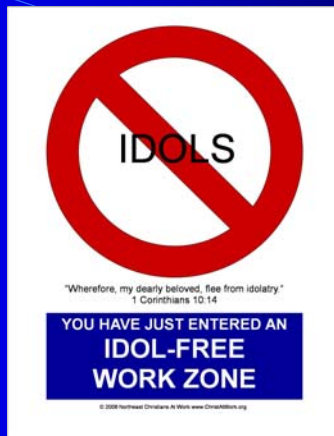


- *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. --Proverbs 3:5-6*

## #2: WORSHIP God only.



- Don't make your career, your employer or your boss a "god." If you do, you will provoke Him to jealousy and will end up fighting Him.
- In fact, He may hinder you from achieving what you want until you are broken of the idolatry!



- *They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. --Deuteronomy 32:16*

### #3: Use God's Name *reverently.*

- Don't swear! Clean words come out of a clean heart. If your co-workers know you're "religious," but they hear cursing and swearing coming out of your mouth, you will appear to be a hypocrite.
- If you happen to swear in a moment of exasperation, don't let Satan beat you up.



- *Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. --Matthew 25:17-19*



## #4: Work six days, rest the seventh.

- Be careful about underworking or overworking. Stay in balance. There are extremes in both directions.
- If you honor the Sabbath, you already have 52 days off a year (more than seven weeks) to keep a Godly perspective, recharge your batteries, and avoid burnout!
- Be “Biblically Realistic” about paid days off, vacations and retirement.



- *And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*  
--Genesis 3:17-19



## #5: Respect & obey your bosses.



- You don't know what it's like to walk in their shoes.
  - Your ultimate boss is the Lord.
- However, if your bosses command you to do something illegal or immoral, then you need to obey God rather than man.

- *Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;*
- *With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.*  
–Ephesians 6:5-8

## #6: Protect & respect human life.

- There's *no place* for manipulation, abuse, or violence in the workplace (emotional, mental, financial, spiritual or physical).
- We all have our moods, fears, pressures, stresses and anxieties. If you do “vent,” be humble, gracious, and sensitive about repairing relationships where needed.



- *Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith. --2 Thessalonians 3:1-2*

## #7: Be true to your spouse.

- If you're not getting the attention and affection you feel you deserve within your marriage, it's common to seek them from someone at work.
- Company romances are *VERY* real, *VERY* tempting, and *VERY* common. They're also *VERY* wrong and destructive.



- *He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. --Matthew 19:8-9*

## #8: Don't take what belongs to others.



- Stealing at work can take many forms, including: time, materials, money, productivity and joy.
- Don't REMOVE your integrity by stealing.



- *Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*
- Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man. --2 Corinthians 7:1-2

## #9: Do not lie about others.



- Do not fabricate stories about your boss or co-workers.
  - Do not gossip for the sake of company politics.
  - Truth always rises to the surface!

- *But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.*
- *But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; and shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you. --2 Peter 2:10-13*

## #10: Be satisfied with what you have.

- Contentment doesn't mean you cannot pursue God-given goals...
- ...but it does mean that you're content with what He has provided you day by day.
- Contentment is a rare quality in today's culture, but it's very liberating!



- *But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*
- *But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.*
- *For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. --1Timothy 6:6-11*

## Just imagine the potential!

- If thousands or millions of people deliberately went to work each day seeking to obey these principles from The Ten Commandments :
- Working in contentment!
- Working lie-free!
- Working with integrity!
- Working with marital fidelity!
- Working with respect for and high value on human life!
- Working with respect for and obedience to the boss!
- Working 6 days, resting on 7th!
- Working with clean speech!
- Working idol-free!
- Working with 100% Trust in God day after day!

## Remember...



- The best way to lead is by example. Changing your work environment begins with YOU.
- You may not be able to “control” the attitudes, words and actions of others, but the Holy Spirit can have greater control over YOU. The ultimate solution is to be filled with the Holy Spirit on a continuous basis.

## This concludes the formal portion of today's webinar:

- We hope you had a good POWER LUNCH hour with us today! Let's close in prayer.
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