



20 things I have learned about being a Christian at work

On her last day at Consorte Media, Alicia Morga wrote an email to herself listing the twenty things she'd learned as an entrepreneur (Fast Company 30 June 2010). This made me think about the 20 things I had learned about being a Christian at work.

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1. **God calls you to your workplace** – to live wholeheartedly for him there, to serve him.
2. **God values work for its own sake** – he gives you talents, the things you are good at, and places you in the work place to use these talents so that you can be all that you can be for him
3. **Whatever you do, it is God you are serving** – a helpful perspective when things are hard and seem thankless
4. **Expect your church to value your work** – demand it! Ask for prayer and support. It will change your perspective and your church's perspectives on mission
5. **Work is worship** – a joy for those who find other more traditional forms of worship uncomfortable – and it helps keep work life balance when you offer work as worship
6. **God is already at work in your workplace** – find out what he is doing and join in
7. **Pray for those with whom you work** – you need to know them and their concerns at home and at work. Praying for them builds in you Christ-like, concern and care. God values them and so should you
8. **Offer to pray for people you work with** – few refuse. Thank God in front of them when you see a prayer answered. They'll see and hear that God is at work
9. **Go to the pub** – or wherever the people you work with socialise and make friends. You are in the workplace to be Christ at work – how will others meet Jesus if you don't introduce him?
10. **Speak about Jesus rather than church** – you normally speak about those you love. You laugh about them, boast about them...so why not about Jesus?
11. **You don't need to know all the answers to hard questions** – you just need to be honest if your not sure
12. **Mistakes happen** – Colleagues are more forgiving of mistakes owned up to than mistakes covered up.
13. **Be flavoursome and visible in how you work and behave-** You are salt and light: hold onto God's values, be willing to stand up and be counted
14. **Be interesting and interested** – dull Christians are a bad witness!
15. **The Bible is the best manual on values and personal wisdom at work-** both for projects and relationships
16. **Be courageous** – sometimes you need to take a stand, speak up. God **will** give you the words to say
17. **God is really with you** – you can encounter him at work just as much (sometimes more) than you can at church – and in good situations as well as bad
18. **God loves you as you are** - there's nothing you can do to make him love you any more (or any less) so he accepts and loves your efforts to live for him
19. **Every day ask "Why has God placed me here?"** Keep this question in mind for the day, the situation, the meeting, the project, the job
20. **Live with joy. Remember it's great to be a follower of Jesus.**