God's Best Way is through Inner-Circle Biblical Relationships

Tackling Life Succeeding in a Job

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1. **Consider the others you work with a little more important** than yourself, thus making yourself approachable, teachable and unthreatening. Self-centered people don't usually get promotions. People who think they are better than others become targets to be taken down a peg or two. (See *Be Humble with One Another* at ChristiansTogether.org)

2. **Invite other Christians at work to eat lunch with you** occasionally, whether in the lunchroom, your cubicle or a local restaurant. Such friendly hospitality creates the bonds to do some of the more demanding Togethers. Just remember to spread this around rather than eating every day with a best friend. Extend this hospitality to non-Christians also. (See *Be Hospitable with One Another* at ChristiansTogether.org)

3. Whenever you can, help a fellow employee do better. Gently and constructively tell whatever truth needs to be grasped. Helpful truth is very valuable since so many other employees will be competitive and will withhold what might help another improve. However, the Christian depends on God for promotion rather than on outright competition. (See *Speak to One Another Truthfully and Helpfully* at ChristiansTogether.org)

4. Always encourage others to keep on carrying out whatever is difficult in their jobs. Include your bosses in this backing. If what you say is empowering, you

can make yourself very valuable and, perhaps, indispensable. (See *Encourage One Another* at ChristiansTogether.org)

5. **Recommend others you work alongside,** noting their special skills. This is a supervisory and managerial skill and might be recognized by your superiors. Remind yourself that it is God who will promote you, and you do not need to be stingy with compliments to compete for advancement. (See *Commend One Another* at ChristiansTogether.org)

6. Have your Christian inner circle suggest to you additional ways in which you can better love others at work. You will represent Jesus better with your additional caring and support at your place of employment. (See *Spur One Another on to Love and Good Deeds* at ChristiansTogether.org)

7. **If there are other Christians where you work,** help one another face situations with godliness. It always helps to have others support you when, to honor Christ, you want to act stubbornly righteous in the power of the Holy Spirit. (See *Pursue Holiness and Perfection Together* at ChristiansTogether.org)

8. When faced with challenges at work, get the advice of other Christians. Do not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, but seek out ideas from those around you who are successful at their jobs and face similar situations. (See *Counsel One Another* at ChristiansTogether.org)

9. Together, the Christians where you work should agree to help one another do well the tasks assigned to each of you. Like it or not, all of you together represent Jesus, even if you do not particularly like one another. (Read *See That Each One Does His or Her Part* at ChristiansTogether.org)

10. **Receive help from other Christians at work** and your own circle of Christian friends and relatives regarding how to relate to those outside of the faith at your place of employment. Do not avoid unbelievers at work, for by doing so you will alienate those God asks you to help, and you will not win their respect. (See *Be Wise and Win the Respect of Outsiders* at ChristiansTogether.org)

11. To face any opposition or discrimination at work because you are a Christian, put on spiritual armor with your inner circle of Christian friends and

relatives. Don't let the behavior of non-Christians at work throw you off course in your beliefs or deter you from loving your adversaries. (See *Arm Yourselves* at ChristiansTogether.org)

12. Ask other Christians at work and those in your inner Christian circle to warn you of any tricky situations that might make you stumble at work. We are told to be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves, and this requires Christians working together to watch each others' backs. If you know of a situation in advance, you can seek wisdom and be ready to face it with righteousness. (See *Warn and Admonish One Another* at ChristiansTogether.org)

13. Agree with other Christians at your place of employment to battle temptation together. Keep an eye on one another. Go to one another when you are tempted to do wrong things, like taking office supplies home, gossiping or having a personal relationship that goes too far. (See *Battle Temptation Together* at ChristiansTogether.org)

14. **Even though you might not be close friends,** you and other Christians at work should stand by one another when there is an evil attack on any of you. You don't need to take sides as much as help out by clarifying issues, being sure that all viewpoints are understood, and even upholding office policies and the employee handbook. (See *Stand Up to the Devil at One Another's Side* at ChristiansTogether.org)

15. When the work environment is toxic, discuss with your Christian co-workers if there is any way you can work together to defeat it. At the least you all can hate the evil and pray against it. At the most, you can eliminate it. (See *Together Hate Evil and Defeat It* at ChristiansTogether.org)

16. **Help those hurt by evil in the workplace** so that they heal and go on with their lives. Do this always for Christian co-workers, but carefully and selectively with others. We are mostly responsible for those in God's kingdom, because they are the ones who are to serve and glorify God. (See *Rescue and Restore One Another* at ChristiansTogether.org)

17. **Don't let another Christian at work** deal with really difficult situations alone. Be of as much support as the other will allow. (See *Endure Trouble and Hardship Together* at ChristiansTogether.org)

18. Use help from your inner Christian circle to keep from measuring job success by the income earned. Let them help you focus on doing your job well and finding fulfillment from serving God in that way. (See *Keep One Another from the Love of Money* at ChristiansTogether.org)

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