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# Work as a Tool *for Evangelism*

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*Using Your Profession, Business & Official Interactions  
to Spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

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*"Go into all the world and preach the gospel" — Mark 16:15*

# The Workplace: Your Mission Field

*God did not exempt offices, boardrooms, or markets from the Great Commission*

90,000

hours at work  
in a lifetime

*Your biggest  
mission field*

**Matthew 5:14-16** You are the light of the world — and that light must shine in the workplace, not just on Sundays.

**Colossians 3:23** Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord — not for people.

**1 Peter 3:15** Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks about the hope you have.

**Divine Placement** You were not placed in your role by accident. You are there by divine appointment.

**No Pulpit Needed** The most effective workplace evangelism begins not with words, but with a life worth questioning.

# Three Quiet Truths

*about work, before we say anything else*

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### *Work is sacred.*

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Before sin entered the garden, God gave Adam work to do (Genesis 2:15). Work is not a curse — it is a calling. The carpenter from Nazareth spent thirty years at the bench and three in public ministry. The ratio is instructive.

## II

### *The marketplace is the largest mission field.*

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More people will pass through your office, your shop, your construction site, your taxi, your hospital ward this year than will ever sit in your church pew. The harvest is not far away — it is at your desk.

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### *God prepared works in advance.*

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Ephesians 2:10 says we are God's workmanship, created for good works which He prepared in advance for us to walk in. Your job description and your divine assignment may be closer than you think.

# How to Evangelise Through Work & Business

*Six practical pathways for the workplace Christian*

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## **Excellence & Integrity**

Your work quality is your first sermon. Diligence and honesty create curiosity — and open gospel doors organically.

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## **Acts of Kindness**

Help colleagues without agenda, go the extra mile, show genuine care. Kindness is the most disarming form of pre-evangelism.

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## **Workplace Fellowships**

Optional lunchtime Bible study or prayer group. In a colleague's moment of crisis, the one who once scoffed quietly attends.

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## **Intentional Conversations**

Respond to crises with prayer offers, share testimony when it fits, invite questions. Faith spoken in context lands deeply.

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## **Desk & Office Witness**

A scripture screensaver, devotional on your desk, a quiet prayer before a meeting — gentle, consistent, and undeniable.

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## **Business as Mission**

Run your enterprise with godly ethics. Pray for clients, build honestly, direct profit to Kingdom purposes.

# Biblical Role Models of Workplace Evangelism

*God has always positioned His people strategically in the marketplace*

## Joseph

*Government Administrator · Genesis 39-41*

Rose from slave to Prime Minister through uncompromising integrity. Before Pharaoh he declared: 'It is not in me — God will give the answer.' His excellence became a royal gospel platform.

## Daniel

*Royal Statesman & Advisor · Daniel 1-6*

Served pagan kings for decades without concealing his faith. Prayed openly under threat of death. His consistency led King Darius to proclaim the God of Daniel across the entire empire.

## Lydia

*Purple Cloth Merchant · Acts 16:14*

A businesswoman whose heart the Lord opened at a riverside business meeting. Her household was saved; her home became the foundation of Europe's first church plant.

## Paul

*Tentmaker & Apostle · Acts 18:1-4*

Worked with his hands in Corinth — never despising manual labour. The workshop floor became a place of gospel partnership with Aquila and Priscilla.

# Modern Witnesses: Faith That Works

*From global boardrooms to the everyday desk*

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## Truett Cathy

*Founder, Chick-fil-A*

Built a billion-dollar enterprise on Christian values — Sunday closures, employee dignity, open faith. His business became an unapologetic gospel platform reaching millions annually.

## Mary Kay Ash

*Founder, Mary Kay Cosmetics*

'God first, family second, career third.' She structured her entire organisation around Kingdom principles, training thousands to see vocation as God's vehicle for dignity and purpose.

## Pastor E. A. Adeboye

*Pastor & Mathematician, Nigeria*

Mathematics professor who became General Overseer of RCCG — his academic excellence is now a global platform discipling millions.

## William Colgate

*Founder, Colgate-Palmolive*

Committed to tithing from day one. As his business grew, his gospel giving grew proportionally — proving that commercial scale and Kingdom scale are not in conflict.

## You

*The Everyday Workplace Evangelist*

The believer who refuses to falsify a report, prays with a grieving colleague, and leads one person to Christ over lunch. That faithful witness is enough.

# Barriers to Workplace Evangelism: Nigeria

*Understanding the local landscape we must navigate faithfully*

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## **Religious Sensitivity**

Mixed Christian and Muslim workplaces create genuine fear of conflict, particularly in Northern Nigeria and federal institutions.

## **Fear of Career Backlash**

Risk of being labelled 'too religious', missing promotions, or facing exclusion drives many believers into professional silence.

## **Corruption Pressure**

Pressure to falsify reports or cut ethical corners destroys Christian credibility before a word of gospel is ever spoken.

## **Nominal Christianity**

Millions identify as Christian without genuine conversion, blurring the line between authentic witness and cultural performance.

## **Time & Energy Depletion**

Lagos traffic, long hours, and financial pressure leave workers spiritually depleted with no capacity for intentional witness.

## **HR Constraints**

Some organisations restrict religious discussion under neutrality policies, requiring believers to find alternative approaches.

## **Evangelism Stereotyping**

Many associate evangelism only with aggressive street preaching, not recognising that relational, excellence-driven witness is valid.

## **Inconsistent Living**

Acting differently on Sunday than on Monday is the most damaging barrier. Your Monday self is your most-watched sermon.

# Barriers to Workplace Evangelism: Global

*Challenges faced by believers across nations and cultures*

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## Secular West

Post-Christian culture frames faith as strictly private. Expressing Christian beliefs at work is increasingly seen as discriminatory or professionally inappropriate.

## East Asia

In China, Japan and Korea, Confucian conformity and state surveillance make open Christian witness in corporate environments extremely difficult.

## Corporate HR Policy

Global diversity frameworks are sometimes interpreted to exclude Christian expression, going beyond what law requires and chilling open witness.

## Muslim-Majority Contexts

In parts of Northern Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and elsewhere, sharing the gospel at work is illegal or carries serious personal risk.

## Legal Frameworks

Anti-conversion laws in parts of India and blasphemy legislation in Pakistan make workplace evangelism a matter with genuine legal consequence.

## Academic & Tech Sectors

In Western academia and global tech, Christian faith is routinely dismissed as anti-intellectual, creating a structurally hostile environment.

# Overcoming the Barriers

*Six strategies for faithful, wise witness in any environment*

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- 1 Pray First - Always**

Intercede for colleagues by name before you open your mouth. Every spiritual breakthrough begins in the prayer room, not the boardroom.

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- 2 Win Credibility by Character**

Be the most excellent, honest, and reliable professional in the room. Let your life raise the question: 'What is different about you?'

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- 3 Build Genuine Relationships**

People receive the gospel from those they trust — not from those who treat them as conversion targets. Invest in real friendship first.

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- 4 Speak Wisely and Seasonably**

Colossians 4:6 — season your words with salt. Read the moment carefully. Let the Holy Spirit open doors; don't force them.

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- 5 Respect Policies & Contexts**

Know your company's guidelines. Share outside working hours where required. Use social media as a legitimate extended platform.

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- 6 Deploy Your Personal Testimony**

Your story of God's faithfulness is undeniable. When a colleague's world falls apart, your testimony becomes the most compelling sermon available.

# Innovative Strategies for the 21st Century

*Fresh approaches for the marketplace minister in a digital, complex world*

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## **Digital Witness**

Use WhatsApp status, LinkedIn testimonies and email signatures with scripture. Your professional network is a congregation of hundreds — already assembled.

## **The Coffee Connection**

Meet colleagues during breaks. Listen without agenda. Pray silently. Offer prayer aloud when the moment is right. Conversions begin over coffee.

## **Books as Bridge-Builders**

Give strategic books — 'The Purpose Driven Life', leadership titles with Kingdom themes. They lower defences before you raise eternal questions.

## **CSR as Kingdom Outreach**

Align Corporate Social Responsibility with gospel values: skills training, feeding, community service. Demonstrate the gospel before declaring it.

## **Excellence as Platform**

Pursue professional recognition. The believer at the top of their field carries greater credibility and commands a wider audience as a witness.

## **Workplace Chaplaincy**

Propose informal chaplaincy within your organisation. Crisis support and pastoral presence create the deepest and most natural gospel opportunities.

# The Cost.

*Marketplace evangelism is not free. It costs the believer something — and any teaching that suggests otherwise is selling a false gospel.*

## REPUTATION

*You will be the colleague who is ‘a bit too serious about Jesus.’ The label will follow you to performance reviews.*

## PROMOTIONS

*Some doors will close because you would not bend a number, soften a truth, or attend the wrong dinner.*

## FRIENDSHIPS

*Some social circles will drift. Group chats will go quiet around you. You will eat lunch alone sometimes.*

## MONEY

*The bribe refused, the kickback declined, the side-arrangement rejected — measured in naira, the cost is real.*

## COMFORT

*You will have to disappoint, decline, and disagree more often than the average believer in the pew.*

## TIME

*Caring about colleagues by name takes hours that the calendar would rather hand to deliverables.*

*“Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” — Luke 14:27*

# The Attitude of a Successful Work Evangelist

*"Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves" - Matthew 10:16*

## **H** Humility

*Be led by love, not leverage*

Don't preach from superiority. Your colleagues are not projects. Approach every interaction as a fellow sinner saved entirely by grace.

## **E** Excellence

*Your work is your first sermon*

Be outstanding professionally. Mediocrity is a poor advertisement for the gospel. God deserves the best of your professional effort.

## **A** Authenticity

*Live it before you say it*

Colleagues detect hypocrisy immediately. Be honest about your struggles, transparent about failures, real about your source of hope.

## **R** Resilience

*Stay when it is uncomfortable*

Rejection will come. Remain steady, prayerful and available. You are the messenger; God is the one who saves.

## **T** Trust in God

*God converts - you plant*

You cannot argue anyone into the Kingdom. Plant seeds faithfully, water with prayer, trust the Holy Spirit to harvest in His time.

*H · E · A · R · T — Five marks of a marketplace minister*

# Arming Yourself - Key Scriptures

*Let the Word of God be your daily toolkit for marketplace ministry*

**Matthew 5:14-16**

Visibility

*"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light shine before others."*

**Colossians 4:5-6**

Wisdom

*"Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."*

**1 Peter 2:12**

Character

*"Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that..., they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God ..."*

**Romans 10:14**

Urgency

*"...and how shall they hear without a preacher?"*

**Acts 1:8**

Calling

*"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

**Daniel 6:10**

Courage

*"When Daniel knew the decree was signed, he still knelt and gave thanks to God, as before."*

*Go, then,  
and be the strange one.*

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*Be the colleague whose excellence cannot be explained.*

*Be the trader whose honesty cannot be replicated.*

*Be the manager whose grace cannot be marketed.*

*Be the believer whose joy cannot be borrowed.*

*And the world will ask. And you will answer. And the kingdom will come.*

# You are God's strategy *in the marketplace.*

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*"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." - Matthew 24:14*

## Pray

Intercede daily for your workplace

## Live It

Let your character preach first

## Share It

Speak with grace and courage

*May your workplace become a harvest field for the Kingdom of God*

# Your 7-Day Workplace Evangelism Challenge

*Start this week - exactly where you are*

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**Monday**

**Pray by name for five colleagues**

*Write names down. Commit to 30 days of intercessory prayer for each.*

**Tuesday**

**Perform one unexpected act of kindness**

*Cover for a colleague, bring food for the team, help without being asked.*

**Wednesday**

**Offer a word of genuine encouragement**

*Tell a struggling colleague: 'I have been praying for you.'*

**Thursday**

**Invite someone to a church event**

*A concert, special service, or low-commitment outreach.*

**Friday**

**Respond to a workplace crisis with faith**

*When difficulty arises, volunteer to pray for your team.*

**Saturday**

**Post a testimony on LinkedIn or WhatsApp**

*Your professional network is a ready congregation — already assembled.*

**Sunday**

**Pray for a workplace revival**

*'Lord, let my workplace feel Your presence this coming week.'*