

Full-Time Ministry in the Marketplace & Why Your Work Matters to God with Jim & Martha Brangenberg

Ministry, on the whole, holds a religious connotation — going to church, attending Bible meetings or even participating in charity events. Christian business owners and employees rarely connect their jobs with ministry. But the reality is your work matters to God. Faith and work should go hand in hand. You can create a positive impact and help people find faith through the work you do.

This activity aims to redefine your relationship with ministry and tie it to your work. Wherever you are and whatever you do for a living, you are not there by accident. You're there for a purpose. Find out how you can bring faith into your work while celebrating the role that each person plays in the ministry with the help of this action guide.

QUOTE TO REMEMBER

'God's got you right in the centre of a field of lost and hopeless people who desperately need answers. And today, in 2021, people are lost and hopeless and full of fear. And we need to bring that solution to them.'

Activity: Spreading Faith by Centering Yourself in Christ

I. Bringing Faith Into Your Work

How is your business or work an aspect of ministry? Relate it to your interactions with clients, the nature of your work, etc.

What value does your work bring to other people?

Write down five ways you can make a positive impact on the people around you through your work.

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Jim and Martha mentioned the stained glass and plain glass approaches when it comes to putting faith into action in the workplace. How do you embody your faith in your work? Share some examples.

II. Putting Christ at the Center

Have you ever compared yourself to others or wanted to be someone else? Why? How does this affect your life and faith?

How do you establish your own boundaries in the workplace?

Why is it important to always have Christ at the centre of your life? How does this affect your actions and interactions with others?

III. Channelling the Holy Spirit

We all have spiritual giftings inside us that may not be activated yet. Reflect on your skills, talents, and traits. How can you use these to spread your faith?

My Skills or Traits	How I Can Use It To Spread Faith

What are your struggles in faith? How can you overcome them?

How can you nurture and help the next generation in terms of their faith?

What You'll Learn from the Activity

The goal of this activity is to redefine and strengthen your relationship with your faith by treating your workplace as a full-time ministry.



The first part of the action guide explores how you can spread your faith in your workplace. Your work gives you the chance to interact with people who need faith. People don't only seek God in Church. We can all find God everywhere, and the workplace isn't an exception.

The second part of the activity reflects on how you put Christ at the centre of your life. Thinking that your work is trivial comes from not placing God at the heart of your actions. When you put Christ at the centre, you acknowledge the value in what you do while establishing healthy boundaries for yourself.

Lastly, knowing that you have spiritual giftings within you is empowering. You have everything you need to serve the Lord — all that's left is to leverage the gifts that were bestowed by Him. Doing so will enable you to overcome life's struggles with faith, fulfil your purpose and nurture others.

Our ministry doesn't start and end inside a church. It extends to our work, our home — everywhere we go. Faith exists in everything we do, and it's up to us how we can put our faith into action so others could witness the blessings of Christ.