

How to be a Godly Employee based on the Ten Commandments

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1. Trust in God only.

Trust in no one but God. People will disappoint you. God created you; He loves you, and has a wonderful plan for your life. He is too good to do wrong, and too wise to make a mistake, even when the “fur is flying”. Let His peace abide in you.

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

2. Worship God only.

Don't make your career, your company, 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.

(Exodus 20:5)

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 the Lord's name used in vain, cursing and swearing coming out of your mouth, you will give the appearance of being a hypocrite.

(Matthew 15:17-19)

4. Work six days and rest on the seventh.

Before you beg for more vacation time, ask yourself a couple of questions: do you honor the Sabbath? God has already given you 52 days (over seven weeks) of time off. Are your expectations for work, vacation, and retirement realistic, or are you living in fantasyland? By resting one day a week, you can avoid burnout.

(Genesis 3:17-19)

5. Respect and obey your boss.

You should respect and obey your boss, because you don't know what it's like to be in his/her shoes. Plus, your ultimate boss is the Lord. Serve Him faithfully on the job, and He will bless you! However, if your boss commands you to do something illegal or immoral, you must make a stand and obey God rather than man.

(Ephesians 6:5-8)

6. Protect and respect human life.

Emotional, mental, spiritual, and physical manipulation, abuse and violence have no place in the workplace... or any place. You do not have the right to use and abuse your boss, your co-workers, your employees, your customers, or your suppliers.

(2 Thessalonians 3:1-2)

7. Be true to your spouse.

If you're not getting the kind of attention and affection that you feel you deserve at home, it's common to seek it with someone at work. Honor your wedding vows by avoiding company romances! They are very real, very tempting, and very common. They're also very wrong and very destructive.

(Matthew 19:8-9)

8. Don't take what belongs to others.

Stealing at work can take many forms. You can choose to steal materials, money, time, productivity, and joy from your employer, co-workers, customers, and suppliers. Don't remove your integrity by stealing.

(2 Corinthians 7:1-2)

9. Do not lie about others.

Do not fabricate stories about your boss or co-workers, and spread gossip for the sake of company politics. You're here to be salt and light, not pepper and darkness! Truth always rises to the surface, and eventually you will be ashamed and rebuked if you lie.

(2 Peter 2:10-13)

10. Be satisfied with what you have.

Contentment doesn't mean that you can't pursue God-given goals... but it does mean that you're content with what He has provided you with day by day. Contentment is a rare quality in today's culture... but it is extremely liberating! Materialism, striving for rank, and discontent leads to emotional, mental, financial, and spiritual bondage.

(1 Timothy 6:6-11)