

The Faith and Work Page

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Living Lord, even when I fail to notice,
You are my constant companion in each day's
endeavours.

I may not be able to change the things that are
assigned to me,

But the attitude with which I embrace them
is mine to determine.

I might not choose the people who labour
alongside me

But I cannot help but influence
The time and space we share.

So whether You are known
Through the task that I perform
Or the spirit in which I undertake it

May Your image be reflected in me - AMEN



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A Faith and work moment

Jonathan Edwards, General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain tells the story of a woman he sat next to on his way home from a trip to Malawi. Had it not been for the prospect of a 10 hour flight with a stranger, he might never have struck up a conversation, but in doing so discovered that she had formerly been a church youth worker. She went on to tell him that she presently worked for the prison service with a group of young people who had committed some serious offences including murder and sexual crime. *"I consider it a real privilege"* she surprisingly told him *"because I know I am doing what Jesus wants me to do"*. The sense that her job was a fulfilment of her Christian calling had a transforming impact on her attitude to it. Whether we are a roofer or a social worker, a business executive or a local trader - we are firstly called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and from that perspective engage in our daily labours. This might not only transform our own experience of work, but also that of the people who labour alongside us or meet with us in the course of our working day.

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