

## **Ambassadors for Christ: Living and Speaking for Jesus in a Secular Work Environment**

II Corinthians 5:20a says: “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.” This workshop examines how we can strive to live as ambassadors for Christ in a secular environment. Biblical instructions for *living* for Jesus as his ambassador in the workplace will be discussed. In addition, seven ideas on *speaking* for Jesus in a secular work setting will also be provided. Phil Nussbaum, co-founder and Chairman of Performance Trust Capital Partners, will present how he tried to apply these instructions and ideas over the course of his 35-year career in the U.S. financial markets.

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### **I. Live For Jesus**

#### **A. Have Integrity**

1. Walk in integrity (Psalms)
2. A good name (Proverbs)
3. It's easy to display integrity until it is not

#### **B. Be Excellent**

1. Integrity is not enough
2. Do you see a man skillful in his work?
3. Work heartily for the Lord
4. High expectations
5. How much excellence?
6. Intexcellence!

#### **C. Be Humble**

1. One of the mega-themes of the Bible

2. High standard – Do nothing from selfish ambition
3. Can one be humble and be successful in business?
4. Why should we be humble?
  - a. Jesus was humble
  - b. God commands it
  - c. It's good for us
  - d. People like humble people-God's design
  - e. Necessary for a functioning team
5. Be humble about being humble

**D. Listen, then Speak**

1. Quick to hear, slow to speak
2. Wisdom and listening
3. Answer the question
4. Requires patience, controlling pride, asking good questions
5. God listens
6. Listen and do!

**E. Be an Example**

1. What the Bible says about being an example
2. Leadership and setting an example
3. People are watching
4. We need great examples

**F. Love your business neighbor**

1. Most important, yet the most difficult

2. Who is your business neighbor?
3. How do I love my business neighbor?
4. This love is volitional (you will it), not a feeling

## **II. Speak for Jesus**

There are 4 kinds of Christians when it comes to sharing faith

1. Don't do it at all and don't think about it much at all about it
2. Those who think about it, wish they did it, and are disappointed they don't
3. Those that do it sometimes
4. Those who are effective in speaking for Jesus

**A. Believe what you say you believe – Rom 6:23, John 3:16**

**B. Examines Excuses**

1. I'm not ready – how do I do it
2. I don't have time - it takes time to build relationships
3. I don't want to misuse company time
4. I'm an introvert – it's not my gift

**C. Examine Yourself**

**D. Be Creative**

**E. Point to the Bible**

**F. Financially Support Evangelism**