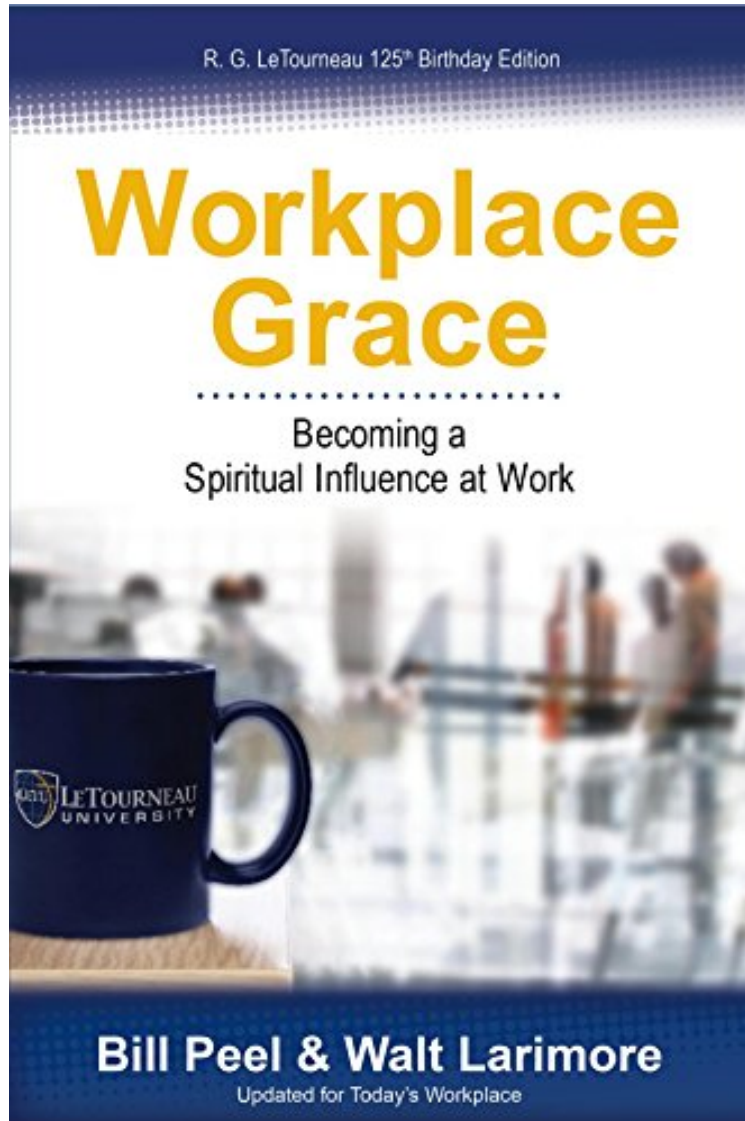


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Shine Christ's Light in Your Workplace reviewed by Bill Pence of CoramDeoTheBlog.com By Bill Pence The authors of this helpful book tell us that between Sundays, we can be pipelines of God's grace to people who would never darken the door of a church. They introduce us to a four-phase model of evangelism - cultivating, planting, harvesting, and multiplying - each with appropriate activities on our part that match the spiritual needs of non-Christians on their way to faith in Christ and beyond. They write that

evangelism is a process, not an event and that each of us must think carefully about the best way to make Christ known in the workplace, given the particular limitations and constraints where we work. The authors write that many Christians walk out of church on Sunday and see no connection between their faith and their work. The next six days between Sundays seem like a spiritual black hole with little or no spiritual meaning. But they tell us that the Bible has much to say about how God values work. They write that when work is done with reverence for God and with all your heart, it must be recognized for what it is - worship. The first phase of the evangelism model is cultivation. This phase is about earning the right to be a spiritual influence in someone's life. The goal of this phase is to break down emotional barriers by earning trust and creating curiosity about our faith. In evangelism, a story is a potent yet understated way to communicate truth without confrontation. Telling a story about a personal experience with God or about how a principle in the Bible changed our lives, or family, or career, can resonate with an unbeliever's longings and allow us to connect on an emotional level. The authors introduce us to "faith flags" and "faith stories". A Faith Flag is a brief mention or statement about God, the Bible, or prayer in the natural course of conversation that communicates we have a spiritual dimension. A Faith Story is another powerful way to communicate spiritual truth in an inviting form. It briefly describes a particular instance when we had an encounter with God or a time when we learned an important spiritual lesson. It lets the listener see how God is at work, making a meaningful and practical difference in our lives. The next phase of the evangelism model is planting. In this phase, nonbelievers begin to view the Bible from a different perspective and consider how it might be personally relevant. The goal of this phase is not to win arguments but for nonbelievers to gain understanding. The Planting Phase of evangelism is about scattering seeds of truth in heart soil that has been cultivated and softened. The authors tell us that every phase of the evangelism process—from cultivating to harvesting—depends on prayer. We do our part in cultivating, planting, praying for the harvest, and seeking His guidance. The rest is in His hands. The multiplying phase is about making disciples. The authors tell us that in the Great Commission, Jesus did not mandate that we sign up new recruits or volunteers for His kingdom agenda, He told us to make disciples. The word disciple occurs 269 times in the New Testament. The New Testament is a book about disciples, by disciples, and for disciples of Jesus Christ. Learning to read and study the Bible, both personally and with other believers, is essential to the spiritual growth of new believers. We need not look far for opportunities to help others. It starts in our own work. Seeing our daily work as an opportunity to meet legitimate needs is vital to spiritual growth and serves as a witness of our faith in Christ. You do not have to leave the workplace to know the joy of being used by God. He can use you right where you are. This is a very useful and practical book that shows Christians that God values their work, and how they can shine His light in their workplace. Throughout the book the authors share helpful experiences from their life to supplement the points being made. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Terrific and practical writing. By SLB303 Rather than evangelism as an "event" or "project" this writing is about a nurturing process, meeting co-workers where they are at, understanding where they are at spiritually, and helping them take another step toward God without necessarily realizing they are on a faith walk. That is not to say it is subversive, merely that you are really meeting the individual at their level and assisting God's plan in their life. Work is not just a vehicle for evangelizing, it has high merit in the kingdom. You must produce your very best work for your employer and for God. Using an agricultural model of sowing, nurturing and harvesting (and discipling), the authors provide very practical advice on how to come along side your co-workers and assist them in their faith journey. And you don't have to be the one that does every step, you do your part as God calls you to do. Highly recommended! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Incredible book, thank you! By Neo This is an incredible book that contextualizes my Christian faith into my daily work. It also helps explain why religion is becoming marginalized in our neo-modern world - while at the same time spirituality, the search for meaning, and evil are all on the rise - making the case for the need for Christianity and evangelism even greater. This book is also an excellent testimonial on its own that reaffirmed the importance of my faith, especially in the healthcare field in which I work, and the importance of practicing our faith in our every day work - which also takes evangelism one-step-at-a-time, rather than just preaching. The description of the decline of religion in our society, fomented in large part by the clergy themselves, reminded me of my personal experience as a teenage president of our church teen club, which allowed me a seat on our parish council and exposure to the raw politics of our church. The conclusion of my "uninformed brain" (as the pastor once described me) was that the clergy was more interested in politics, preaching, and profit than in understanding me or my family or our spiritual needs. This was manifest in several, specific, stark incidents that turned me off from that church and church-going in general for a couple decades. Now that I am grown, with kids and a career (and still trying to inform my brain), this book is an especially helpful find for me. Thank you, both (Walt and Bill) for bringing this incredible book into our lives!

You can take your faith to work in appropriate, engaging ways. Workplace Grace offers a simple, non-threatening approach to evangelism. Whether your work takes you to a construction site, a cramped cubical or the corner office, every Christian plays a significant role in the Great Commission. Between Sundays, you can be a pipeline for God's grace in the most strategic mission field in the world: your workplace. Workplace Grace is for Christians who are not

gifted evangelists, yet they want to make a spiritual difference at work and see their coworkers and friends come to faith in Jesus Christ. After adopting Workplace Grace strategies, Christians who once felt awkward sharing their faith now say, "A load of guilt has been taken off my shoulders." "I never knew sharing my faith could be so simple." "I can do this!"

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