

> **Psalm 23 (For the Work Place)\*\***

- > The Lord is my real Boss, and I shall not want.
- > He gives me peace, when chaos is all around me.
- > He gently reminds me to pray before I speak and
- > to do all things without murmuring and complaining.
- > He reminds me that He, not my job, is my Source.
- > He restores my sanity every day and guides my decisions
- > that I might honor Him in everything I do.
- > Even though I may face absurd amounts of e-mails, system crashes, unrealistic deadlines, budget cutbacks, gossiping co-workers, discriminating supervisors, and an aging body that doesn't cooperate every morning, I will not stop-for He is with me!
- > His presence, His peace, and His power will see me through.  
He raises me up, even when they fail to promote me.  
He claims me as His own, even when the company threatens to let me go.
- > His faithfulness and love are better than any bonus check.
- > His retirement plan beats every 401K there is!
- > When it's all said and done, I'll be working for Him a whole lot longer and for that, I bless His Name.

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Prayer

- > Lord, help me to always keep work in the
- > proper perspective. Amen.
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May God bless each of you with an inspirational year in which all those you encounter experience Christ’s love radiating through you and that you grow in your understanding that everything you do in life to further God’s kingdom is the work you were put here to do and gives God honor and glory.

The Work Commission is re-issuing a bumper sticker that says, “Thank God it’s Monday. Work is a gift. Give it with love.” + the 1-800-FRANCIS number. They are \$1.00 each. Please contact me through the information above for further details.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. As a Catholic and a Secular Franciscan, how do I define the word “work”?
2. Which line(s) in the psalm above mean(s) the most to me? Why?
3. Do I have a proper perspective of work in my life or do I need an attitude adjustment about it?

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