

Leading From The Middle

Just in case you missed last week:

Genesis 1 & 2, 1 Corinthians 7:17-24, Colossians 3:17-24

We all lost our **jobs**, and found our **assignment**.

We all fired our **old boss** and got a **new one**.

Attitude is everything:

Mark 9:30-41, 10:32-45, Philippians 2:1-15, Proverbs 27:18

Pursue greatness while avoiding **pride**, **ego**, and **selfishness**.

Embrace **last** as your **first** choice.

Be committed to:

- **Outserve** your team.
- Make your **boss better**.

Taking it to work:

- ▶ Some will take **advantage**, some will take **notice**.
- ▶ Be the best **Jesus** your work has ever seen....because you may be the only **Jesus** they ever see.

Resources:

"Work Matters" by Tom Nelson

"Your Work Matters To God" by Sherman & Hendricks

Food for Thought

For the week of September 2, 2012
(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

This week we heard that when it comes to leading from the middle, attitude is everything. One of the tricky pieces in having a great attitude is how to balance the pursuit of greatness while avoiding selfish pride and ego. As you read each one, jot down what you can learn about the pursuit of greatness and how to see if you are keeping your pride in check.

Proverbs 13:10

Pride only breeds quarrels,
but wisdom is found in those who take advice. [NIV]

Proverbs 14:29

A patient man has great understanding,
but a quick-tempered man displays folly. [NIV]

Proverbs 15:16

Better a little with the fear of the Lord
than great wealth with turmoil. [NIV]

Proverbs 22:1

A good name is more desirable than great riches;
to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. [NIV]

Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among great men;
[7] it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman.
What you have seen with your eyes [NIV]

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goes before destruction,
a haughty spirit before a fall. [NIV]

Proverbs 17:10

A rebuke impresses a man of discernment
more than a hundred lashes a fool. [NIV]

Proverbs 18:1-2

An unfriendly man pursues selfish ends;
he defies all sound judgment.
[2] A fool finds no pleasure in understanding
but delights in airing his own opinions. [NIV]

Proverbs 29:23

A man's pride brings him low,
but a man of lowly spirit gains honor. [NIV]

Your Work Assignment This Week: *Pick the two or three verses that caught your attention the most that you want to make sure you remember. Read them at the beginning, middle and end of each day this week including a short prayer asking God to help you put it into action.*