

In the JetStream

Which Direction is Your Life Going?



THE SECURE AREA ...

Every day people either enter airports to go to work or take flights to other destinations. In order to go out to the concourses, they must have clearance into what is known as the "Secure Area." The events of 9/11 have brought changes in the way we enter our airline jobs within the airport. As an airline employee, in order to enter the airport secure area you must obtain a security badge. To do so, you go through certain procedures and must clear a personal background check. When you are issued a badge, you then have a special entrance that allows you to enter the airport secure area. If you are a passenger, every time you go to catch a flight, you must go through a scanning process that allows security people to check you and your carry-on luggage. The purpose of all this is to secure the airport from any threats or dangers that could make it an unsafe place.



Let's draw a spiritual analogy from this. Do you realize that you have a secure area of your life that should be guarded? In the book of Proverbs (4:23), we are told to guard our hearts with all diligence, for out of it flows the spring of life. The Bible portrays the heart like a depository that should be guarded from the wrong things entering it. Why? Because what we allow to enter our hearts will flow out of our hearts. Jesus was once in a discussion with some religious people who put emphasis on how things should look clean on the outside. He quickly pointed out to them that cleanliness comes from within a person, not just what they look like on the surface. And then he told them that what we allow to go into the secure area of the heart will come out of it like a flowing spring. So, how is your "secure area?" Also, how are you keeping it secure by what you allow to enter it?

Recently I talked with a Christian who was very angry at his airline for some decisions they had made and certain conduct they had allowed. It was obvious by his counte-

nance that he had allowed anger and bitterness to enter and even take residence in his heart. Almost every sentence resonated with resentment. Like a spring, it was overflowing in his attitude, character, and life in general. Of course, his justification was the immoral decisions of his airline. But actually he now has two problems. One is the spiritually dark decisions of his airline company and the other is the dark attitudes and responses that he has allowed to occupy his heart.

We are told to guard our hearts, because what ends up in it will eventually flow out into our everyday lives where we live and work. God does not ask us to ignore evil and wrong, or call it right. But neither does He want us to become absorbed with it. Although we should see ourselves in a spiritual warfare, the weapons we use are not the same the world uses to fight. They may use force, intimidation, threats, and manipulation. We are told to engage in it by praying for our enemy, not returning evil for evil, and loving those who do not love us. We are warned not to fill our hearts with greed, envy, anger, and hatred, but rather to guard our hearts from these things. Because the world around us is full of spiritual dangers and decay, we are told to guard our secure area. Are you guarding your heart? Why not let God and His Word continually scan the things that are trying to enter your Secure Area!

Finally, ...whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:8-9)

From the heart,
The FCAP Staff
(Psalm 139:23-24)

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN AIRLINE PERSONNEL

History:

The ministry of FCAP began in 1971 and was incorporated in 1973 when 50 people from eight different airlines in the United States and Canada met to consider how God wanted them to serve Christ in and through the airline industry. Since that time, the ministry of FCAP has spread in over 90 areas of the world. We do not have a membership or dues; rather we are a fellowship among Christians in the airline industry worldwide that share a common commitment and focus.



Perspective & Focus:

Most people look at work primarily as a source of income. Some even view it as a curse imposed on them as punishment from God. *The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel* believes that God places a high value on work and is deeply interested in our work, our performance on the job and our relationships with our co-workers. We recognize that both our work and the way we relate to people in the workplace are of great importance to God. So it is our mission: *“To represent Christ in the airlines through meaningful relationships and quality work.”*

FCAP’s two-fold purpose encourages people to *know and experience God’s presence with them at work and to trust Him for the enabling strength in the responsibilities and challenges of work.* We see authentic ministry in the workplace as a result of our displaying this relationship to our Lord within the sphere of our influence at work, without being coercive or self-serving.

Values:

- We value doing our work wholeheartedly as unto the Lord, knowing we represent Christ by the quality of our performance while on the job (Ephesians 6:6).
- We value intentionally engaging our faith in the workplace by expressing it in both deeds and words (1 Timothy 6:17-19).
- We value influencing the people around us by creatively building relationship with them and looking out for their interest just as we do our own.
- We value connecting the church in the workplace by seeking out other Christians, to mutually show our love for one another and our care for the people God has placed around us (John 13:35).

Making Your Connection:

Like the airline industry is all about making connections, so FCAP is all about Christians making their connection in the workplace in three basic ways:

- Connecting God’s purposes in the details of your work.
- Connecting ministry to God working through you to influence the people and circumstances of work.
- Connecting the church in the workplace in unique and creative ways, in order to extend and strengthen its influence.

WE OFFER: → Training that helps Christians integrate the Christian faith into the everyday details of our work and its challenges.
→ Free publications that offer encouragement, gives focus, and provides information.
→ Support and fellowship through local groups, prayer network, training sessions, special events and conferences.



The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel

The ministry of FCAP is carried on by everyday ordinary people throughout the airline workplaces of the world who go to work with an extraordinary calling. The FCAP ministry does not focus on specialized people, nor are we a special interest group focusing on certain issues. We do not have a membership nor are we a club with dues. Rather, FCAP is a fellowship of Christians who identify with one another through a common focus and purpose. And we desire to demonstrate how our faith in Jesus Christ can influence the people and circumstances of our workplace. We are blessed to have both airline and non-airline people who encourage and support this ministry.

Your Next Step:

Locate and seek to connect with other Christians at your workplace. Contact us at our international office for assistance or go to our web site and click on “Your Next Step.”



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