Why Doesn't It Work at Work

Reflections From the Top

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Most of us work. The move of the day is toward full employment, and as men and women find their way into the marketplace, any deficiencies in professional life will show up quickly!

What are we going to work to find? What are the expectations with which we approach our careers? Are the rumors of fulfillment through corporate achievement the result of satisfied winners or the company chatter?

There is no place in our private worlds where the lack of understanding can be so damaging as in the area of employment. How committed should we be? How much money will we make? How independent should we become? Can we find any answers we can trust?

Solomon's course outline deals heavily with these issues. His advice is timely for people like us who are wondering: *Why doesn't it work at work?"*

■ How Much Should You Give to Your Work? - *Ecclesiastes 4:4-6*

Three Ways to Approach Your Activity:

1. Drive for the top...whatever it costs!
2. Show no initiative...and live with the consequences!
3. Commit to accomplish...while maintaining balance!

■ How Much Should You Get From Your Work? - *Ecclesiastes 4:7-8*

Three Ways to Approach Your Assets:

1. Consumption..."Success is measured by lifestyle."
2. Accumulation..."Success is measured by balances."
3. Administration..."Success is measured by God."

■ How Much Should You Share in Your Work? - *Ecclesiastes 4:9-12*

Three Ways to Approach Your Associates:

1. Independence...the American ideal
2. Unholy alliance...the pragmatic compromise
3. Interdependence...the Divine design

■ NOTES:

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