



# 7 Ways to Take Your Faith to Work

*Ideas for mission-minded professionals*

You're familiar with the Bible's instruction to "do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). And you're ready to engage your faith in every aspect of your life, including your work.

But where  
do you start?



BEGIN.

Put away your fears of having to become someone you're not or preaching to disinterested colleagues. Instead, **be you** — the **you** who is a work-in-progress but also walks with Jesus wherever life happens, including at your job.



# Work with a divine perspective.

This is the starting point. We must view our work as God views our work, which means breaking down the false dichotomy of sacred and secular work. Vocational Christian ministry doesn't have more spiritual value, nor do other types of work have less spiritual value. **All** of your work — even the busyness of your day-to-day job — has value and dignity and can display God's glory.





## 2 Work with creativity, excellence, and integrity.

Everyone is wired differently and given unique **creativity** because we're made in the image of the Creator God. Our personal fulfillment in work grows as we understand how God has wired us. (Bonus: It also benefits others when we work within our God-given wiring.) Doing your work with **excellence**, according to your ability, points to the beauty and excellency of God. And doing your work with moral **integrity** — one of the greatest challenges of working in a fallen world — brings God's love to life.



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## Work for the common good.

We work for the common good when we live out the values of Jesus' kingdom that reverse sin and its effects. Work should not be just for our individual satisfaction — a paycheck and personal fulfillment. Those things aren't wrong, but they're incomplete.

Our work should also contribute to the flourishing of people and society, and the advancement of God's kingdom. What does it look like to seek the good of your coworkers, your boss, your company, and your community?





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Guard your  
heart attitude  
as you work.

God's glory is most displayed by His people when we show love — especially in the context of unpleasant work or mistreatment. Even those who have a dream job eventually collide with the realities of living in a broken world. The workplace, with all of its challenges and frustrations, can be one of the most natural spaces for God to both reveal our sin and sanctify us from it, if we allow Him.





Boldly and  
humbly declare  
who you are.

When you live and work with creativity, excellence, and integrity, the people around you will take notice. As you have opportunity, tell of God's character by sharing who you are as a Christ-follower. There's a difference between proselytizing — which is generally prohibited in the workplace — and declaring your identity in Jesus. Ask God for discernment, pray in dependence on the Holy Spirit, and then graciously witness to the work of Jesus in your life.

6 Ask God  
in whom He  
wants you  
to invest  
your life.

While God commands us to love all people in all circumstances, making disciples necessarily involves loving investment in a few. With your spiritual antennae up, ask God to show you in whom He is working. Come alongside them in His time and way, and look for opportunities to lovingly serve. Then begin praying for them!

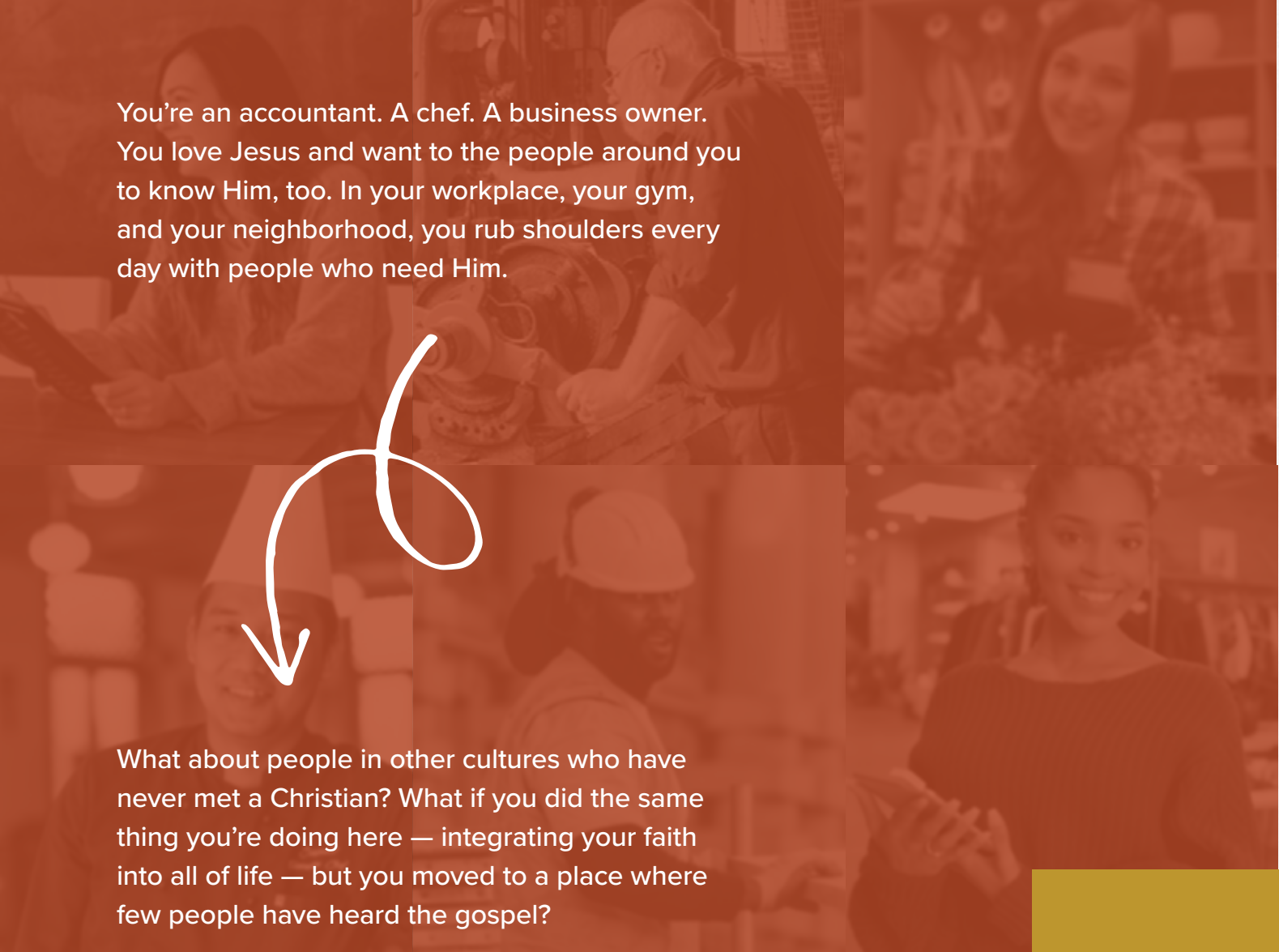






Sabbath was God's idea from the beginning of creation. God even modeled it for us, not because He needed it but because we do! Taking regular time to stop, rest, and remember God both renews our present and points to our future. It lets us taste perfect **shalom** — God's Sabbath rest that we look forward to. The busier we are, the easier it is to forgo our practice of Sabbath. But you can only display to others the peace, satisfaction, and joy that you yourself have experienced in God.

Practice Sabbath



You're an accountant. A chef. A business owner.  
You love Jesus and want to the people around you  
to know Him, too. In your workplace, your gym,  
and your neighborhood, you rub shoulders every  
day with people who need Him.



What about people in other cultures who have  
never met a Christian? What if you did the same  
thing you're doing here — integrating your faith  
into all of life — but you moved to a place where  
few people have heard the gospel?

When people see you live and work with  
integrity, they notice. And doors open to share  
Jesus. Through your job, **you** can have impact  
among the least-reached.



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