

## **LIVING THE LIFE**

### **Infusing the Secular with the Sacred**

Rhetoric surrounding the separation of church and state has caused confusion among Christian educators. In an attempt to do the right thing, many have drawn an imaginary line between the secular and the sacred. As a result, we end up tiptoeing through interactions, relegating spiritual conversations and activity to outside the workplace. Is this how we are to live the Christian life? If not, how can we comfortably and legally infuse the secular with the sacred? Let's see what the Bible has to say.

#### **[Read Colossians 3:17, 23-24.](#)**

*How are we to speak, act, and work?*

*Ultimately, who is being served through our work?*

*Think of things you regularly say or do at work. How can these verses help you infuse the secular with the sacred?*

#### **[Read Ephesians 5:1-4, 8-9.](#)**

*How does Paul describe the difference between believers and unbelievers?*

*Write at least two specific ways that believers can exhibit these characteristics at work.*

#### **[Matthew 5:14-16.](#)**

*What does Jesus' call believers?*

*Why are we supposed to let our light shine?*

**As believers, we are not called to compartmentalize our faith. What Jesus redeems on the inside should be reflected on the outside. There is no law against loving others. There is no law against being kind and patient. There is no law against telling the truth. Don't separate your faith from your daily life. Infuse it into everything you say and do through the power of the Holy Spirit. We do this not for our glory but for His. People are drawn to the light! Let it shine!**

*Dear Father God, thank You for the life we have in Jesus! Help us, Lord, to shine our light bright. We want others to experience You the way we do. Help us live lives that reflect Your goodness so others will want what we have. Forgive us, Lord, for hiding our light. May the love, grace, mercy, and goodness You show us be reflected in all we say and do. In Jesus' name, amen.*