

# Surviving a Secular Environment

*Suggestions on how to walk with Jesus in the workplace.*

Many Christians find it challenging to function as Christian healers in an environment that is becoming more and more amoral. Numerous good ideas spring up from interactions at ACT meetings. Here are a couple of ideas to try to make your day more fruitful and satisfying.

There are several small things that can make the day in the office go better. Several years ago someone shared at a conference that each day before the office opened he would spend some time in prayer over the list of patients to be seen that day, asking Christ to bless and enlighten him and to touch and heal his patients. The day often goes much smoother and with greater satisfaction.

At the recent retreat for the San Diego and Los Angeles ACT regions the chaplain of the retreat center shared his experience with asking Jesus to let him show His Love through him to his clients and how much satisfaction was brought to that interaction – a simple prayer such as, “Dear Jesus please show your love to \_\_\_\_\_ through me.” This may be something that works well for you.

Something as simple as pausing at the door to the exam room and making a brief nonverbal prayer for your patient and for guidance in diagnosis and treatment can be an invaluable aid. An oncologist recently shared that as he examines a patient he silently prays, “Lord, Thy will be done.”