

# Editor's Corner

## **The Power of Two on One**

*Take the Lord with you on the interview!*

We, as Christians, know the Lord is with us at all times. During stressful and challenging times we have a tendency to focus on ourselves and selectively forget that the Lord remains with us. We have challenging questions and issues that seem to dominate our mental process. Questions such as:

- Why is tHis happening to me?
- I'm a good person; Why am I being challenged?
- How will I ever make it through tHis process?

The list goes on and on and appears to be endless with the perceived attacks and appearance of no way out.

The job interview can be similar in some of these cases. Most Christian jobseekers do not experience a plethora of job interview offers. When a Christian needs work, experiences increasing debt and lack of self-esteem, the expectation of a job interview can be daunting.

Here's the good news! We as Christians have the Lord! By trusting in His Word, His promises and the ultimate realization that we will win, the job interview will appear to be more emotionally manageable.

*Psalm 23:4*

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

We encourage you as preparation for a job interview is to seek the Lord in prayer. Approach the Lord as the almighty power that He is. Knowing that he already knows the outcome should put you at peace while trusting in Him as you do with all things.

When you approach the Lord in prayer let Him know your true feelings, your perceived inadequacies and your trust in Him that he will make a way where there appears to be no way. We encourage you to seek the Lord in the days preceding your job interview, the day of your job interview and discernment during and after your interview. Seek the Lord for input of what will be best to say during the interview and how you can truly convey your value to the company via the employer's terms.

By terms we mean review the job description, company website, social media and Google search. Via these avenues and other online sources you can divulge your future employer's keywords and how to best convey them in the job interview.

By rehearsing and researching your answers in a way that the employer can best understand them will increase and strengthen your perceived value to their company. Employers love to hear that future employees "talk the talk" of their company. In essence you will sound like one of them and compliment their "bubble".

By seeking the Lord in advance of the job interview, let the Lord provide clarity and logic for the job interview. We, as humans, have a tendency to make challenging situations, such as a job interview, heightened with emotions. Speak to the Lord and let Him know that you need management with your emotions keeping them at bay and not influence your communication.

As a hiring manager I have been involved in thousands of interviews. One of the most admirable and preferred traits of a future employee, to a hiring manager, is communication skills and attitude. Most job interviewees have already passed the test with their resumes and cover letters displaying that they are competent with the requested skills and abilities. Once that is determined by the employer they now seek not only the technical skills, but the delivery of those skills and dare we say the attitude of the delivery. They want to see and hear competent, mature communication skills. We will go more in detail regarding these skills in future issues of the *Editor's Corner*.

By being in consistent prayer with the Lord asking for guidance, input and a peaceful spiritual demeanor, you will experience a calmness allowing you to be more focused on the upcoming interview.

*1 Kings 8:28*

*Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day.*

One of my favorite sayings regarding a job interview is that: the Lord made you and He made the interviewer. Seek the Lord in prayer letting Him know "Lord I know you made me and you made the interviewer. Please give me the words to use during the interview that will best convey my benefits and contribution to the company." The Lord will provide clarity and even *translation* on how you can best approach the interview and verbally convey your skills.

*Psalms 49:3*

*My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the meditation of my heart will give you understanding.*

The day of the interview be sure to take the Lord with you asking Him for input should you become stalled at some questioning and need some terminology that will speak in their terminology.

In closing, we as Christians know that we should seek the Lord on a daily basis and immerse ourselves in Scripture. The job interview is a small piece of life's puzzle that most of us need to experience victory in order to provide for our families and our needs. During your prayer time with the Lord invite Him to the interview as well!

Most Christians have not thought of bringing the Lord with them to the interview. What a concept! This is what we refer to as "the power of two on one". Most job seekers see the interview, outside of panel interviews, as an interrogation process by the employer to the prospective candidate. Imagine the clarity and confidence you will have by having the Lord with you! This will solidify a very complementary environment for you to not only state your skills and abilities for the position, but state them with clarity.

We trust this information is been helpful and we encourage you to utilize this during your job search and even after your job search. Your testimony will expand and beak strengthened. In the future when

you encounter a fellow believer that is unemployed or seeking a new career, let them know how you won your job search and encourage them to involve the Lord for victory in their job search.

Blessings.