

# TAKING GOD TO WORK

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# IS GOD YOUR LORD AT WORK?

- Are you the same person on Sunday and Monday?
- Do you pray God into your work situations?
- Is the presence of God surrounding you at work?
- Do you love others through your job?

# *My Story*



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# HOW TO SUCCEED

- Find A Job You Can Love
  - Attach your passion to God's plan
  - Use love to care for others
  - Listen to feedback
  - Know Yourself (Strengths, Weaknesses, Skills, Abilities, Experience)
  - Understand the job market
- Pursue Excellence

# DEFINE SUCCESS

- Our Carnal Ideas?
  - Money
  - Power
  - Prestige (Corner Office)
  - Security
- God's Ideas
  - Serving Others
  - Loving Customers/Coworkers/Boss
  - Shining His Light
  - Trusting Him for Rewards



# SIX WAYS TO EXCEL IN YOUR CAREER

1. Write out your goals
2. Insist on integrity
3. Resist laziness
4. Never stop growing (Bible, continuing education, mentors, embrace adversity, critics, mistakes)
5. Use time effectively
6. Resist quitting





## AVOID SHIPWRECK

- Ask God to Pilot Your Career
- Trust Him to Navigate Through Storms
- Don't Abandon Ship
- Avoid Rocky Shores of Temptation



# RESIST TEMPTATION

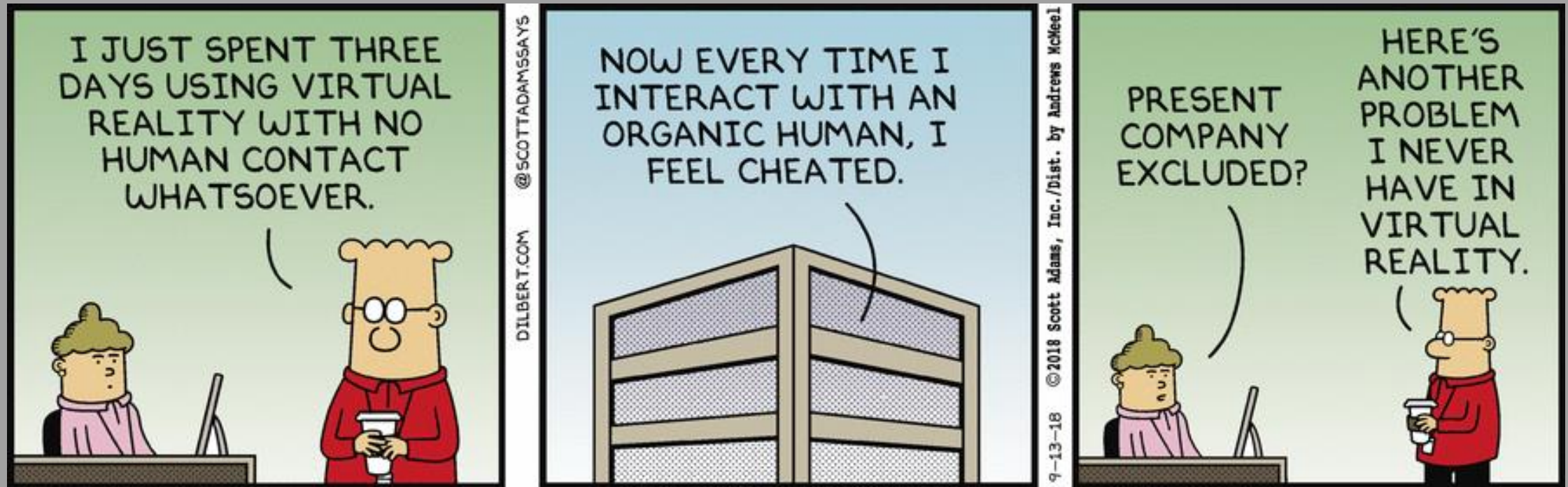
- Top Ten Temptations at Work
- Remember His Presence
- Recognize God's Larger Plan
- Don't Give In
- Commit to Purity



# TRANSFORMING YOUR WORKPLACE

- See through God's eyes (Prayer)
- Identify/respond to dysfunctional behavior
  - The Megaphone – I have to get back to work
  - The Faultfinder – Ask them for fix to the problem
  - The Volcano – A soft answer turns away wrath (Proverbs 15:1)
  - The Bulldozer – Give them a timetable when you can get back to them
  - The Victim – Show them alternatives to complete the task
  - The Snake in the grass – Speak truth when with others
  - The Space cadet – help them keep track of key responsibilities

# MOST WORK PROBLEMS ARE PEOPLE PROBLEMS





# BEATING WORK STRESS

- Rest
- Label behaviors not people
- Love people (In all their flawed beauty)
- Avoid angry responses (Reject fear)
- Respond with kindness (Like Jesus)
- Forgive quickly
- Bless, don't curse



## STRESS ELIMINATORS

- Trust God - “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6).
- Pray continually - “Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7).

## STRESS ELIMINATORS (2)

- Adjust Your Thinking - “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things” (Philippians 4:8).
- Obey Constantly – “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Phillippians 2:12)






# BALANCE LIFE AND WORK

- Costs of Working Too Much
  - Excess Pounds, Mental Fatigue, Failed Marriages, Decreased Productivity
- Priorities
  - Big Rocks (Family, Physical Health, Mental Health)
  - Determine Your Purpose “Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is” (Ephesians 5:17).
- Get Control of Your Time
- Do Self-care and Family-care
- Widen Your Circle





“But seek first the kingdom of God  
and His righteousness, and all these  
things shall be added to you”  
(Matthew 6:33).

# YOUR PURPOSE AT WORK

- Love Co-workers, Customers and Supervisors through your job
- *(Too big of a mission to do without God's help)*

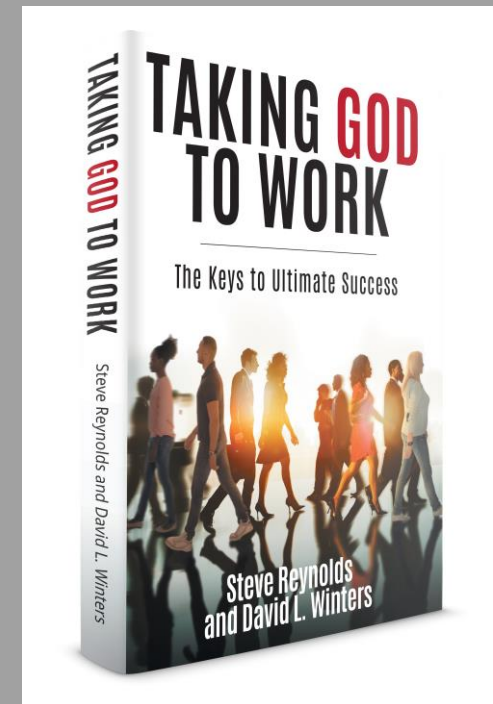
“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” (Romans 8:35,37)

# TAKING GOD TO WORK IS LOVING PEOPLE



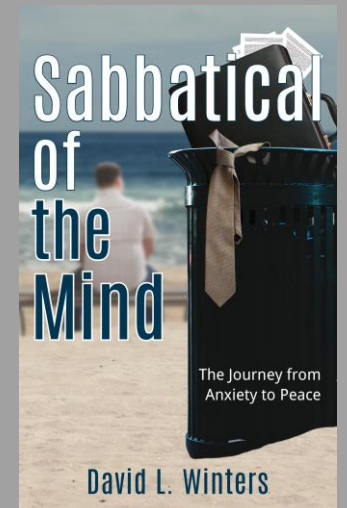
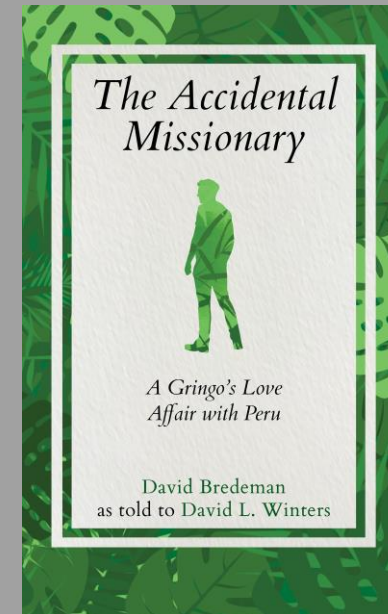
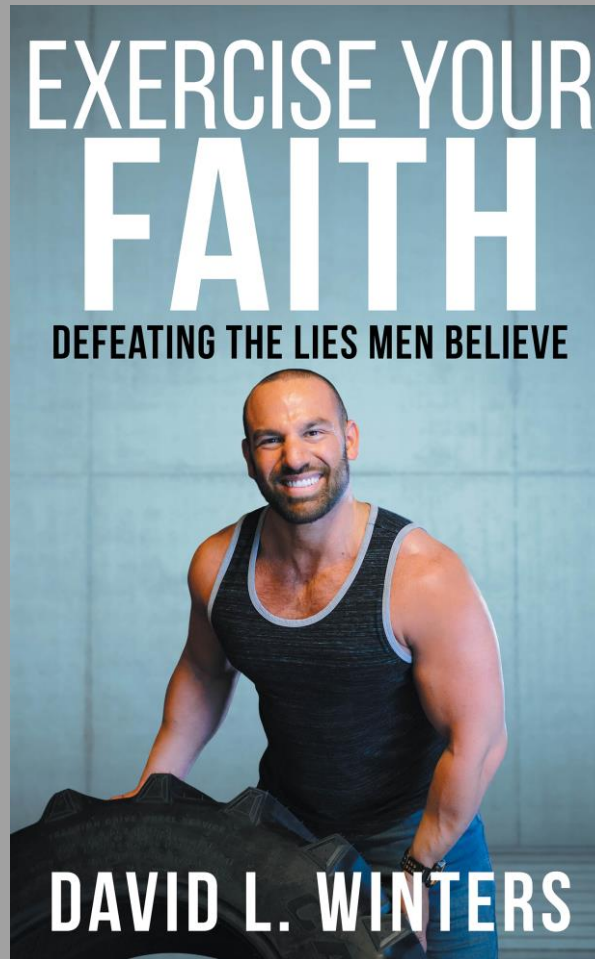
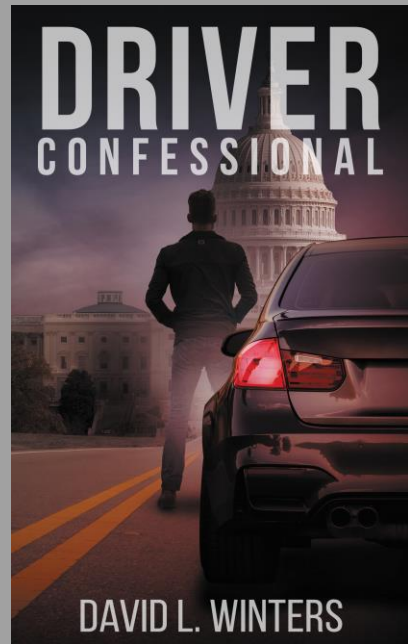
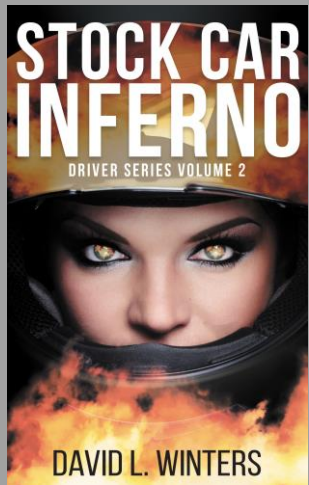
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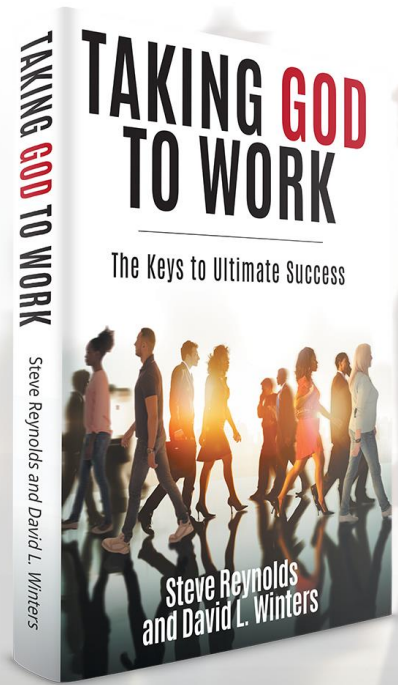
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- Pray: Involve God in Your Work
- Resist Temptation
- Be Kind
- Love Others Through Your Work





# MY OTHER BOOKS





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The Keys to Ultimate Success

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