

# A Christian Witness' Job

In 1990, following a televised Monday night football game, eight players from the San Francisco 49ers and eight from the New York Giants knelt together at midfield to pray.

The practice was criticized by *Sports Illustrated* magazine, and National Football League officials indicated they might stop it – which they didn't. The practice continues today.



Being a witness for Christ means two things:

1. Making your faith a matter of public record.
2. Making sure your work style is consistent with the gospel.

What would it do to the credibility of the gospel if an NFL player used abusive language, took cheap physical shots at his opponent, and argued disrespectfully with referee rulings – and then knelt down to pray as a Christian after the game?

Such a lifestyle in the workplace of a football player would significantly discredit the gospel.

The workplace – with all its demands, responsibilities and deadlines – can be a challenge to our spirituality.

But Scripture teaches that our work ethic, how we cooperate with others, the professional and compassionate attention we give to our patients and residents, and how we honor our employer bring credit, or discredit, to Jesus Christ.

Our job, as Christians, is to do our work so well that we are invited to explain what makes the difference.

*Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice as menpleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God (Colossians 3:22 KJV).*

– Beecher Hunter