

Methodology – Mike Smith

Those who know me will have heard me say that the ministry God called me to is about Worklife.

I call myself a Worklife/Workplace/Marketplace minister. I would characterize it as a vocational “priestly call” to the workplace. This call is not a “higher call” in the sense that it is a holier call than what I was doing previously in my day job or what others may be doing who have chosen to remain in their fulltime employment. It was simply a new call focused on equipping churches and business leaders and other workers to empower people to live an effective life at work.

Most pastors would claim that this is exactly what they have dedicated their lives to.

Their calling is also to ensure that their congregants are equipped for workplace ministry. This starts with congregants setting an example of what good values, ethics and clean living are all about for the people with whom they come into contact on a daily basis. For that the congregants need to be equipped and supported.

This teaching and equipping can start with some practical steps, such as:

- An organizational declaration, effectively aligning your organization with a counter-cultural stance on corruption. Attached, as an illustration, is a working draft of one for the NMB Church leaders to consider. There is also, a copy of one taken by the then regional coordinators of Unashamedly Ethical, titled “The Potchefstroom Declaration”.
- Personal declarations. Suitable statements can be drafted for congregants to make.
- Prayer initiatives. See attached.
- Media campaigns. Using material included in the section on source material, a campaign can be launched on various social media platforms directed at congregants or neighbouring communities.
- Directed intervention. Invite information on corrupt activities to be channelled to a leadership group to decide on how best to deal with the information. (Matthew 18:15-17) See also the section on whistle blowing.