

## ***Theme for 2018***

### **WE ARE THE ARMY OF GOD &**

### **WE ARE ARMED AND DANGEROUS!**

*“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)*



### ***This Week’s Thought – June 17, 2018***

### ***Happy Father’s Day***

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*“When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.” Genesis 39:3-4 (NIV)*

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What brings you fulfillment in your work? Is it the sense of accomplishment? Is it the opportunity to help, serve or encourage someone? Is it the satisfaction of caring for your family? Is it the sense of security from a steady income stream? Your occupational/work-related/career fulfillment flows from a combination of these characteristics and more. When you are fulfilled in your job, you are able to filter through the negatives on the way to the positives.

Be careful however not to equate feeling passionate about your position, with being fulfilled in your work. Passions ebb and flow around the excitement of a situation, like a start-up when everyone is thinking and working twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; but this passionate breakneck pace is not sustainable. Your career is a marathon, not a sprint. Indeed, if you are absorbed in your work, not constantly glancing at the clock, then perhaps you are in a place of fulfillment.

*“He named him Noah and said, ‘He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the Lord has cursed.’” (Genesis 5:29)*

Is it your sense of control over the outcome that draws you to serve where you work? You feel empowered, you are able to expand your skills, and you can make a meaningful contribution in your community as a parent or an employee. Occupational/work-related/career fulfillment flows from a heart engaged in a mission that means something to you and to the Lord.

If Christ has placed you where you are, can you be content to serve Him wholeheartedly? The Almighty’s work/mission assignment carries its own sense of satisfaction. Joseph found favor because God placed him in his leadership role. In the same way, use your workplace platform as a launching pad for the Lord. Your ability to support others, offer promotions, and create a caring culture facilitates fulfillment for everyone.

Occupational/work-related/career fulfillment is a faith journey that brings out the best in you and those around you. God blesses the work He assigns. Have you accepted the Lord’s assignment? *“From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the Lord blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph.”* (Genesis 39:5)

**Application:** What area of expertise can you develop in your work so that you can be better equipped for your next season of service? Ask yourself ‘What brings me fulfillment in my job?’ ‘How can I help others find fulfillment in their work?’

**Words from the Master during your time of reflection this week:** **“I am taking care of you. Trust Me at all times. Trust Me in all circumstances. Trust Me with all your heart. When you are weary and everything seems to be going wrong, you can still utter these four words: ‘I trust You, Jesus!’ By doing so, you release matters into My control, and you fall back into security of My everlasting arms. Every day provides many opportunities for you to learn My ways and grow closer to Me. Search for Me as for hidden treasure. I will be found by you.”** (Proverbs 3:5; Deuteronomy 33:37; Jeremiah 29:13-14)

*“And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what’s coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn’t lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It’s on its way. It will come right on time.”* Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King