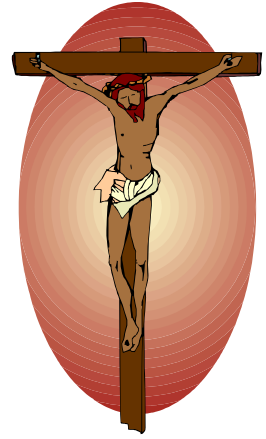


# Keeping Jesus Central

*Ephesians 6: 7 & Colossians 3:23*  
*“Doing your job with Jesus as the supervisor”*

## Keeping Jesus Central #6



**KJC's: “It isn't a gift, unless you pay for it.”**

### “Sowing the Seed”:

I am blessed to be involved with a few Christian small groups. It always amazes me how much one is able to learn if you just open your eyes to see and open your ears to hear.

Last week, a good friend in one of my men's small groups, recounted a God-incident he had the privilege to partake in and witness. At the estate sale of his beloved late mother-in-law, a young family stopped by to shop for things they may need for their family. It was apparent the family was not wealthy, but as my friend stated, you would not notice this by their joyful attitude. A little boy in the family kept looking at an old word processor and then looking at his parents, who simply shook their heads “no”. As they walked away, my friend heard a definite word from God to “DO IT” which, he stated, was deafening in its directness. He walked up, put \$20 in the cash box, picked up the word processor, and without words, gave it to the boy. The boy's face lit up with a huge smile.

Later on, my friend's sister-in-law, offered to give him back the \$20. Out of the blue, he said “It isn't a gift, unless you pay for it.” These words had deep meaning for him because he always wondered why God just didn't command our sins be forgiven without the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. WOW!

By opening the eyes, he helped a family and child who were less fortunate. By opening his heart and ears, the Lord spoke to him.

In our work life and private lives we often overlook or pass by the obvious. Did Jesus come to be with and save the rich? No. He came to help the poor and the unsaved. A person can have all the wealth/success in the world, but without love for others, these riches mean nothing.

Jesus took our place on the Cross and paid the price for the gift of eternal salvation. All we have to do is invite Him into our hearts, minds and souls.

Starting at this moment, let's challenge ourselves to open our eyes, ears and heart and share our gifts and the good news of Jesus Christ with others. We can do this at anytime including in the workplace.

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### Read the following verse from The Bible:

- James 1:17
- Romans 6:23
- Acts 9:36 (32 to 43), 10:4
- Proverbs 18:16, 21:26, 28:27
- Matthew 6:3-4, 10:42
- Galatians 2:10
- 2 Corinthians 8:9, 9:6-8
- John 3:16-17
- 1 John 5:11-13
- 1 Peter 2:24

**Discuss these KJC's with others! Remember, Christ is with you! Matthew 18:20**