



She was administrative assistant to the President, so she organized and managed his days. Making sure he was on time for every meeting, she'd also rearrange a schedule even before the President saw it, just so he wasn't faced with the conflict, because she knew exactly how he'd prioritize the items. When a staff member approached her, frustrated over a non-returned call from her boss, she'd make the error *hers*, smoothing it over, so it was like the oversight never happened. Far beyond that, though, she had the ability to change the actual culture in the office area. It was amazing the way she'd "soft answer" her boss during stressful times and oversee office conversation, creating a positive climate. She served with fervor. The result was just as she designed: everyone thought so highly of him, and they lauded his leadership. At times, I couldn't help but wonder if she didn't deserve at least a bit of that praise and recognition for leadership, since she arranged it. Yes, she had the gift of leadership too. While hers was not an "out front" type of leadership, its quiet behind-the-scenes type work mightily affected the office. One time I asked her what her primary responsibility was, and she looked up at me over the top of her glasses, smiled, and replied, quite understated, "My job is to make him look good." And in that she excelled.

Working in various positions, I've thought about her primary responsibility. What a focus! Pondering this, I'm keenly aware that my standing in any workplace isn't just at the hand of my employer but at the hand of God. I may bring the work ethic, but the fact that I *have* a job: I thank my Lord. So, I can't help but wonder: *Am I making the Lord look good?* Serving Him with fervor? When I look at Jesus, who was all about serving God, I notice *focus*. Even when He was but twelve and his earthly parents couldn't find Him, His response in Luke 2:49: "Jesus said to them, 'Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?'"(NJK). That's focus! In John, Jesus spoke about the work that He had accomplished. Jesus was speaking of His earthly purpose, but He revealed His focus. John 17:4 "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do."(NKJ) He was definitely fervent about serving the Father, carrying out His mission, which was, in a sense, "making Him look good." As God's representative, He spoke on God's behalf. John 12:49 "For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak."(NKJ) Zac Poonen said, "Man's greatest honor and privilege is to do the will of God. This was what the Lord Jesus taught His disciples." I agree. It's a privilege to serve Him and to do well for Him. In everything I do, I want to be one who serves well. I love the office admin's words. Reflecting on this, I hope to say, "My job is to make God look good!" --Linda Dunlap