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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
 Greater Hartford Chapter
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- Welcome! Opening prayer and praise reports
- FCCI update
- **Today's topic: Rejoicing @ Work**

"Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?" --Ecclesiastes 3:22

Solomon, perhaps the wisest man who has ever lived except for Jesus Himself, perceived much about the human experience. Some of his perception came from personal experience; some came from personal observation of others; some came from divine revelation by the Lord. Through all these means, over time Solomon became a very perceptive psychologist and sociologist. Therefore, we should consider what he had to say about "work."

Do you rejoice in your work? Do you get up every morning, thank God for your job, arrive at your workplace, work hard and honestly, then go home and feel pleasantly satisfied about your workday? Work brings an intrinsic value and joy to the soul that transcends pay and benefits, the quality of co-workers, or the nature of your job. Just getting up each day and working should bring satisfaction to your life. By contrast, there are too many grumpy, irritable, dissatisfied, unhappy Christians in the workplace. If you have been "born again," then you have the Holy Spirit dwelling within you. He wants to fill you with His fruits, one of which is JOY. A consistently grumpy Christian employer or employee is a contradiction of terms. You cannot be full of the Holy Spirit and consistently crabby. Yes, we all have our moments of anger and frustration, but as a general pattern of behavior we should be the happiest people in the world! Your altitude determines your attitude.

What are the things that tend to make you grumpy?

This week is the 16th annual Joy At Work Week. Will you participate for the balance of this week?

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in terms of being consistently joyful at work.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by being more joyful at work?										
What specific actions can you take to do that?										

- Next meetings: April 15, May 6 and May 20. Next This Is My Story on June 6.
- Jacob's Well Coffeehouse in Rockville on April 3, in Manchester on April 17.
- Union Church: A Capella Slam on April 11, Sidewalk Prophets on May 20
- Other?
- Closing prayer

