

I Have an Idea!

“Brian, you did a good job on your presentation today,” Brian’s boss, Jack, said as they left the conference room. “I like your new product idea. If it works out, there may be a promotion in store for you. Good job!” Jack disappeared into his office as Brian walked quietly back to his office.

Brian was glad for the accolades, but he felt as if he did not deserve them. The new product idea actually came from a former coworker, Anne, who shared the concept with him before she went on maternity leave. When Brian reached his office, a voice message was waiting for him. The message was from Jack. “Brian, why don’t you write a short article about your new product idea? We can put it in our company newsletter so our offices in New Jersey and North Carolina can give us some feedback on it. Once again, great job! Glad to have you as part of the team!”

Brian sunk into his chair. *This is a great opportunity to finally move up in this company, he thought. But I’m a Christian, and what will Anne think when she finds out I claimed her idea as my own? Maybe she won’t come back from maternity leave; then everything will be fine.*

1. Will everything be fine for Brian if Anne does not return to the company? Explain.
2. How would Brian handle this situation if he were living in God’s sight instead of man’s (2 Corinthians 2:17)?
3. How sincere are you in your daily life?
4. What evidence do you see in your life that shows you are living in the sight of God?