



A SACRED CALLING

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## Work: A Biblical Perspective

Genesis 1:1 shows us that work is an activity of God before anything else. His example and work ethic given to us through creation sets the stage for a life of work. As sinful human beings, it is often a challenge to view and approach work in a healthy way. The fall of man has made work a confusing undertaking in many ways. We struggle to properly identify and accept who God tells us we are and often attempt to define ourselves through what we do and how we do it. If we are willing to listen to God's direction and embrace our identity as sons and daughters through Christ, the opportunity to work well is attainable.

Questions:

- 1 God worked and saw that it was very good (Genesis 1:31). How do you view work? In what ways have you grown to love it or perhaps hate it?
- 2 If we truly believe that we matter and our work matters to God, how should that change the way we live our lives?
- 3 Read Colossians 3:23. If God is not impressed or depressed by our work, why does it really matter what we do?
- 4 No matter what role you are in, how can working with skill and excellence be loving to someone else? How can you serve others through your work?  
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