

# What Does God's Word Say about Work?

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## KEY VERSES

- Genesis 1:26-28
- Genesis 2:15
- Genesis 3:17-19
- Proverbs 10:26
- Proverbs 15:19
- Proverbs 24:30-34
- Romans 8:23-25
- Colossians 3:22-24
- I Corinthians 10:31
- Esther 4:14



## KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Work is good because God gives it.
2. Work gets distorted because of sin.
3. Work can become fruitless, pointless, or selfish because of our sin.
4. Work is restored to its original purpose because of Christ.



### **TALK ABOUT IT**

1. This past sermon emphasized what the Bible says about work. How might God's creation of work before the fall of man impact how you see your current job?
2. Think about how sin impacts work negatively. How have you seen this in how your family and friends look at work? How can people see work only as a way to get a paycheck?
3. Think back on the three areas how sin can impact work—making it fruitless, pointless, or selfish. Which of these areas have been true for you? Why?
4. How does Jesus' finished work on the cross impact work? How can people live with purpose at work because of Jesus?
5. Think about I Corinthians 10:31...he includes even eating and drinking. How can this truth impact even the most difficult work?



### **APPLY IT**

1. Take some time this week to thank God for creating the concept of work. Tell God three things that you are thankful for in your current work/retired position.
2. Confess to God your sin of missing the purpose of the work that He's given you. Be as specific as possible, even naming one of the three areas that were given during the sermon.
3. Try something every day this week—ask God to use you in your current work/retirement situation. After this week, think back about how this changed your outlook on your work. Share what you learned with someone else.

