

February 3rd

## WORK MATTERS

*And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. **GENESIS 1:28–29***

*The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. **GENESIS 2:15***

I've got a question for you...why do you work? What makes your work meaningful? As God's men, what is the purpose of your work? How you answer those questions can transform your life. I mean it! Think again about your reason for work. Do you work simply to put food on the table and have a house that gives you shelter from the rain and cold? Or is there something inside you that shouts that there's something more? How does God's Word speak about a man's work?

God doesn't take long to give Adam work to do. Did you see what work was given? Look again to see the kinds of work that were assigned to him: Be fruitful. Rule the earth. Have dominion. Even the famous garden of Eden needed Adam's careful attention. He was called to "work it and keep it." His role is to maintain and manage the orchards in the garden. It's not until the fall of humanity that Adam is required to work the soil.

What does this mean for you, men? As we covered yesterday, men matter to God because they are made in His image. God's mark on you is to work for His glory. Since God is the one that gives the work to do, there's never work that isn't important. Think about it this way, would you ever dare to say to your Maker that the work you've been given is a waste or somehow beneath you? Of course not! But in your daily work of your career or your daily work at home, have you missed God's purpose for you? God says something that can clobber us over the head..."Whether you eat, or drink, or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God." Something like eating and drinking is even given purpose by our God. Everything has purpose. Work doesn't come from the curse of humanity because of our sin. Work comes from our loving God that gives us purpose!

***Take this moment to thank your God for your work that He's given you. Ask Him to help you see His purpose in the work that He's assigned to you.***

**For Further Reading: Colossians 3:22-24**

