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transforming families & churches  
to the ends of the earth

## **A Man & His Work** **Wes Cantrell, Sr.**

What is the purpose of work? Is there confusion in why I'm there? Is it just for money or is there a Godly purpose?

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### **Work is mentioned in the Bible almost 400 times.**

I. In the beginning! God created, God founded three institutions...or was it four?

Four Structures of Authority:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right....Wives...Husbands... Ephesians 6:1

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. Hebrews 13:17

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Romans 13:1

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Bondservants, [employees] obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. Colossians 3:22

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II. The first three are supported by the fourth. **A key purpose of work!**

### **Support the family, the church, and the government!**

Tuition [family], tithes [our church and other Christian work] and taxes [the government]

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### **There is no way to separate your walk from your work!**

III. Does the business world trouble you?

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II Peter 1:10 says, "Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble."

## Do you know your calling?

There are at least three callings that are a must for the Christian:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ . I Cor. 10:31, Paul says, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for ...."

2. \_\_\_\_\_ . Col. 3:23 "Whatever you do, work at it with all heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

3. \_\_\_\_\_ . Matt. 5:13 Jesus says, "You are the salt of the earth" and in Matt. 5:14 He says, "You are the light of the world."

### **We are missionaries in a sinful world.**

**"The call of God is like the call of the sea. No one hears it  
but the one who has the nature of the sea in him." Chambers**

### **There is no way to separate your walk from your work!**

**IV.** Does the Bible comment on business behavior? Col. 2:22-25

Verse 22 Obey \_\_\_\_\_  
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Verse 23 Work with Gusto! \_\_\_\_\_  
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Verse 24 Who pays you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Verse 25 Partiality and revenge \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Work as worship—His perspective on success:**

1. It is reliably estimated that we all spend over 100,000 hours at work during a lifetime. 80 % indicate they are dissatisfied with their work and have no purpose—but must work to pay the bills.
2. God created work—before the fall, as something that was good and enjoyable for mankind. After the fall it became more difficult.
3. There is no such thing as a job with no purpose.
4. As a Christ follower, all work, whatever it might be, is full time Christian work.
5. No separation of work from other activities as a Christ follower.
6. The purpose of work is to show that God is at work in your life. Col 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.