



## **LIFE ON PURPOSE – How to Find Fulfillment in Your Job**

**What is the worst job you ever had? How long did you work it?**

**Memory Verse:**

**Colossians 3:23-24 NIV**

***<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.***

Studies show deep sense of frustration and disconnection with our work. How does that impact our witness for the Lord?

How do you feel about this statement?: How you do your job reflects how you feel about God.

***Read: Colossians 1:16-18, Romans 13: 1-2 Matthew 25:23***

How does changing your mindset from working for your boss to working for the Lord change how we approach our jobs?

This is good news, you get to fire your boss! We work for Jesus! And He wants our success in everything we do!

It's good to have a boss; it reveals ***your*** character. Bosses allow you the potential to grow, to be coachable, and to have a healthy relationship with authority. God uses those in authority over us to shape us into who we are called to be. How have your bosses, good and bad, helped shape you?

Whatever you find your identity in has the greatest potential to make you feel insecure and become an idol in your life. How have you seen this happen in others, or yourself?

A steward is a manager who diligently cares for what has been entrusted to them and grows/improves it. How does taking this responsibility to heart change the way we approach work?

**Read: Proverbs 13:4, Ephesians 2:10**

What if we embrace the Ephesians 2:10 message that we are God's "masterpiece (NLT), workmanship (NKJV), handiwork (NIV)", how would that affect us in the work place?

Discuss the quote below, :

*"What I'm saying to you this morning my friends, even if it falls your lot to be a street sweeper, go on out and sweep streets like Michelangelo painted pictures; sweep streets like Handel and Beethoven composed music; sweep streets like Shakespeare wrote poetry; sweep streets so well that all the host of heaven and earth will have to pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who swept his job well.'"*

**– Martin Luther King Jr.**

**Read: Proverbs 10:22, 1 Timothy 6:10, Psalm 24:1-2, Deuteronomy 8:17-18, Proverbs 22:29, Proverbs 18:16**

*For people who live purposeful and intentional lives, money is not the focus; it's the byproduct. What happens if we allow money to drive us instead of Jesus? How would we know?*

How do tithing and budgeting work to protect the heart from the love of money?

Everything God does, he does on purpose. He increases our blessing, so that we can be a greater blessing. Why do you think God would do that?

How could a church, with her heart aligned with the Lord concerning work and finances, make a difference in the world today?

How can we pray for these things to happen?