



JESUS AND THE WORKPLACE

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LET'S TALK

What was the worst job you've ever had?

How did your family, or the generation that you were born into influence your view of work?

How did today's sermon challenge your perception of work?

GO TO THE WORD

Read Gen. 1:1; 2:15 and Gen. 3:17-19; Eccl. 5:18,19

Reflect on the role of work prior to the fall and after the fall. What changed? How does this impact your view of work?

Discuss the quote:

"The opening narrative of Scripture points to the centrality of work, both divine and human. Work is not something we do on the side to support what really matters in life. Work is essential to our created identity and purpose: that's the way God made us. And the world God created will only reach its full potential through the work of human beings; that's the way God made it."

(Elaine Howard Ecklund)

What happens when we have a wrong perception of work?



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Colossians 3:17-24

Give example of what it looks like to keep our focus and perspective on God as we serve in the workplace?

Discuss the two extreme views of work. Work is bad versus Work defines me. Where do you see yourself in this pendulum swing?

Why is it dangerous to primarily find your identity only in what you do, rather than finding affirmation in, who you are as a child of God?

2 Cor. 5:17-21; Titus 2:7,8.

Work is central to our identity as we bear the image of Christ. What does it look like to represent Christ as His ambassador, as you do your work?

Ephesians 5:1-2

What is Christ's example for us in our various work assignments?

WHAT NOW?

What do you think your job might be in heaven?

What are some ways you need to improve your attitude or behaviour at work in order to be a better representative of Christ?

PRAY

Holy Spirit please renew my perception of work, and empower me to live like an ambassador of Christ in my workplace. Help me to shine like light wherever I go and in whatever I do.

In Jesus powerful name.

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