

Redemption At Work
Developing a Theology of Work
Lesson 2

A. The Foundation of Work...The beginning

Gen 1:1

Philippians 1:6

NB God only does _____ work, _____ work.

The secular view of work leaves God out of it's system. The end result is the separation of church and life, and an artificial separation between what God creates spiritually and what God creates physically.

a. God creates a material/ physical universe. Gen 1:2 ff

God is the original do-it-yourselfer, a materials handler of the first order.

God is _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____

God declares what he has created to be _____.

b. God demonstrates His power by His work. Gen 1:2-31

Gives the example of the right use of _____

God's work transforms what is formless and chaotic into Heavens, water and land.

God fills these realms with _____

c. God is intimately involved with His work. Gen 2:7-8

The material world is a direct creation by God. It is neither evil nor illusional.

God values all work.

How does God value my work?

Three Questions to Start the Day

Will I be trusting God today?

Obey God and surrender the outcomes. 1Peter 2:23

Will I grieve over my own sin?

Don't walk in shame, walk in hope and gratitude. 1Jn 1:9

Will I be forgiving fellow sinners?

Lighten your load. 2Cor 5:14-16

2 Corinthians 5:14-17 (NIV)

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ⁽¹⁵⁾ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ⁽¹⁶⁾ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ⁽¹⁷⁾ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Do not have contempt for the Corporate CEO or for the Pan Handler

A train knows its greatest freedom when it is running on the tracks. Augustus Strong

Give me a teachable spirit.

Learning from **everything**

Help me to grow in my faith.

Faith affects **everything**

Help to see things as they really are.

Pr 18 (NIV) Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law.

(Mt 28 (NIV)) "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (29) Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (30) For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Compensated

WORK

Uncompensated

activity involving mental or physical effort done in order to achieve a purpose or result.

Also, the means by which we get our total personal identity, meaning in life, significance, sense of importance, admiration of others, status, power and influence over others, first among equals, (if we do it right there will be no equals), and lots of cash, cars, homes, ATW, Boats, and everything else God wants for us.

Want: **Verb** A desire to possess or do something We want for ourselves.

Noun A lack or deficiency of something

Christian Materialism

ATV
Car
Big Screen TV
Airplane
401K
Bigger Screen TV
House
Truck
Roomba
Lots of nice stuff
Boat
2nd car
Vacations
Alexis
Pets
Credit Cards
Swimming Pool

God Creates the World and establishes
Work

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

being confident of this, that ~~we~~ who began a good ~~work~~
carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.