

Redemption At Work
Developing a Theology of Work
Lesson 6

A. Jesus Christ is overall because Jesus Christ Redeems _____ because everything is _____ and _____.

B. The Christian Life as a _____.

Christianity, your relationship with Christ provides you with _____, _____, and _____

*Your work identity is not meant to be a _____ identity.

C. False Views of Work by _____

1. Serving as _____ or _____ is the only way to serve God.

God's purpose for service is broader than _____

Eph 4:11-12,

2Peter 2:16

1. Secular job as a means to evangelize co-workers, confronted with clear Gospel presentation.

The great commission is broader than evangelism. Make _____, baptizing and _____

Life is broader than _____. Eph 2:10

D. False views by a _____ culture.

1. Expects more than work or self can deliver.
2. Tends to make an idol out work or career.
3. Leaves God out of it's system.

Apply

How do you see your job/work/career as serving God?

Unbelief Ruins

EVERYTHING

This is the **real** world and you can't do everything God's way
You don't have to do everything God says you have to do!

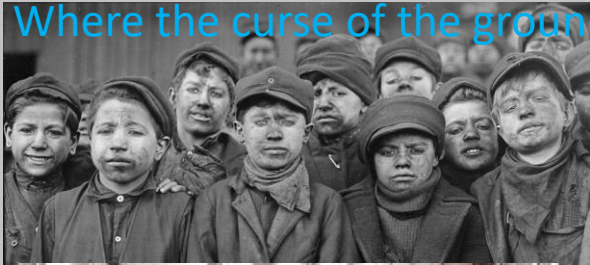
The Absolute Centrality of

Jesus Christ:
Everything

Everything is Spiritual

Sorrowful Labor

Where the curse of the ground meets the sinfulness of man



Come to me

I will give you rest

How?

Take my yoke upon you

Learn from Me

I am meek and humble in heart.

You will find rest for your souls.

My yoke is easy and my burden is light

So how do you do that?

Honesty towards God.

Work on my heart, my attitude, my thinking, my understanding or all of the above.

Help me to prioritize my life.

Show me where the distractions are.

Ephesians 4:1 (NIV)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the **calling** you have received.

a person's employment or main occupation, especially regarded as particularly worthy and requiring great dedication.

Matthew 11:28-30 (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."

What is your purpose?

Follow Christ

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ⁽²⁰⁾ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

False Views of Work and God

Serving as a pastor, missionary is the only way to serve God.

Creates a false requirement for service to God

(Eph 4:11-12) It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ⁽¹²⁾ to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

Limits how God may be served

(1Pe 2:16 (niv) Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.

Secular job as a means to evangelize co-workers, confronted with clear Gospel presentation.

Secular work is valid but should be seen on in light of its strategic evangelistic value.

Career decisions and planning should be based how they will impact your evangelism of people.

The Great Commission is broader than evangelism.

Teaching Obedience and Life Change

Life is broader than evangelism.

Eph 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1Cor 15:58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

WHY WORK?

Why The Concept Of Retirement Is Destructive And Needs To Be Replaced

1. Human beings are meant to be productive.
2. Leisure and relaxation cannot provide meaning and fulfillment throughout an expectable 20 years of reasonably good health.
3. A person who has spent four decades engaged in highly stimulating, intense work with great responsibility and some power is not going to want to give up stimulation, responsibility or the power to affect the world.
4. It's much easier to let go of something vital to you if you see something equally engaging ahead **Prudy Gourguechon Forbes, Aug 2018**