



Do What Jesus Did: Work and Money

Matthew 4:18-5:2, 8:18-22, 9:9-13, 35-38, 10:1-8, 28:16-20

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WORK AND SALVATION

- We are not saved _____ living like Jesus... we are saved _____ live like Jesus.

WORK AND CALLING

- Jesus first calls people to _____.
- Then he calls you to _____ to him.

WORK

- Work is the _____ expression of _____ energy in the service of _____. (Genesis 1:27-28)
- The functional reason you should do any job is because it _____ people _____. (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)
- Work like God is your _____, or like God is your _____. (Colossians 3:23-24)
- All work we do is to have a component of _____ (show and tell).

MONEY

- See your relationship to money as _____.
- Do not be _____ about money. (Matthew 6:19-33)
- Be _____ with what you have. (1 Timothy 6:6)
- You should _____ money when you can. (Proverbs 21:20, 13:22)
- You should _____ for your family. (1 Timothy 5:8)
- You should _____ generously. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)
 - To gospel work through the **church**.
 - To serve the **poor** and **vulnerable**.
- The way you use money should be a way that you _____ God, a way you _____ other people, and a way you _____ others Jesus. (Matthew 6:33)

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WORK AND MONEY

When God created humans, he set them in a Garden to “work and take care of it” (Genesis 2). Built into our humanity is the call of God to make our world more like Eden. What we do with our resources – time, money, gifting and capacity – matters to God (and to others). At its best, work is an expression of love and justice. At its worst, of selfish ambition and greed. Our work often generates money; how we steward those resources is key to our apprenticeship to Jesus. A life of simplicity and generosity is a core tenant in Jesus' vision of life in the kingdom. What habits have you built into your work life and financial life to make stewarding your work and money part of your life before God?

Examples: *times of “deep work” each week, a fixed hour schedule, dedicated time to an entrepreneurial project, tithing a blessing fund, sponsoring a child, etc.*

Recommended Baseline Practice: *Commit to spend several hours each day devoted to your most important work, and to give away a minimum of ten percent of your income (tithing), with special attention to the church and the poor.*

If you're new to this practice, we recommend you start with setting aside a percentage of your income to give away, even if it's just 2-3%, and doing a weekly act of love through your work.

Questions: *What practices make up your current rule of life (official or unofficial) related to WORK and MONEY? What practices would you like to add in, cut out, or change?*

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