

# ALIVE IN my work

LOVE WHERE YOU WORK

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“ I believe that one of the next great moves of God is going to be through the believers in the workplace.” ~ BILLY GRAHAM

## A Biblical Foundation of Work

Work is a good part of \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning.

“ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” ~ GENESIS 2:15 (NIV)

God Himself \_\_\_\_\_ what it means to work.

“ Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”  
~ GENESIS 2:7 (NIV)

“ God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.” ~ GENESIS 2:3 (NIV)

There will be \_\_\_\_\_ (but no pain or sorrow) in the New Heaven and Earth.

“ They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.” ~ ISAIAH 65:21 (NIV)

“ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.”  
~ REVELATION 22:3 (NIV)

The first people described as “filled with the Holy Spirit” in the Old Testament are \_\_\_\_\_ . Exodus 31:1-5

— COLOSSIANS 3:22-4:5 —

## A Word to All Employees

“ Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. <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. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.”

~ COLOSSIANS 3:22-25 (NIV)

Above all we work for \_\_\_\_\_.

“ There is not one square inch of the entire cosmos over which Jesus does not emphatically declare - Mine!”

ABRAHAM KUYPER

We give our best even when \_\_\_\_\_.

## A Word to All Employers

“ Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.” ~ COLOSSIANS 4:1 (NIV)

Treat employees fairly and with respect - \_\_\_\_\_.

## How to LOVE Where You Work

“ Devote yourselves to prayer,” (4:2a) (NIV)

“ Being watchful and thankful.” (4:2b) (NIV)

Watchful: \_\_\_\_\_.

“ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.” (4:3-4) (NIV)

“ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” (4:6) (NIV)

“ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.” (4:5) (NIV)

Make the most of every opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_ . (Kairos)

## discussion questions:

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- 1- What was the first job you ever had? What about the worst job? The best job?
- 2- Read through the four points and the scriptures related to the Biblical Foundation for work. How is this different from the way work is often looked at in our world? Is this theology of work similar or different to what you were raised with?
- 3- Read Colossians 3:22-25. What is your immediate reaction when you hear these verses?
- 4- What do you think it means to “work for the Lord, not human masters”?
- 5- Read Colossians 4:1. How would you summarize Paul’s instruction to bosses? Where have you seen this lived out well?
- 6- Read Colossians 4:2-6 which has several different instructions for us to follow. Which of these stand out to you as something to do especially as it relates to your work/school, etc.?
- 7- What is one thing you can do this week to LOVE where you work? Close in prayer for one another.

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