

Work as Mission

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YOUR WORK MATTERS

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Common Objections To Work As Mission

Cultural Barriers: *"Faith is a private matter."*

Fear of Negative Perceptions: *"What will they think of me?"*

Lack of Organizational Support: *"My workplace isn't faith-friendly."*

Risk of Discrimination: *"What if this hurts my career?"*

Fear of Being Labeled A Hypocrite: *"My work life doesn't match what I say I believe."*

"In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted..." (2 Timothy 3:12)

The idols of convenience and security have quietly taken the throne of our hearts above Jesus.

The Call to Whole-Life Discipleship. *"Then he said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.'"* (**Luke 9:23-24**)

We Have To Break Down the Sacred and Secular Divide. *"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."* (**Colossians 3:17**)

When we begin to see our work as mission, it transforms not just how we show up but why we show up.

A Biblical Example: Daniel in Babylon

*“Now God had caused the official to show favor and sympathy to Daniel...” (**Daniel 1:9**)*

*“Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.” (**Daniel 6:3**)*

Be An Ambassador of Christ in the Workplace. *“We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.” (**2 Corinthians 5:20**)*

Think about it: How do people in your workplace experience Jesus through you?

Practical Steps to Live on Mission at Work

1. **Start with Surrender**
2. **Pray for Your Workplace**
3. **Work with Excellence**
4. **Love People Well**
5. **Live with Integrity**

*“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.” (**Acts 4:13**)*

When we surrender our lives to Jesus, work stops being just a job and starts being a mission.