

LIFE ON PURPOSE– How to Find Fulfillment in Your Job – Week 6

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Colossians 1:16-18 (NIV)

16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, Whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

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EMPLOYEES IN THE U.S. CONTINUE TO:

- Feel more detached from their employers
- Have less clear expectations
- Have lower levels of satisfaction with their organization
- Feel less connection to its mission or purpose
- Feel less likely that someone at work cares about them as a person

A Brief Theology of work

Slide 9: Work existed before there were humans

Slide 10: Work existed before the fall

Slide 11: When Adam sinned, work was cursed

Slide 12: Jesus redeemed us from the curse (Galatians 3:13)

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Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

23 Whatever you do, **work** at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

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How Do We Find Purpose and Fulfillment in Our Work?

1) We get a “new boss”—we work for the Lord. [Slide 15]

2) We don't allow our work to define our identity or be our source. [Slide 16]

3) We see ourselves as stewards. [Slide 17]

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Matthew 25:23 (NIV)

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness.'"

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Proverbs 13:4 (NLT)

Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper.

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"What I'm saying to you this morning my friends, even if it falls your lot to be a street sweeper, go on out and sweep streets like Michelangelo painted pictures; sweep streets like Handel and Beethoven composed music; sweep streets like Shakespeare wrote poetry; sweep streets so well that all the host of heaven and earth will have to pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who swept his job well.'"— Martin Luther King Jr.

4) We have the right perspective on promotion and money. [Slide 21]

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Proverbs 22:29 (NIV)

Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank.

5) We find our greatest fulfillment when our work intersects with God's Kingdom. [Slide 23]