In an article for The Atlantic entitled, "Workism Is Making American's Miserable", Derek Thompson writes, "For the college-educated elite, work has morphed into a religious identity promising transcendence and community, but failing to deliver."¹

1. Finding your identity in your job makes every job a dead end job.

"Your life's identity isn't found in what you do or how much you make, but in how you do it and in what you make much of." - Megan Bettendorf

2. Who you work for is more important than what you do

"Our jobs are more than just a means to an end — whether that end is selfish enjoyment or service in the church. Our work is more than something we "slog through." However menial, however boring, however unmatched to our interests, our jobs are one of the key ways in which God matures us as Christians and brings glory to himself. God has a purpose for our work." — Sebastian Traeger, <u>The Gospel at Work: How Working for King Jesus Gives Purpose and</u> <u>Meaning to Our Jobs</u>

3. Freedom to live is found in the grace of God

"Your professional status is a result of grace... All the other things in your work life—your influence, your resumé, and the benefits they bring you—become just things. You can risk them, spend them, and even lose them. You are free." - Tim Keller

Three ways to respond:

- 1. Live and work according to your identity in Christ
- 2. Be gospel-centered in your work
- 3. Be joyfully content in Christ and with the good gifts God has given you

¹ https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2019/02/religion-workism-making-americans-miserable/583441/