



YOUR WORK MATTERS: Monday through Saturday Faith How to measure success at work?

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1 Timothy 6:6

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Sermon Summary

Even though we, as a whole, are surrounded by more material abundance than ever before, there is an anxiousness that permeates our culture. At work and in life many of us grapple with a constant, underlying restlessness. What is it about work and life that causes us to be anxious and restless? Maybe what's gnawing at so many of us just beneath the surface is the unspoken desire to know that our life really matters. So much of our lives are invested in what we do for a living. Is there any enduring value in what I do? How does my work and my “success” at work really matter. How do I measure success? This is the question that we will strive to answer in this brief study.

Diving Into The Message

Questions that capture Three of Most WIDELY Accepted Metrics for Success at Work.

What is the most secure job?

How can I achieve position, status, and power?

Where can I generate the greatest income?

Better questions for followers of Christ to measure SUCCESS at work and in LIFE:

What was I born to do?

Success Begins with God. He SHAPED you to be you!

*13 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body
and knit me together in my mother's womb.*

*14 Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!
Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.*

*15 You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion,
as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.*

16 You saw me before I was born.

Every day of my life was recorded in your book.

Every moment was laid out

before a single day had passed. Psalm 139:13-16 (NLT)

Discover Your SHAPE!

WHAT'S MY SHAPE?

Spiritual gifts

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experiences

WHY IS MY SHAPE IMPORTANT?

My shape reveals God's purpose for me.

I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations. Jer.1:5 (NLT)

Living Sent

How can I make my greatest contribution to others?

And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' 31 The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

Mark 12:30&31 NLT

How can I best reveal God's goodness to those around me?

So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31 NLT

For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

Colossians 1:27 NLT

At the end of the day (at the end of my life) can I say, "I served God's purpose for me in my generation?"

for after David had done the will of God in his own generation, he died and was buried with his ancestors,

Acts 12:36 (NLT)

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, you his servants;

praise the name of the Lord.

2 Let the name of the Lord be praised,

both now and forevermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,

the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalms 113:1-3

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Life Application Questions

**Which of the following three questions has been a primary metric for you to measure Success at Work?
Does it conflict with your understanding of God's definition of success?**

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What were you born to do? Answer with the SHAPE acrostic in mind.

WHAT'S MY SHAPE? Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experiences

How are you positively contributing to others?

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How are you revealing God's goodness to those around you?

What role does your Life Group and church play in helping you contribute positively to others and in revealing God's goodness?

How are you serving His purpose for you in your generation?

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