

**Matthew 16:18-19** And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

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***Ecclesia* = Church = "the called-out ones."**

*Workplace and Marketplace* = "Any place where work is performed or people prepare for work, whether people are paid or not."

**The Marketplace IS the battleground.**

**Four Lies Satan Wants You to Believe:**

1. God intended a clear divide between clergy and laity.
2. Work is not spiritual. Only "sacred" work is spiritual.
3. Worship is singing and it is done in a religious building.
4. Non-religious business and work is not ministry.

**Four Truths from Scripture:**

1. Everyone is called by God to ministry. Ephesians 4:1-4 (ESV)
2. All work is spiritual and honors God when it is done with integrity. Colossians 3:23, 24 (ESV)
3. Worship is how you live your life before all. Romans 12:1 (ESV)
4. Your "congregation" is comprised of the people in your sphere ("oikos"). Matt 5:14-16 (ESV)



## Discuss and Apply

- 1. How can language impact our perception of church? What words or phrases can you use to reinforce a Biblical view of church? What words or phrases reinforce a wrong view of church?**
- 2. What ways can a Christian make a difference for the Kingdom in the marketplace? How can they be fruitful?**
- 3. Read Colossians 3:23-24. What does it look like to work for the Lord?**
- 4. What would you recommend to others in order to help them reach their "oikos".**
- 5. Consider your "oikos". How can you pray for those in your "oikos" that the Kingdom may be advanced in their lives?**

