

## **CALLED TO WORK**

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*So the Jewish leaders began harassing Jesus for breaking the Sabbath rules.*

*<sup>17</sup> But Jesus replied, "My Father is always working, and so am I."*

*<sup>18</sup> So the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill him.*

*For he not only broke the Sabbath, He called God his Father,  
thereby making himself equal with God.*

**John 5:16-18 (NLT)**

*In the beginning God **created the heavens and the earth**. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters.*

**Genesis 1:1 (NLT)**

*On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so **He rested from all his work**.* **Genesis 2:2 (NLT)**

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to **work it and take care of it**.* **Genesis 2:15 (NIV)**

*"Isn't this **the carpenter**? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.*

**Mark 6:3 (NIV)**

### **God Has Called Us To Work, So We Can...**

#### **1. Advance His Kingdom.**

*Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and **live righteously**, and He will give you everything you need.* **Matthew 6:33 (NLT)**

Kingdom of God is...  
**God's Way of Doing Things.**

#### **2. Provide for ourselves and our family.**

*For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: **If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat**.* **2 Thessalonians 3:10 (NKJV)**

*Anyone who does not **provide for their relatives**, and especially for their **own household**, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

**1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)**

### 3. Carry out our calling.

For we are *His workmanship*, created in Christ Jesus for *good works*, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. **Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)**

**VISION = What you do**  
**CALLING = How you do it**  
**WORK = Where you do it**  
**PURPOSE = Why you do it**

### 4. Build our character.

