

# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

“The Work I Want” – Pastor Chad Gilligan 1.21.24

## 1) What was your first job?

Read Colossians 3:17 & Genesis 1:1 – “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

## 2) Why is work so important to God?

Read Matthew 25:21 - “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!’”

## 3) What is your personal definition of integrity?

## 4) How does your view of integrity compare to biblical integrity?

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:10-13 – “For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.” 11 We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. 12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. 13 And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.”

## 5) Why is our attitude so heavily controlled by work?

## 6) What are practical ways we can shape our attitude to influence our work instead of our work influencing our attitude?

Read Matthew 5:16 – “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

## 7) How do we live in godly faithfulness at work?

Read Colossians 3:23-24 – “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.”

## 8) How is the Holy Spirit challenging you with your work? If you feel comfortable, take a moment and share with your group.

**Prayer:** Take a moment to pray for your group.