

YOUR WORK MATTERS TO GOD

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Week 1: Staying Motivated In Your Work

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Ask: How can I _____ to the mission?

4. _____: To develop my _____

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Ask: How is God _____ me?

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Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

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7. _____: To prepare for _____

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Talk-it-Over Notes | September 10-11, 2022

REVIEW IT

Everybody works. If you're a student, you have work to do. If you're a parent, you have work to do. If you're on the job or retired, you have work to do. The question is, what will keep you motivated in your work? God gives us the opportunity to be motivated by seven things in our work.

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Spend some time in the word... **Read Luke 16:1-15**

TALK ABOUT IT

- What has been your motivation for the work you do?
- Which of the seven motivations do you resonate with most? Meaning, you find yourself motivated by that thing?
- Which of the seven motivations do you rarely consider as you are working? This would be the one you need to most employ.

ACT ON IT

Choose one of the verses on the outline to memorize this week to help keep you motivated with that reason for work.

PRAY ABOUT IT

What do you need prayer for today? Take some time to ask how you can pray for and support one another this week.