

EASTER WEEKEND TAKING GOD TO WORK The Keys to Ultimate Success Pastor Gary Moritz Pastor@cityunited.church

## INTRODUCTION

**A.** Work. For most of us, it's a necessity. For some, it's a passion, and for others it's the pits. However, it could be so much better for all of us if we were to take God to work with us. What if we could make an even bigger impact at our current workplace?

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men" Colossians 3:23

- **B.** Imagine the impact we could have in our workplaces when we apply the biblical keys to lasting eternal success. Taking God to work challenges us to break the barriers between our spiritual life and our daily work. Let's take our work to the next level!
- **C.** This collection of talks will cover...
  - EASTER Jesus and Work
  - April 28 Excellent Work in a Mediocre World
  - May 5 Discovering Balance in Your Work
  - May 12 Finding a Job You Can Love (Mother's Day)
  - May 19 Overcoming Difficult People, (Special Speaker: Author of *Taking God to Work*, Pastor Steve Reynolds, book signing.)
  - May 26 Temptations in a Modern, Diverse Culture
- D. TEXT: John 17:4 (New Testament)

# Today's Takeaway: YOUR WORK HAS MEANING AND PURPOSE

### WEEK #1: JESUS AND WORK

### I. JESUS HAD A \_\_\_\_\_ FOR HIS WORK

"Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

Luke 2:49

"Don't believe me unless I carry out my Father's work. <sup>38</sup> But if I do his work, believe in the evidence of the miraculous works I have done, even if you don't believe me. Then you will know and understand that the Father is in me, and I am in the Father." John 10:37-38 (NLT)

### II. JESUS FOLLOWED A \_\_\_\_\_ FOR HIS WORK

"And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again." Mark 8:31

### III. JESUS FINISHED HIS \_\_\_\_\_ FOR HIS WORK

"Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." John 18:37

*"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* 

John 14:6

*"He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."* Matthew 28:6

#### APPLICATION

#### APPLY THE \_\_\_\_\_\_ FOR TAKING GOD TO WORK

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:23-24

1. All work is \_\_\_\_\_ (3:23a).

"for in Him we live and move and have our being," Acts 17:28a

"Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it." Genesis 2:15

2. All work is to be done with \_\_\_\_\_\_ (3:23b).

"not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;" Romans 12:11

3. All work is to be performed for \_\_\_\_\_ (3:23c).

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17

4. All work has eternal \_\_\_\_\_\_ (3:24).

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." II Corinthians 5:10

*"if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."* Romans 10:9

#### ARE YOU TAKING GOD TO WORK?