

Work as Worship

Colossians 3:16-4:1

3. Know Who You Are Serving (v.23b; 4:1)

God's _____ = Your _____

4. Trust Him with the Results (v.24)

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Before you start work this week...

*I have the opportunity to do God's work today!
I will do it his way, according to his standards!
I will do it in service to him who saved me!
I will trust him with the results!*

Common Views of Work

- Secular View
- Over-Spiritual
- Strategic Soap-Box

Biblical View of Work: Work as _____

Steps to viewing Work as Worship

1. Recognize All Work is His Work

God's _____ = Your _____

- **Past:** Work exists prior to “the fall”
Genesis 2:15, 26-28
- **Present:** ALL Man's work is God's way of meeting people's needs –
Psalm 14:13; 145:15-16
- **Future:** Work exists post final consummation
Isaiah 60

*There may be no better way to love your neighbor, whether your writing parking tickets, software, or books than to simply do your work.
- Timothy Keller*

2. Do God's Work His Way

God's _____ = Your _____

- Work with Integrity (v. 22)
- Do your best (v.23)
- The way we do our work is a reflection of how seriously we follow Jesus.

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GETTING STARTED

What has been your favorite job? (Past or Present) Least favorite?

SUNDAY RECAP

This week's message focused on the idea of worshiping God in our everyday life and the work that we do day to day. This included: knowing that all work is God's work, doing God's work with integrity, knowing who you are serving with your work, trusting God with results, and lastly realizing that work is another area in our life in which God can be glorified. Throughout the week continue to do the work the Lord has set before us joyfully, serving God and giving Him our very best.

STUDY & SHARE

1. Read and reflect on Colossians 3:16, 4:1
Dan emphasizes that....All Work is His Work
 - a) How do you view work in your life? Do you consider work something you do to make ends meet, or do you see it as a gift from God?
 - b) What are a few ways you can love others through your work?
 - c) If all work is God's work how does this affect how we see and do the work we have?
2. Read and reflect on Colossians 3:22-23
Dan reminds us that we should be...Doing God's Work His Way
 - a) When we do the work that God has given us, Do we do it with integrity? Do we do it to the best of our abilities?
 - b) Whether we like our job or not, do we still try to glorify and honor God with our work?
3. Read and reflect on Colossians 3:17
Dan encourages us to...Know Who You are Serving

At work do you recognize that you are working for the Lord and not just for man? How can you tell the difference? If we

truly believed that the work we do is for the Lord and not for man, how would it affect our views on work and the quality of our work?

4. Read and reflect on 1 Corinthians 3:7
Dan encourages us.....To trust Him with the Results
 - a) When we do any sort of work are we reminded that God is the one we should be trusting with the end result?
 - b) How often do we focus on the effort we put in our work and less on the end results?
 - c) How often do we allow results to be the thing that not only motivates us to do better, but to do more? If we are trusting God with our results how does this affect our motivation to do work?

SEND // GROUP CHALLENGE

Of the 4 steps to viewing work as worship, which one do you think will be the most challenging to apply to your work life? How can you help each other make practical and spiritual changes?

SUPPORT // PRAYER

Pray for each other to love and serve the Lord joyfully in your work. Pray that we as a church will continue to grow together, looking more and more like Christ.

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