

Making Room for Life

Understanding Your Workplace

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John 10:10 - The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the **full**.

Genesis 2:15 - The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Romans 8:29 - "From the very beginning God decided that those who came to him should **become like His Son**."

Ephesians 4:13 - ... until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the **whole measure of the fullness of Christ**.

How does my job help me to be like Christ?

I. God uses _____ at work to shape my _____.

Ephesians 5:15 - "Live life, then with a **due sense of responsibility**, not as people who do not know the meaning of life, but as those who do." (Ph)

Ways that He reveals our values:

A. Your _____

Psalms 15:4 - "(God blesses the one)... who always **does what he promises**, no matter how much it may cost."

Matthew 5:37 - Simply let your 'Yes ' be 'Yes ,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

B. Your _____

Proverbs 18:9 - "One who is slack in his work is a brother to the one who destroys."

C. Your work without _____

Ephesians 6:5-8 - Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. ⁶ Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷ Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, ⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.

D. Your oversight of _____

Luke 16:10-12 - "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"

II. God uses _____ at work to teach me about _____.

Romans 12:16-18 - Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

1 Corinthians 16:14 - Do everything in love.

III. God uses _____ at work to teach me about _____.

Romans 5:3-4 - "We can rejoice when we run into **problems and trials** for we know they are good for us - they help us learn to be patient. ⁴ And patience develops **strength of character...**" (LB)

Nine qualities of the fruit of the spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control.

2 Corinthians 1:8-10 - "I think you ought to know about the hard time **we** went through in Asia. **We** were really **crushed and overwhelmed**, and feared **we** would never live through it. ⁹ **We** felt we were doomed to die and saw how powerless **we** were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then **we put everything into the hands of God**, who alone could save us, for he can even raise the dead. ¹⁰ And **he did** help us and saved us from a terrible death; yes, and we expect him to do it again and again. TLB

Next steps:

A. _____ the problem over to God.

B. You can't do it _____.

Jesus' Goal for your life:

That you would develop the **character** of Christ and He will use your job to do it.