

God's @ Work*

Misconceptions About Work

- Work is a curse
- Work is a necessary evil
- Work is _____

Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.
Colossians 3:22-24

Truths About Work

- Work is a blessing (Genesis 2:15)
- Work is a calling (Psalm 8:4-8)
- Work is _____ (Colossians 3:22-24)

Big Idea: _____!

Application for Monday morning:

Application for October 1:

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REALife Group Study Guide

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- What is the strangest or most funny situation you have found yourself in at work?

talk it out

Read 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."

- Do you tend to view your job as a curse or a blessing? Why? Briefly, how does this biblical idea that work is a blessing change the way you view your job? (Your job could be employment with a company or the task of running a home.)

Read Psalm 8:4-8

"What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? ⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas."

- Briefly, how does it affect your attitude toward work to learn that it is God's idea and design?

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- Respond to the following statements individually:
"My work is an act of worship to God."
"When I'm at work, my employer should get my best."
"Wasting time at work is robbing God of worship."
- Outside of work, what other parts of our lives is God involved in?
- If God is at work *and* He is in your home, how should you trust him with an appropriate balance of your time between the two? What advice would you give a friend who claims to trust God with his work while he brings it home each night and works an additional 3-4 hours cutting into primetime with his family, small group and worship?

Read Daniel 1:1-15

Daniel was certainly tested on whether he believed God was at work. He was asked to do things that went against God's Word. Daniel basically constructed a three-part plan as he sought to obey God and honor his employer:

He asked for permission to change his work conditions.

He listened to the objections from his supervisor.

He proposed a test that took into account his supervisor's concerns.

- If you in a situation where you feel like are compromising other areas of your life because of your work, how might you implement a similar plan as Daniel?

*A great resource is Andy Stanley's book *Choosing to Cheat*.



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2. Work is a calling



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You made him ruler over the
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Psalm 8:6



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3. Work is Worship



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