

Redeeming Work

“Your Work is an Act of Worship and Service”

Matthew 22:34-40

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“Knowing that we are fulfilling God’s purpose is the only thing that really gives rest to the restless human heart.” – Chuck Colson

1. Your Work is an Opportunity to Worship God. (Vs. 37-38)

Heart, Soul, and Mind = All of you, Total Devotion

We MUST bring this scripture to EVERY area of our life...ESPECIALLY our work.

“Your love for God should motivate you to work, no matter the particulars of what you do, ‘with your whole heart.’ If you are a mother, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord. If you are a student, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord. If you make cars, close sales, litigate, or medicate, do it as if you are working for the Lord himself – because you are! You love God; therefore work with all of your heart.”

The Gospel at Work, Sebastian Traeger and Greg Gilbert (p. 60-61)

You are meant to worship God IN your work, not just once you’ve finished working.

What about you? Where has your attitude toward work resembled the perspective of the world rather than God’s?

How can you strive to worship God better through your work?

2. Your Work is an Opportunity to Serve Others. (Vs. 39)

Your work is a regular opportunity to love your neighbor!

In an attempt to place a high value on the Gospel and eternity, we have sometimes failed to place appropriate value on working for the good of others.

“The work we are called to do is a God-ordained means where we, in very tangible ways, care for God’s good world, contribute to the needs of others, and foster the common good.”

Work Matters, Tom Nelson (p. 124)

How does your work allow you, in its own way, to live for the common good of others?

Nurse? Retail? Homemaker? Food Service? Engineering? Warehouse?

Do not lose sight of the ways you love your neighbor through your work!

“Christianity creates no division of secular and sacred. Every task we undertake, paid or not, is to be done for God. Your job — whether you are building something, cooking a meal, changing a diaper, or sweeping the floor — is for His pleasure and is done in His presence.”

Your Greatest Missional Context – Your Vocation, J.R. Vassar