



Don't Change Where You Work But How You Work, Part 2

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1 Peter 2:9-25

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Outline

Read 1 Peter 2:9-25 and review the main points of the sermon below:

I. Working for King Jesus Sets You Free to Worship God Through Your Work – Instead of Trying to Fulfill Yourself

- A. You've Been Called to Christ More than You've Been Called to Any Particular Job or Field of Service

Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men."

- B. You Don't Have to Love What You Do to Worship God in the Way You Do It

II. Working for King Jesus Sets You Free to Serve Others – Instead of Just Promoting Yourself

III. Working for King Jesus Sets You Free to Trust God – Regardless of How You're Being Treated at Work

IV. Working for King Jesus Sets You Free to Rest in His Care – Knowing that Your Shepherd Loves You Even If Your Superiors at Work Don't

Sermon Discussion:

I. Conversation Starter Questions

- A. What was your first job and how long did it last?
- B. What job has the Lord used to teach you the most?
- C. As you reflect on the Redeeming Work series, what stands out to you? What truth about God or His will are you "latching" onto? What have you put into practice as a result?
- D. What is your reaction to our current culture's emphasis on the need to "love" your job? How have you been impacted by this?

II. Application Questions

- A. Have you struggled with your "calling"? Why do we over-spiritualize this? How does the 46 uses of the word in the NT change your perspective on this?
- B. Since you now work for King Jesus, how are you freed to serve others more effectively in your job?
- C. Since you now work for King Jesus, how does that change any mistreatment you're experiencing?
- D. How do you need to trust King Jesus to protect and perfect you in a way your boss or co-workers never will?

III. Gospel Connection – "...by His stripes, we are healed." The Gospel changes our desires—instead of seeking to be fulfilled from something on this earth, our desires are fulfilled by what Christ has already done on the cross.

IV. Prayer Focus Ideas

- A. How do you need strength to worship, serve, trust or rest at your work?
- B. Pray for your bosses – how can you be thankful? How can you bless them?