

Honoring the Lord in the Workplace Colossians 3:22-24

What purposes does God have for our career? How can we honor the Lord in the workplace no matter our vocations?

Work's Commission ...

- Not a Curse But an Opportunity

"By the seventh day God completed His **work** which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His **work** which He had done." —Genesis 2:2

"God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish ... birds ... and over every living thing ... Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.'" —Genesis 1:28, 2:15

"Cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you will eat bread." — Genesis 3:17-19

- Contribution to Community

"We urge you to excel still more [in love] and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you, so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need." —1 Thess 4:10b-12

- Work is Loving Service

"As slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. With good will render service." —Eph 6:6-7

- Work Requires Our All

"The Church's approach to an intelligent carpenter ... should be ... that the very first demand that his religion makes upon him is that he should make good tables." —D. Sayers

- Submission to Authority

Work's Compensation ...

- Decoration for the Gospel

"Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect." —Titus 2:9-10

- Personal Joy & Satisfaction

"To believe that a wise and good God is in charge of things implies that there is a fit between things that need doing and the person I am meant to be." —F. Buechner

- Monetary Payment
- Eternal Reward?