

Kiss Your Job Goodbye!

In the beginning...and the end:

Genesis 1 & 2, Revelation 22:3-5, Luke 19:17-19, 2 Timothy 2:12

The first role that we see **God** in is as a **worker**.

We were created to work **with God** and **for God**.

Even **heaven** will be a place of **work**.

How to do what we are made to do:

Colossians 3:17 & 22-25, 1 Peter 4:8-11, 1 Corinthians 7:17-24 & 10:31, Matthew 5:16,
Ephesians 2:10 & 4:28, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

- ❶ Work like God assigned you **your job**, because **he did**.
- ❷ Work like you are on a **mission**, because **you are**.
- ❸ Work like it is your **worship to God**, because **it should be**.
- ❹ Don't commute between your **spiritual life**,
and your **vocational life**.

Taking it to work:

- ▶ Your work matters to **God**, and his **Kingdom**.
- ▶ **Attitude** is **everything**!

Resources:

"Work Matters" by Tom Nelson

"Your Work Matters To God" by Sherman & Hendricks

Food for Thought

For the week of August 26, 2012

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

1. In this weekend's teaching, Chris encouraged us to "work like we're on a mission." While working hard can glorify God, it can do the exact opposite if it means neglecting those closest to us. What perspective does [Luke 10:38-42](#) give in terms of balancing work and significant relationships?

Luke 10:38-42

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one.[a] Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." [NIV]

2. There are many reasons why people work hard. Financial gain, prestige and popularity can all be enticing reasons to put extra effort into our careers or assignments. While hard work is important to God, he's also concerned about our motivation for doing so. How does 1 Timothy 6:6-11 help us keep the right perspective of our hard work?

1 Timothy 6:6-11

But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

11 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. [NIV]

3. This week we looked at Colossians 3:17 and saw how the quality of our work and carrying out our assignment represents God to those around us. After re-reading Colossians 3:17, assess how you're doing on your assignment or job in the areas below. Rate yourself on a 1 to 5 scale (5 being the highest).

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. [NIV]

Focus

Teamwork

Flexibility

Follow-through

Attention to detail

Looking at how you rated yourself, are there any areas you would like to improve on?