



*On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work. Genesis 2:2 (NLT)*

*But Jesus replied, "My Father is always working, and so am I." John 5:17*

### **1. God created man to work with Him in the world.**

*Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground." Genesis 1:28 (NLT)*

Job is for a paycheck. Work is for a purpose.

*The heavens belong to the LORD, but he has given the earth to all humanity. Psalm 115:16 (NLT)*

Work against God.  
Work without God.  
Work for God.  
Work with God.

*We are coworkers belonging to God. You are God's field, God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:9 (NET)*

*That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me. Colossians 1:29 (NLT)*

### **2. When sin entered the world, it entered the workspace.**

Gen 3 - Work of home (pain); work of ground (struggle)  
Gen 4 - Killing happens in the workplace.  
Gen 31 - Jacob summarizes 20 years of work - as harsh and unfair.  
Gen 39 - Sexual harassment in the workplace.

*"No one should ever work. Work is the source of nearly all the misery in the world. Almost any evil you'd care to name comes from working or from living in a world designed for work. In order to stop suffering, we have to stop working." Bob Black's "The Abolition of Work"*

### **3. We are saved, not by good works, but for good works.**

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV)*

*not of works, lest anyone should boast. Ephesians 2:9 (NKJV)*

*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)*

### **4. If you don't bring the gospel into your workplace, you'll miss God's work in you.**

*Slaves must always obey their masters and do their best to please them. They must not talk back Titus 2:9 (NLT)*

*Or steal, but must show themselves to be entirely trustworthy and good. Then they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive in every way. Titus 2:10 (NLT)*

90,000 hours = 10.2 years spent at work (Andrew Naber)



On average, people spend just 368 days socializing with friends throughout their lifetime.

*For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. Philippians 2:13 (NLT)*

### **5. If you work as if God is your boss, you'll receive not just a paycheck but also a reward.**

*Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Colossians 3:23 (NLT)*

*Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. Colossians 3:24 (NLT)*

Graeco-Roman culture: manual labor is beneath man's dignity.  
Christianity: Jesus - carpenter & Paul - tentmaker.

"Your work is a very sacred matter. God delights in it, and through it, He wants to bestow His blessings on you." Martin Luther

"I believe faith in the old fashioned gospel of Christ makes better mechanics, better accountants, better salesmen, and better executives." Robert G. LeTourneau

"I shovel [money] out, and God shovels it back...but God has a bigger shovel!" Robert G. LeTourneau

### **6. When you retire from your job, don't retire from your work.**

Caleb was working in his 80's (Josh 14:10-12)

Levites served from 25-50, after 50 they retired from regular service but not from work

*After retirement they may assist their fellow Levites by serving as guards at the Tabernacle, but they may not officiate in the service. This is how you must assign duties to the Levites." Numbers 8:26*

Rustproof your retirement (Ps 92:14-15)

Simeon and Anna served the Lord in their old age.

Widows who self indulge are dead even if she is alive (1 Tim 5:6)

- Turn your job into work for God.
- Work with God but also allow God to work in you at your work.
- God gives us special skills to build His kingdom.

*"Look, I have specifically chosen Bezalel son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. Exodus 31:2*

*I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. Exodus 31:3*

*So they said, "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work. Nehemiah 2:18*