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**The Joy of Work**

**What do you believe about work?**

### 5 Myths About Work

1. The ultimate purpose of work is to **fulfill myself**.
2. My success in life means **success in work**.
3. I can tell how successful I am by my **stuff**.
4. I have got to do **whatever it takes** to get the job done.
5. The purpose of my work is to **earn a living**.

**What is work?** meaningful and productive life activity

And **whatever you do**, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ... *Whatever you do, **work heartily**, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.* Colossians 3:23,24

**The truth about work** - God works when we work.

Work is ordained by God.

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to **work it** and keep it.* Genesis 2:15

*So, whether you eat or drink, or **whatever you do**, do all to the glory of God.* 1 Corinthians 10:31

*It is the working man who is the happy man. It is the idle man who is the miserable man.* Benjamin Franklin

Work is meaningful to our lives.

***There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?***  
Ecclesiastes 2:24-25

Work requires effort on our part.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and **establish the work of our hands** upon us; yes, **establish the work of our hands!**

Psalm 90:17

He who works with his **hands** is a **laborer**.

He who works with his **hands** and his **head** is a **craftsman**.

He who works with his **hands** and his **head** and his **heart** is an **artist**.

St. Francis of Assisi

Work has an eternal impact.

*We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father **your work of faith** and **labor of love** and **steadfastness of hope** in our Lord Jesus Christ.* 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

**What happens when we work?**

1. Through work, we serve people.

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but **also to the interests of others**. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,* Philippians 2:3-5

*And a second is like it: You shall **love your neighbor as yourself**.* Matthew 22:39

2. Through work, we meet needs.

*But **if anyone does not provide for his relatives**, and **especially for members of his household**, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.* 1 Timothy 5:8

3. Through work, we resource our generosity.

*Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, **so that he may have something to share with anyone in need**.* Ephesians 4:28

4. Through work, we love and worship God.

not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, **doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man**, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. Ephesians 6:6–8

**Let's re-work our view of work ...**

- Do not just go to work ... find **purpose, meaning** and **value** in work.
- Do not just go to work ... go to make a **difference** in and for others.
- Do not just go to work ... see your work as a way to **love** and **worship** God.

We are no longer slaves to a view of work that is all about me! The truth is that work was God's idea and it is part of our divine nature. God works and we are living into our design when we, like God, work in ways that change the world

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In a world that is incentivized, work has lost its wisdom.

In a world of immediate gratification, we become myopic.

**God is calling us to the joy of work!**