

Making Your Work Work For You

SERIES: "TAKE THIS LIFE AND LOVE IT"
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Key Verse

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

Two truths to remember about work every day:

1. God created _____ as an _____ of _____.

Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony of God in them. -1 John 5:10 (GW)

My testimony of God says to others:

- A. You can be _____.
- B. You can have a _____ for _____.
- C. You can have a _____ in _____.

But that is why God had mercy on me, so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. -1 Timothy 1:16 (NLT)

Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do. -Colossians 3:23a (NLT)

2. God created _____ as an _____ of _____.

Work ...as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. -Colossians 3:23b (NLT)

I glorified you on earth by completing down to the last detail what you assigned me to do. -John 17:4 (MSG)

[see also 2 Thessalonians 3:10-11 (NASB)]

The Biblical Functions At Your Workplace

W _____ engage at work.

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands... -Ephesians 4:28 (ESV)

O _____ : Love others the way Jesus loves you.

May the Lord make your love for each other and for everyone else grow by leaps and bounds. -1 Thessalonians 3:12 (CEV)

[see also Matthew 19:19 (CEV)]

R _____, that you _____ God in your _____.

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K Keep an _____ in a _____.

LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered, and that my life is fleeing away. -Psalms 39:4 (NLT)

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share some of the questions you have had about the purpose of your vocation.
2. Discuss some ways to view your vocation as an act of worship toward Jesus.
3. How can you lift up the name of Jesus in the way you work, and through your attitude of work?
4. Take time to pray for the needs of your group.

ANSWER KEY:

me; example; grace; forgiven; reason; living; home; heaven; work; expression; worship; wholeheartedly engage; Obey Jesus; Remind yourself; worship; workplace; eternal perspective; temporary assignment

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