

Series: What Do You Work For? Your Part in a Larger Story

Message: The Hands and Feet of the Story. Your Work Is God's Work.

Scripture: Mark 12:30-31

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The WHAT (review) and WHY of our Work (bold)

What we believe and think about what we do is just as important as what we do. Motive matters most.

The HOW of our Work – “as unto the Lord.” (bold)

Mark 12:30-31 - ³⁰ *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.* ³¹ *Love your neighbor as yourself.* *There is no commandment greater than these.*

- Work is a way of loving our neighbor.
- Jesus as our Model.

“Our imitation of God in this life -must be an imitation of God incarnate: our model is the Jesus, not only of Calvary, but of the workshop, the roads, the crowds, ... the interruptions. For this is ... the Divine life operating under human conditions.”

- The Four Loves by C.S. Lewis

- Jesus as our Model. God's law as our guide.

10 Commandments

1 and 2 - No other gods/no idols — Repent of work as a false Savior and Lord, as well as of work's sister idols.

3 - Honor God's name — No work that denigrates God or His image bearers.

4 - Six days work/keep Sabbath — Diligent work and God centered rest.

5 - Honor father and mother – Respectful submission to authority and fatherly use of authority.

6 - Do not murder – Divine love replacing murderous hearts, hatred and strife.

7 - Do not commit adultery – Work that fuels marital fidelity. Wise boundaries regarding work relationships.

8 - Do not steal – Integrity, generosity, diligence regarding time, cash, skills and assets.

9 - Do not bear false witness – Truthfulness. Your word is good. Judgment of charity. Honest marketing.

10- Do not covet – Contentment and "supportive joy". Blessed to be a blessing, if your scope of influence expands.

- *Christ centered beliefs and faith regarding our work produce Spirit empowered attitudes and actions in our work.*

Resources:

Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work
by Timothy Keller

Why Business Matters to God: And What Still Needs to be Fixed
by Jeff Van Duzer

Business for the Common Good: A Christian View for the Marketplace
By Kenman L. Wong and Scott B. Rae