

"I'm challenging you. I'm telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with prayer....If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that."

Matthew 5:44,46 (MSG)



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Consider the possibility that God has placed you in a difficult work environment because He wants to do something _____

"For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters."

Romans 8:29

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"

Galatians 5:22-23

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Commit my life to Jesus Christ for the first time
- Memorize Colossians 3:23-24
- Quit working for my old boss and start working for a new one
- Get the most out of this weekend's message by attending my LIFE group week.
- Return next weekend as we continue "Unshakeable" and look at "Facing Worry With Unshakeable Faith"



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Why Think About Work?

- **God is a** _____

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Genesis 1:1

"On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work."

Genesis 2:2

- **We were** _____

"Then God said, 'Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us'. . .So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

Genesis 1:26-27

- **We were** _____

"Then God said, 'Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground'. . .The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it."

Genesis 1:26, 2:15

Clearing Up Some Confusion

MYTH # 1: Work is a _____

“To Adam he said, 'Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.' It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

Genesis 3:17-19

TRUTH: Work was _____

MYTH # 2: Some work is _____ **some is** _____

TRUTH: All work can _____

MYTH # 3: The best thing I can do with my job is to _____

TRUTH: The best thing I can do with my job is to _____

Three Steps To Overcoming Career Challenges With Unshakeable Faith

1. Change _____

MEMORY VERSE

“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.”

Colossians 3:23-24

2. Change _____

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might“

Ecclesiastes 9:10

3. Change _____

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“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

Romans 12:18

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

Matthew 5:9

Discussion Questions - Week #6

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend “Facing Career Challenges with Unshakeable Faith,” in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking back at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

GETTING STARTED

1. When you were growing up, what was your dream job?

2. If you could change careers today and do anything you wanted, what would it be and why?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. One of the truths that Pastor Rick taught this weekend was that “all work can be an act of worship when it’s offered to the Lord.” Have you ever experienced your work as an act of worship?

Read Colossians 3:17 & 22-25. How might following Paul's instructions in these passages change the way you approach your work?

What's one thing you could try in order to connect with God through your work more regularly?

2. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15. What stands out to you or challenges you in this passage?

What lesson do you think the apostle Paul intended to model for us?

Do you think this passage gives us license to be workaholics? Why or why not?

3. Read Genesis 2:1-2 and Exodus 20:9-10 & 34:21. Why do you think God may have chosen to rest on the seventh day?

Why do you think God added that we must rest “even during the plowing season and harvest” in Exodus 34?

Do you find it harder to work six days or to rest for one?

What does it like when you rest?

TAKING IT HOME

➤ Which of the three steps to overcoming career challenges do you need to take this week?

➤ How can the group be praying for you to overcome the career challenges in your life?

PRAYER REQUESTS