

THIS WEEK, I WILL GLORIFY GOD
THROUGH MY WORK BY...



WEEK 27 - WORK AS WORSHIP
COLOSSIANS 3:17; 23-24

TODAY'S VERSES:

Colossians 3:17 & 23-24

Genesis 2:15

Psalms 147:13-14

Proverbs 11:1

Psalms 15:1-3

2 Corinthians 8:9

1 Peter 3:15

Genesis 4:26

Genesis 6

Genesis 11

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Most people who would call themselves Christians (or even just “religious”) think of worship as something they do inside the church. When we think of ministry, we also often think “inside the church.” We forget that all of our lives—including our jobs—are also worship. We tend to see our work as a necessity to put food on the table and forget that God has an interest in our jobs. Work was given as a gift and is part of our design.

What beliefs about work were taught or modeled to you in your family, culture, church context, etc.? What do you enjoy/not enjoy about work?

The first mention of work in the Bible is in Genesis 2. The Hebrew word used for work shares the same root word as worship. In the Middle Ages, when someone was promoted for doing a good job, they would be “put in worshipful service.” “Worshipful service” in Middle English meant “noble employment” or “honorable work.” We should reorient our lives and ask, “Is our worship fit for The King?” Adam worshipped God in the garden by doing the work God commissioned him to do. The root word of “worship” reminds us what worship is meant to be: “worth-ship,” an act of affirming God’s worth. Worship is, fundamentally, a declaration that God is worthy.

What is worship? How does worship declare God is worthy?

1. Work fulfills God’s purpose in creation.

Work was not a punishment inflicted on Adam for his sin; it was a part of God’s original design. God calls the garden good because He intended humankind to grow and develop it, to steward the raw materials of the earth and develop them for the glory of God and the benefit of humanity.

The word “**vocation**” comes from the Latin word “voca,” which means “to call.” God designed us and *called* us to serve in the world.

2. The way we work is a statement about the worthiness of God.

If our work is done “for the Lord,” it is an offering to God! Paul says that this is one of the things that should set Christians apart: they do their work for the glory of God.

3. Work seeks to demonstrate the integrity of God.

To worship God in our work means having standards higher than the world around us.

4. Work looks to bless others.

We leverage our places of strength to bless and serve others, like Jesus first did for us.

What does it look like to leverage your strength/gifts to serve others? How can you do that now?

5. Worshipful work seeks to advance Jesus’ mission where it can.

Work done by disciples of Jesus should be done with a view toward making Jesus known. Doing our work well is a great witness for Jesus as we remember that we worship God (not our work). Worshippers of God are not defined by their work; they are defined by the name of the God they worship.

How does the way you work reflect the nature and character of God? How is grace important for us when we forget to reflect God’s goodness in our work?

When we trust Him and seek Him first, all the rest of life will flow from seeing Him as He is. We do not give our lives to work; we give our lives to the one who gave Himself for us. Work matters to God, God matters to work, and Jesus fulfilled our work before God in what we call the Gospel.