

# Putting Your Faith To Work At Work



“Only about 3 percent of Christians are in vocational Christian work. So does that mean the other 97 percent have not been called and that their service is *less than* those in full-time vocational Christian work? ... If the Spirit of God is active in your life, nothing you do in your work is secular.”

- Joe M. Carroll, *Experiencing God in Your Work*, pp.55-57

***Never dismiss your work as \_\_\_\_\_!  
Rather, always view it as \_\_\_\_\_!***

“I believe one of the next great moves of God is going to be through the believers in the workplace.”

- Billy Graham

“I’ve never seen the activity of God this deeply in the business community as I do right now.”

- Henry Blackaby

**1. Working is \_\_\_\_\_!**

**Gen 2:2** And by the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing; so on that day He rested from all His work.

***The very first thing in the Bible we see God doing was \_\_\_\_\_!***

**2. We continue God’s \_\_\_\_\_ through our work!**

**Gen 2:19-20** And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and He brought them to the man to see what he would name each one. And whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all the livestock, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field.

***If you think about it, all work is a \_\_\_\_\_!***

“When we take fabric and make a piece of clothing, when we push a broom and clean up a room, when we use technology to harness the forces of electricity, when we take an unformed, naïve human mind and teach it a subject, when we teach a couple how to resolve their relational disputes, when we take simple materials and turn them into a poignant work of art – we are continuing God’s work of forming, filling, and subduing.”

- Timothy Keller, *Every Good Endeavor*, pp.47-48

**3. Before sin entered the world, work was \_\_\_\_\_!**

**Gen 2:15** The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to *work it and take care of it.*



**“Work in the garden of Eden is described with the same words used to describe the work of the Levitical priests in the tabernacle.”**

**- Paul S. Williams, *Exiles on Mission*, p.94**

***The Bible talks about \_\_\_\_\_ before it ever talks about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!***

**4. After sin entered the world, work then \_\_\_\_\_!**

**Gen 3:17** And to Adam He said: “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat, cursed is the ground because of you; through toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.”

**“The fact that God put work in paradise is startling to us because we so often think of work as a necessary evil or even punishment.”**

**- Timothy Keller**

**“The curse didn’t make work bad, it just made work hard.”**

**- Joe M. Carroll**

**Ecc 2:17** So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me.

**“One-fourth of employees view their jobs as the number one stressor in their lives... One-third of Americans say, ‘I hate my job’... Most suicides occur on Sunday nights. Most heart attacks occur on Monday mornings.”**

**- Max Lucado, *Cure For The Common Life*, pp.15,96**

**Ecc 3:22** There is nothing better for a person than to enjoy their work...

5. Although work became cursed, work remained a way for each of us to \_\_\_\_\_!

**Gen 4:2-4** Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, while Cain was a tiller of the soil. 3 So in the course of time, Cain brought some of the fruit of the soil as an offering to the LORD, 4 while Abel brought the best portions of the firstborn of his flock.

*God connects your unique \_\_\_\_\_  
with your unique \_\_\_\_\_, and so should we!*

**Ex 31:1-4** “[Bezalel was] filled ... with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability, and knowledge in all kinds of crafts – to make artistic designs.”

“To work is to pray.”  
- Saint Benedict

*Your daily \_\_\_\_\_ is an integral part  
of your daily \_\_\_\_\_!*

6. The best \_\_\_\_\_ make the best \_\_\_\_\_!

**Gen 39:1-4** Meanwhile, Joseph had been taken down to Egypt, where an Egyptian named Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there. 2 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, serving in the household of his Egyptian master. 3 When his master saw that the LORD was with him and made him prosper in all he did, 4 Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal attendant.

