

Sunday 1/28/2024 – WORK

So for some weird reason all of us have this moment when we see someone working and this phrase just seems to automatically come out of our mouths... You know this phrase

Hey, are you working hard or hardly working...?

Why do we say this? I think it's because we do like knowing if someone is working their hardest, are they enjoying what they do, are they working with a sense of purpose or are they just kind of enduring it. But here is something I realized this week no matter what you do, we all spend a lot of time throughout our lives working...

40 working hours/week x 52 weeks/year = **2,080 working hours/year**

40 hours/week x 52 weeks/year x 40 years = **83,200 work hours.**

So since we spend so much time in our lives working, how can we be more intentional about the work that we are doing?

Colossians 3:15-17 NIV

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And **whatever** you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

1. Be more intentional about seeing the blessings in our work.

From the very beginning we see God’s work come to life by all that he created, and when we are created Genesis tells us that he created us to rule over the land, and to tend it, and take care of it. Our work brings value to our lives and it’s a part of how we were created and what we were created for.

2. Be more intentional about who we are working for.

Our work isn’t just about going somewhere clocking in and out for a company or our boss. It’s so much more than that. Our work isn’t just for pleasing a person, it’s about serving God. Every day we get to wake up and use whatever gift, talents, skills, we have to serve God with those attributes. We get to contribute to the world he has created and each of us every day need to realize our work is bigger than just what is right in front of us.

“Humans were created to extend God’s wise and loving order into the world. We may not be creators, but we are cultivators and collaborators. We partner with God, participating with him in tending the world so it flourishes as he intended. “Be fruitful and multiply” all creation is told. And in this, God will be glorified” -The Intentional Year

3. Be more intentional about the impact of our work.

Not only does our work provide for us, it does more than that, it gives us purpose. And many of us miss our purpose in the everyday routine. We encounter people, places, and situations where God could use us in big ways. Maybe to encourage someone, maybe to help someone, maybe to make something better. All of us have influence at our work, and whatever we do it’s up to us to leverage that influence to make an impact wherever we are.

Matthew 5:16 ESV

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.



Lord, how can I serve you best today?

And I believe no matter what our work is, that should be the question each of us start with. God help me make the most of my time here today. God give me eyes to see things I cannot see, God give me opportunities to make an impact big or small, God help me see others the way you see them today, God help me see the blessings in what I do, God help me serve you best today!

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