

# yourlife@work: worship

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"Work is something that when we have it, we wish we didn't and when we don't have it, we wish we did."

"Meaningful work does not guarantee a meaningful life, but a meaningful life will make work (and everything else) purposeful and meaningful."

*Do your work willingly, as though you were serving the Lord himself, and not just your earthly master. In fact, the Lord Christ is the one you are really serving, and you know that He will reward you. COLOSSIANS 3:23-24 (CEV)*

## WORK AND WORSHIP ARE PARTNERS, NOT COMPETITORS IN YOUR LIFE

*Work from the heart for your real Master, for God, confident that you'll get paid in full when you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you're serving is Christ. COLOSSIANS 3:23-24 (MSG)*

### Four Misbeliefs:

- 1) There is a God-ordained division between clergy and laity.
- 2) The Church is called to operate primarily inside a building often referred to as a temple.
- 3) People involved in business cannot be as spiritual as those serving in traditional Church ministry.
- 4) The primary role of marketplace Christian is to make money to support the vision of those in the ministry. —ED SILVOSO

Far too many treat their lives like "pie charts." Thus, dissatisfaction and frustration come from segmentation in life:

**Segmentation in life  
creates dissatisfaction  
and frustration.**



"Worship is not part of your life, it is your life. Every activity can be transformed into an act of worship when you do it for the praise, glory, and pleasure of God."

"A dairymaid can milk cows to the glory of God." —MARTIN LUTHER

**Keeping God in the center  
adds quality, virtue, and  
focus in each day.**



## WORSHIP AT WORK PROVIDES A PLATFORM FOR YOUR WITNESS

### Powerpoints to Live Your Faith at Work:

- **Create Curiosity**—Too many want to give answers before others have an opportunity to ask questions.

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. MATTHEW 5:16*

- **Demonstrate Courtesy**—Treat people with value and respect. Make them friends, not targets.

*Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master. Be ready to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy. Keep a clear conscience before God so that when people throw mud at you, none of it will stick. They'll end up realizing that they're the ones who need a bath.*

1 PETER 3:15-16 (MSG)

- **Accentuate Consistency**—Do your best and trust God with the rest. Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart . . . EPHESIANS 6:5-6 (NKJV)

- **Communicate Creatively**

*Use your heads as you live and work among outsiders. Don't miss a trick. Make the most of every opportunity. Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out. COLOSSIANS 4:5-6 (MSG)*

## WORSHIP THROUGH WORK ENCOURAGES PROFIT WITH PURPOSE

"Everybody wants to harvest, but nobody wants to plow."

LUKE 18:25 - 19:10

*But when they saw it, they all complained saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, I give half my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything more from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." LUKE 19:7-8 (NKJV)*

*For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 1 TIMOTHY 6:10 (NKJV)*

*Tell those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone. But their trust should be in the living God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give generously to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may take hold of real life.*

1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19 (NLT)

At the conclusion of his works, Johann Sebastian Bach inscribed "S.D.G." [*Sola Deo Gloria*, To God alone be glory!].

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