Why Work?

I Work for the Glory of God

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Henri Amiel said, "It is work that gives flavor to life." A cynic replied, "Yeah, it leaves a bad taste in your mouth."

If you want to increase your job satisfaction and performance, then use your work as a tool to give glory of God. This will transform your work from boredom to blessing, drudgery to dignity, mundane to meaning, and grind to glory.

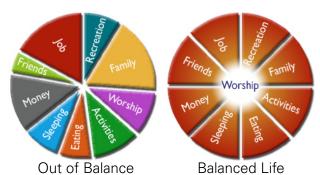
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Get the Right Picture

Work and worship are not enemies, they are friends.

Read Colossians 3:22-24

"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."



Let Your Light Shine

Your work is the platform of your witness for Christ.

Read Matthew 5:14-16

Dr. Adrian Rogers once said there are four guidelines for witnessing in the workplace:

1. Don't Brag

"How do you convince a world that God is alive? By His aliveness in your life, by His work in producing reality in your experience." —HOWARD HENDRICKS

2. Don't Nag

"People are won to your religious beliefs less by description and more by demonstration."

3. Don't Lag

... doing the will of God from the heart.

-EPHESIANS 6:5-6

"Preach all the time, and every once in a while, if necessary, use words." —ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

4. Don't Sag

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a



reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear... —1 PETER 3:15

Offer Service to God

Service doesn't have to be liturgical to be spiritual.

Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as menpleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men...—COLOSSIANS 3:22-23

"It's not what a man does that determines whether His work is sacred or secular, but why He does it."

—A.W. TOZER

Return God's Portion

Distributing your earnings is a way of expressing your faith.

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it." —MALACHI 3:10

Yield to God's Purpose

Contentment comes when you recognize God's control in your life.

A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps. —PROVERBS 16:9



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