

**"It is work that gives flavor to life."
—Henry Amiel**

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**"Yeah, it leaves a bad taste
in your mouth." —Cynic**

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as for the Lord and not for men,
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—Colossians 3:23-24 ESV

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Why work?

I work to...

Eat—Genesis 3:17-20; Exodus 20:8

Provide—2 Thessalonians 3:9-12

Profit—Proverbs 14:23; 1 Timothy 5:18

Pay Taxes—Romans 13:1-7

Give—Ephesians 4:23-28

Make a Difference—Colossians 3:22-24

Glorify God—Colossians 3:17, 24

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Get the Right Picture

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God has no "part time" Christians.

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“Work is what we do to earn a living;
service is what we do to make a life.”

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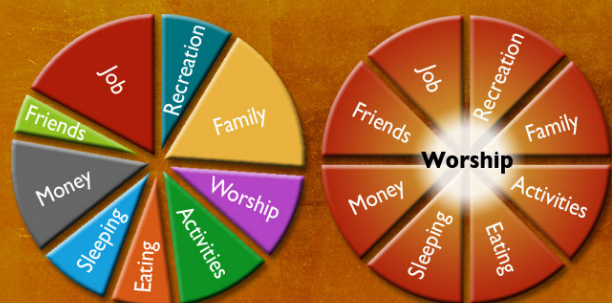
“The word *glory* conveys the idea
of beauty. So as we do good work
that reflects God’s character... we
unleash His beauty. People see God.
Our work is a way to worship God.
It has intrinsic value and can
demonstrate God’s character when
we do good work. Faith and work
are to be seamless.”

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Work is an expression of our life
in Christ. Separating the two is like
separating “being” from “doing.”
How do you know who
you are being without considering
what you are doing?”

—Dave Gibbons

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Out of Balance

Balanced Life

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Live to Tell the Story

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As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?”

—Daniel 6:20 ESV

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**“Preach all the time, and every once in a while, if necessary, use words.”
—St. Francis of Assisi**

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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. —Matthew 5:16 ESV

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Offer Your Service as Unto God

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“Excellence in all things and all things for the glory of God.”

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Offer Your Service as Unto God
Excellence Reflects

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**Let every detail in your lives—
words, actions, whatever—be
done in the name of the Master,
Jesus, thanking God the Father
every step of the way.**

—Colossians 3:17 MSG

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Offer Your Service as Unto God
Excellence Attracts

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Offer Your Service as Unto God
Excellence Costs

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**“Excellence is never cheap.
It is costly. Constant care,
serious preparation and
continual application are
required. Excellence involves
desire plus discipline and
tenacity of purpose.”**

—George Sweeting

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**Offer Your Service as Unto God
Excellence Lasts**

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**“It’s not what a man does that determines
whether his work is sacred or secular,
but why he does it.” —A.W. Tozer**

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**Return God’s Portion
of Your Profits**

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**Bring the full tithe into the store-
house, that there may be food in
my house. And thereby put me to
the test, says the LORD of hosts,
if I will not open the windows of
heaven for you and pour down for
you a blessing until there is no
more need. —Malachi 3:10 ESV**

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**Yield to God’s Purpose in
All Places and All Things**

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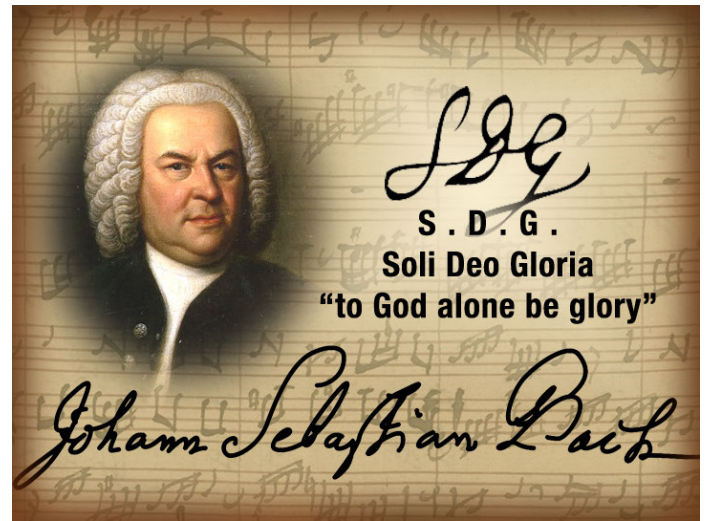
**The heart of man plans his way,
but the LORD establishes his steps.
—Proverbs 16:9 ESV**

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And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

—Colossians 3:17 ESV

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