

"Idolatry is when we build our identity on anything other than God or derive fulfillment from anything other than God."

—Soren Kierkegaard

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"The redemption of Christ is comprehensive and completive. The application is not limited in part, but is extended to the whole of my life and being. All of life is to be redeemed and lived for the glory of God."

15Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,
16making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.
—Ephesians 5:15-16 ESV

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<sup>5</sup>Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, <sup>6</sup>not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

... <sup>7</sup>rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, <sup>8</sup>knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. —Ephesians 6:5-8 ESV

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<sup>18</sup>Even so, I have noticed one thing, at least, that is good. It is good for people to eat, drink, and enjoy their work under the sun during the short life God has given them, and to accept their lot in life. <sup>19</sup>And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God.

—Ecclesiastes 5:18-19 NLT

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"Life is God's gift. We must not view our calling as a drudgery, but take pleasure in the calling where God puts us. A cheerful spirit is a great blessing; it makes employments easy, and afflictions light. Having made a proper use of riches, a man will remember the days of his past life with pleasure.

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"The manner in which Solomon refers to God as the Giver, both of life and its enjoyments, shows they ought to be received and to be used consistently with His will and to His glory. Let this passage recommend to all the kind words of the merciful Redeemer,

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"'Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life' [John 6:27 KJV]. Christ is the bread of life, the only food of the soul. All are invited to partake of this heavenly provision."

—Matthew Henry Commentary

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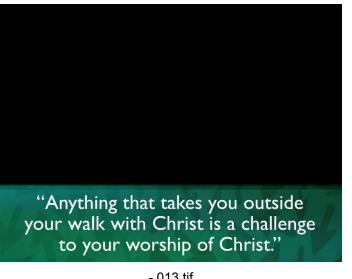
## Work is Like an Idol When It...

- Defines My Worth
- Demands My Sacrifice
- Determines My Happiness

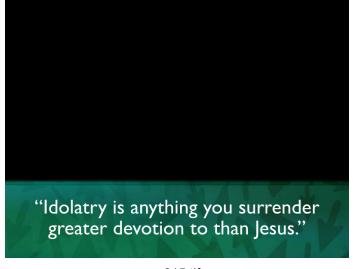
And Jesus answered him, "It is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve."

—Luke 4:8 ESV

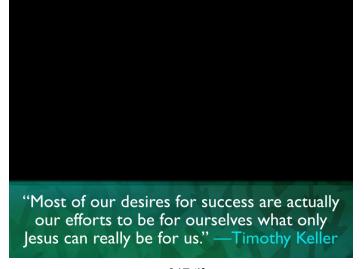
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When Your Job <u>Is</u> an Idol...
You Demand Recognition at Work

"Who you work for is more important

than what you do." —The Gospel at Work,

Sebastian Traeger & Greg Gilbert

When Your Job Is an Idol...

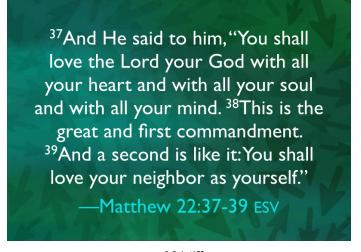
You are Desperate for Satisfaction

Through Work

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When Your Job <u>Is Not</u> an Idol... Your Work Becomes a Platform

to Serve People

When Your Job <u>Is Not</u> an Idol... Your Work Becomes a Platform

to Show Love

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