

PERSPECTIVE = HOW YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT
SOMEONE OR SOMETHING

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WHAT GAIN HAS THE WORKER FROM HIS TOIL?
—ECCLESIASTES 3:9

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FOR ALL HIS DAYS ARE FULL OF SORROW, AND HIS WORK IS
A VEXATION. EVEN IN THE NIGHT HIS HEART DOES NOT
REST. THIS ALSO IS VANITY. —ECCLESIASTES 2:23

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"FOR WHOM AM I TOILING AND DEPRIVING MYSELF
OF PLEASURE?" THIS ALSO IS VANITY AND AN
UNHAPPY BUSINESS." —ECCLESIASTES 4:8b

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"LIFE MAY SEEM VAIN, BUT WORK IS VALUABLE."

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THE LORD GOD TOOK THE MAN AND PUT HIM
IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN TO WORK IT AND KEEP IT.
—GENESIS 2:15

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SO I SAW THAT THERE IS NOTHING BETTER THAN THAT A MAN SHOULD REJOICE IN HIS WORK, FOR THAT IS HIS LOT. WHO CAN BRING HIM TO SEE WHAT WILL BE AFTER HIM? —ECCLESIASTES 3:22

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1. YOUR JOB IS FOR YOU TO MAKE A LIFE CONTRIBUTION, NOT ENGAGE IN A LIFETIME COMPETITION

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THEN I SAW THAT ALL TOIL AND ALL SKILL IN WORK COME FROM A MAN'S ENVY OF HIS NEIGHBOR. THIS ALSO IS VANITY AND A STRIVING AFTER WIND. —ECCLESIASTES 4:4

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"YOU ARE NOT MERELY HERE TO MAKE A LIVING... YOU ARE HERE TO ENRICH THE WORLD AND YOU IMPOVERISH YOURSELF IF YOU FORGET THE ERRAND." —WOODROW WILSON

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2. YOUR JOB CAN BRING GREAT PROFITS, BUT IT CAN LEAVE YOU WITH A BANKRUPT LIFE

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"IF YOU GIVE YOURSELF TO THE IDOL OF WORK, YOU'LL FIND IT IS AN IMPOSSIBLE TASKMASTER, A SLAVE DRIVER THAT CAN NEVER BE COMPLETELY SATISFIED.

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IT WILL ALWAYS DISAPPOINT AND LET YOU DOWN. IT WILL NEVER FINALLY GRANT THE SATISFACTION IT PROMISES... THE GOAL POSTS KEEP MOVING, AND SATISFACTION PROVES ELUSIVE." —TRAGER AND GILBERT

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¹⁰HE WHO LOVES MONEY WILL NOT BE SATISFIED WITH MONEY, NOR HE WHO LOVES WEALTH WITH HIS INCOME; THIS ALSO IS VANITY. ¹¹WHEN GOODS INCREASE, THEY INCREASE WHO EAT THEM, AND WHAT ADVANTAGE HAS THEIR OWNER BUT TO SEE THEM WITH HIS EYES? ¹²SWEET IS THE SLEEP OF A LABORER, WHETHER HE EATS LITTLE OR MUCH, BUT THE FULL STOMACH OF THE RICH WILL NOT LET HIM SLEEP. ¹³THERE IS A GRIEVOUS EVIL THAT I HAVE SEEN UNDER THE SUN: RICHES WERE KEPT BY THEIR OWNER TO HIS HURT, ¹⁴AND THOSE RICHES WERE LOST IN A BAD VENTURE. AND HE IS FATHER OF A SON, BUT HE HAS NOTHING IN HIS HAND.

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¹⁵AS HE CAME FROM HIS MOTHER'S WOMB HE SHALL GO AGAIN, NAKED AS HE CAME, AND SHALL TAKE NOTHING FOR HIS TOIL THAT HE MAY CARRY AWAY IN HIS HAND. ¹⁶THIS ALSO IS A GRIEVOUS EVIL: JUST AS HE CAME, SO SHALL HE GO, AND WHAT GAIN IS THERE TO HIM WHO TOILS FOR THE WIND? ¹⁷MOREOVER, ALL HIS DAYS HE EATS IN DARKNESS IN MUCH VEXATION AND SICKNESS AND ANGER.

—ECCLESIASTES 5:10-17

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3. YOUR JOB PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

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WHATEVER YOUR HAND FINDS TO DO, DO IT WITH YOUR MIGHT, FOR THERE IS NO WORK OR THOUGHT OR KNOWLEDGE OR WISDOM IN SHEOL, TO WHICH YOU ARE GOING. —ECCLESIASTES 9:10

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FOR EVEN WHEN WE WERE WITH YOU, WE WOULD GIVE YOU THIS COMMAND: IF ANYONE IS NOT WILLING TO WORK, LET HIM NOT EAT. —2 THESSALONIANS 3:10

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... ²⁴KNOWING THAT FROM THE LORD
YOU WILL RECEIVE THE INHERITANCE AS YOUR REWARD.
YOU ARE SERVING THE LORD CHRIST.

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²⁵FOR THE WRONGDOER WILL BE PAID BACK
FOR THE WRONG HE HAS DONE,
AND THERE IS NO PARTIALITY. —COLOSSIANS 3:24-25

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4. YOUR JOB IS MORE FULFILLING WHEN
YOU SEE IT AS A CALLING AND NOT A CAREER

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²⁴THERE IS NOTHING BETTER FOR A PERSON
THAN THAT HE SHOULD EAT AND DRINK
AND FIND ENJOYMENT IN HIS TOIL.

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THIS ALSO, I SAW, IS FROM THE HAND OF GOD,
²⁵FOR APART FROM HIM WHO CAN EAT OR
WHO CAN HAVE ENJOYMENT? —ECCLESIASTES 2:24-25

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“OUR WORD, CAREER, COMES FROM TWO ANCIENT FRENCH
ROOTS FOR ‘CART’ AND ‘CIRCLE.’ THE WORD PICTURE IS OF
AN INDIVIDUAL PUSHING A CART, ENDLESSLY IN A CIRCLE—
THE TREADMILL OF LIFE. CALLING IS NOT TREADMILL LIVING.
CALLING IS A PICTURE OF LINEAR MOVEMENT. IT IS BOTH A
SUMMONING, A COMING TO, AND THEN A COMMISSIONING,
BEING SENT ON AN ERRAND. THE PICTURE HERE IS NOT THE
CIRCULAR, NEVER-ENDING RAT RACE, BUT THE OUTWARD
POINTING ARROW OF MEANINGFUL DIRECTION.

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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CAREER AND CALLING
IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MISSION AND ACTIVITY.
CALLING IS BEING RELEASED TO BE
EXACTLY WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO BE,
TO DO PRECISELY WHAT I AM SUPPOSED TO DO FOR GOD,
AN ASSIGNMENT WITH ETERNAL WORTH."

—MAXWELL, GRAVES, AND ADDINGTON, *LIFE@WORK*

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¹⁸BEHOLD, WHAT I HAVE SEEN TO BE GOOD AND FITTING
IS TO EAT AND DRINK AND FIND ENJOYMENT
IN ALL THE TOIL WITH WHICH ONE TOILS UNDER THE SUN

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THE FEW DAYS OF HIS LIFE THAT GOD HAS GIVEN HIM,
FOR THIS IS HIS LOT. ¹⁹EVERYONE ALSO TO WHOM GOD HAS
GIVEN WEALTH AND POSSESSIONS AND POWER TO ENJOY THEM,

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AND TO ACCEPT HIS LOT AND REJOICE IN HIS TOIL—
THIS IS THE GIFT OF GOD.
—ECCLESIASTES 5:18-19

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