

Title: Your Work Matters to God
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Three out of four people **go to a job** they're not fitted for, called for, excited about or satisfied in.

"The average American will work **100,000** hours in his/her lifetime. That means **60 - 80%** of your waking hours will be spent at work.

How does God view work?

"Work is to be seen not as a necessary drudgery to be endured for the purpose of making money, but as a way of life in which the nature of man finds delight and fulfillment to the glory of God. It should, in fact, be thought of as a creative activity undertaken for the love of the work itself. Man, made in God's image, should make things as God makes things. How does He make things? For the sake of doing well." Dorothy Sayers

God is a **worker**! *"And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it because He rested from all His work which He had created and He had made."* Genesis 2:2-3.

Work is not **evil**. *"Then the Lord God took the man, put him in the Garden of Eden to tend it and to keep it."* Genesis 2:15 God created a **job** for Adam even before He **created Adam himself**. Work is meant to be a **marvelous gift** from God.

You don't have to have a **job** to **work**.

The impact of sin on work: After the fall work is **different**. But it is not **work** that is **cursed**. *"Then God said to Adam, 'Because you have heeded the voice of your wife and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you saying, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground..."* Genesis 3:17

The temptation in the garden was, *"If you eat of this, you will be **like** God."* The cursing of the ground is to remind us we **aren't like** God at all. The pain of a fallen world **drives us** back to God.

The Biblical View of Work: *"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through God the Father."* Colossians 3:17.

For the believer work is a **calling**, not a **job**, therefore, all work is **sacred**. *"Whatever you do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord, not unto men. Knowing that from the Lord you will receive a reward..., for you serve the Lord Christ."* Colossians 3:23-24.

Our work is to flow from **God's unique design and purpose** for our lives. *"For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."* Ephesians 2:10.

When looking for a job ask, "What did God **make me to do**?"

You will show people more of Christ by how you live your life, how you treat fellow workers, your attitude, and the quality of your work than anything you'll ever do **in church**.