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Irresistible Faith: In Our Work

Today we'll see how a change of perspective in the reason why we work can have a huge impact in reaching those far from God and in our own satisfaction as well.

A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE ON WORK INCLUDES THAT...

#1 Work and religion are not separate parts of our life.

- *Colossians 3:17, And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*
- *Ephesians 4:28, Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.*

#2 God is a worker and he created workers in paradise.

- *Genesis 1:1, In the beginning God created...*
- *Genesis 1:26, Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."*
- *Genesis 2:15, The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.*
- *Genesis 1:28, God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."*
- *Revelation 21:2-3, I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them..."*
- *Genesis 1:31, God saw all that he had made, and it was very good...*

#3 While all jobs should be respected, to be satisfying, they should also fulfill a calling.

- *1 Corinthians 7:17, Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches.*

#4 We will grow weary in our work and need to ask for God's grace to be faithful.

- *Genesis 3:17-19, To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food*

from it all the days of your life. ¹⁸It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

- Matthew 5:16, ...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
- Because Jesus worked tirelessly for our redemption, we have the greatest reason to work hard for the world's redemption!