

COURSE OUTLINE

The Story of Work

Week 1: *A Biblical Theology of Work*

Week 2: *The Problem with Work*

Our Work as the Redeemed

Week 3: *A New Boss: How Jesus' Work Changes Our Work*

Week 4: *A New Goal: Success is Faithfulness*

How We Work

Week 5: *Motivation: Faithfulness Changes Why We Work*

Week 6: *Evangelism: Proclaiming Christ to Coworkers*

Week 7: *Ethics: Case Studies for the Modern Workplace*

Week 8: *Balance: Christians Are Not Balanced People*

Week 9: Work at different stages of life

Questions?

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Suggested Reading¹

The Gospel at Work (Traeger, Gilbert)

Work Matters: Connecting Sunday Worship to Monday Work (Nelson)

Work: Its Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation (Dorani)

Every Good Endeavor (Keller)

¹ Today's lesson adapted from CHBC's Core Seminar curriculum <https://www.capitolhillbaptist.org/resources/core-seminars/> and Two Journeys <http://twojourneys.org/>



CHRISTIANS IN THE WORKPLACE

LESSON: WORK IN DIFFERENT STAGES OF LIFE

INTRODUCTION

“Exceptional” callings: as a student, retired, unemployed

ARE THESE CALLINGS REALLY CALLINGS?

*Review: our primary calling as Christians is **by** Christ, **to** Christ, that we might do good work **for** Christ. Our secondary callings are those things Christ calls us to do—by virtue of his providence or circumstance.*

1. The _____ of your work is to glorify God (1 Cor. 10:31)
2. All _____ work can bring glory to God.
3. Our work matters to the extent it _____.
In other words, we are called to be faithful.
4. God is _____ of our circumstances.

CALLED TO BE A _____

How can our studies bring God glory?

1. We can _____ as unto the Lord
2. We can develop God's gift of _____
3. We can _____

Some implications:

- Aim for _____, not your teacher's
- Remember that Christ owns your _____ (Titus 3:1)
- See education as _____ for *all* your callings

CALLED TO BE RETIRED

God doesn't turn off your callings when you turn 65!

Paul's mindset: *"My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith" (Philippians 1:13-15).*

What are the unique resources we have in retirement?

- _____
- _____
- _____ Knowledge
- _____
- _____

Worth does not come from what we accomplish. Even as opportunities for service slip away, opportunities for faithfulness never do.

CALLED TO BE _____

How can we be unemployed to the glory of God?

1. Work hard to _____
2. _____ well
3. Provide opportunities _____ (to you)
4. _____ God

CONCLUSION