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“On Work”

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. Define Christian vocation and its relationship to God's call.

2. How can Christian vocation be related to our occupational work?

3. What is the Christian purpose of work?

4. What can we do to transform the workplace into a sacred space ordered around building God's kingdom?

5. Where has work become the most broken in today's society? Have you experienced a broken workplace? Have you contributed to a broken workplace?

6. How can we integrate the Christian purpose of work into working in community with others?

7. How are you able to be a minister to others in your own workplace?

Disciplines for Practice:

1. Prayer

Cultivate the habit of the heart that prayer really is. Begin to get in the habit of continually directing your attention towards God in all that you do.

2. Surrender

Surrender your hands, your feet, your mouth, your words, your mind, your heart—all you do throughout the day to God. Allow God to fill you and direct your actions throughout the day.

3. Adjust Your Mindset

Many of us are already doing ministry at our workplaces, we just don't see it as ministry. Others of us have opportunities for ministry at work, but allow them to pass us by. Try to adjust your own mindset each day to expect to participate in the ministry of Christ at work throughout the day.

4. Bring the Fruits of the Spirit to Work

Actively live out the fruits of the Spirit (Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness, and Self Control) in everything you do in the workplace.

Bible Passages to Consider:

1. [Genesis 2:15-20; 3:17-23](#)
2. [Exodus 31:1-11](#)
3. [Deuteronomy 5:12-15](#)
4. [Proverbs 16:3](#)
5. [Ecclesiastes 3:1-14; 22](#)
6. [Philippians 2:12-18](#)
7. [Matthew 11:28-30](#)

Additional Resources to Consider:

1. The Other Six Days Vocation, Work, and Ministry in Biblical Perspective by R. Paul Stevens
2. Doing God's Business: Meaning and Motivation for the Marketplace by R. Paul Stevens
3. God at Work: Your Christian Vocation in All of Life by Gene Edward Veith Jr.
4. Work in the Spirit: Toward a Theology of Work by Miroslav Volf
5. Laborem Exercens: Encyclical Letter on Human Work by John Paul II
6. Callings: Twenty Centuries of Christian Wisdom on Vocation by William Placher

7. Why Work? Discovering Real Purpose, Peace and Fulfillment at Work. A Christian Perspective by Dorothy Sayers
8. Work: A Kingdom Perspective on Labor by Ben Witherington III