



## I. WHY IS WORK IMPORTANT?

### 1. Work is God's idea

- **God is a worker**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

- **Jesus is a worker**

But Jesus replied, "My Father is always working, and so am I."

John 5:17 (NLT)

- **The Holy Spirit is a worker**

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good... All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

1 Corinthians 12:7,11 (NIV)

### 2. God gave humans work *before* sin came into the world

The LORD God put the man in the garden of Eden to care for it and work it

Genesis 2:15 (NCV)

### 3. Work was cursed by sin

And to the man he said, "Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made.

Genesis 3:17-19 (NLT)

### 4. Work was redeemed by Christ

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

Galatians 3:13 (NIV)

## 5. The Lord will give us jobs to do in heaven

Then the Angel showed me Water-of-Life River, crystal bright. It flowed from the Throne of God and the Lamb, right down the middle of the street. The Tree of Life was planted on each side of the River, producing twelve kinds of fruit, a ripe fruit each month. The leaves of the Tree are for healing the nations. Never again will anything be cursed. The Throne of God and of the Lamb is at the center. His servants will offer God service...

Revelation 22:1-3 (TMSG)

### **Many of us are unhappy in our work because God is not involved in it!**

There is nothing better for people to do than to eat, drink, and find satisfaction in their work. I saw that even this comes from the hand of God. Who can eat or enjoy themselves without God? God gives wisdom, knowledge, and joy to anyone who pleases him.

Ecclesiastes 2:24-26a (GWT)

## **II. HOW CAN I GLORIFY GOD ON MY JOB?**

### 1. Find a new job: By changing my attitude toward my work

Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.

Proverbs 4:23 (TEV)

**The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes.**

**William James**

Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.

Romans 12:2 (CEV)

### 2. Find a new boss: By remembering that I work for the Lord

So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NLT)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.

Colossians 3:23 (TEV)

### 3. Find a new purpose: By understanding that I am there for a mission—not just money

From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

Acts 17:26 (NIV)

**The world is moved not only by the mighty shoves of the heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker**

**Helen Keller**

**Preach the gospel at all times. And if necessary, use words.**

**St. Francis of Assisi**