



The Gift of Work

Introduction

We are made in God's very image and share His characteristics.

Work: Before and After the Fall

- ☑ ***Work we did before the fall of man as compared and contrasted to after.***
- ☑ **Before the Fall**
 - ☑ *"Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." Genesis 1:26-27 NKJV*
 - ☑ *"Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it." Genesis 2:15 NKJV*
- ☑ **After the Fall**
 - ☑ *"Then to Adam He said, "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 for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."" Genesis 3:17-19 NKJV

☑ **Attitude**

- ☑ The product of the fall of man is our attitude in which we work not the work itself.
- ☑ Also, why it is we do it, God provides to us through our work.

☑ **Goal**

- ☑ To frame and assert that we share the same characteristics on a smaller scale that our creator embodies.

You work is a way of worship...

“And **whatever** you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.” Colossians 3:23-24
NKJV

Theme

- ☑ The importance of submitting our life to the will of the Father
 - ☑ As a product of the fall, we are subjected to a day's work (8-12 hours). God understands this.
 - ☑ This is not an excuse to not spend time in the word or in prayer but in addition is one of the best ways that you can honor God.
- ☑ **Establish the work of our hands for us**
 - ☑ "Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands." Psalms 90:16-17 NKJV
 - ☑ The World we live in... (quality of work, product and services, lust for money and things) the focus on material things rather than the service to others.
 - ☑ Work is meaningless if you don't have faith
- ☑ **Purpose is in His will**
 - ☑ "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV
 - ☑ People Who know what they want to do, and how it aligns with the will of the father.

- ☑ The Key things to remember is that you are in the mighty and of Yahweh and he is in charge.

Your work always has a deeper meaning...

“Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.” Philippians 2:14-16 NKJV

Walk in His ways

- ☑ *“Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, Who walks in His ways. When you eat the labor of your hands, You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.” Psalms 128:1-2 NKJV*

- ☑ **God uses your situations to teach and develop you.**

- ☑ Every job that you have is a college degree.
- ☑ What do you learn?
- ☑ What did it reveal about you?
- ☑ Strengths
- ☑ Weaknesses

- ☑ **Example Produce Man at Publix Supermarket**

- ☑ What seems to be Mundane work

- ☑ Beauty is a gift from the creator
- ☑ Stocks the apples and organized the fruit
- ☑ Presents all the beautiful colors or Gods creation in front of you in an amazing way
- ☑ What a Gift that is!
- ☑ The impact of others
- ☑ **Janitor Example**
- ☑ No one want to use a disgusting bathroom!

Seasons of learning and seasons of earning

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.” Proverbs 3:5-8 NKJV

- ☑ *“but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.” 1 Peter 4:13 NKJV*
- ☑ **There will be Seasons of Earning and seasons of learning**
- ☑ There will be Jobs you do that will stress and challenge you mentally and physically (remember you are in Yahweh’s Hand)

- ☑ Rejoice in both of those that your trials are forming you into the Man or Women God needs you to be
- ☑ Do what is on your plate for the day every day.
- ☑ **Bonus: Season in life...**
- ☑ “To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted; A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away; A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.” Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 NKJV

Conclusion and Closing Remarks

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9 NKJV

- ☑ *“But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man’s offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.”*
Romans 5:15 NKJV

- ☑ **Work in faith - Rest in faith**

- ☑ Grandfather used to say all work is honorable and noble in some way, be proud of what you do and that you do it for the Lord who Created you!
- ☑ Treat the Janitor with the same respect as the person who owns the building he cleans. Understand his role in the society we live in.
- ☑ Be the light amongst a twisted and perverse generation. Be positive to the point were it contagious. Let the spirit radiate through the work of you and ask Yahweh to bless it every single day.
- ☑ Work in Faith, that he is developing you to do things for him beyond your wildest of dreams.
- ☑ Rest in Faith, the importance of the Sabbath