

The Bible Speaks Clearly about Why We work, Who We Work for, and How We Work

"WHY": Work Is Seen As a Natural Exercise and Function of Man - Gen 2:15

- It is a way we care for God's creation and contribute to His kingdom
- It is a calling from God
 - ...to be a good steward - I Thess 4:11-12
 - ...to make our lives an offering - Eph 4:28; I Tim 5:8; 6:17-19
 - ...to grow up - Acts 20:35
 - ...to worship Him - Col 3:17

"WHO": With Christ at the Center of Our Work, Everything Is Different - Col 3:23-24

- We are identified by Christ, not by our jobs - Col 3:4
- Our focus is above, not just below - Col 3:1-2
 - ...our "well done" comes from above - Matt 6:4,6,18
 - ...our call to work must always conform to our call to Christ - Col 2:24
 - ...if not, there is something wrong with us or with the job - Col 3:17

"HOW": As Christ-Defined and Christ-Centered Workers, We Work...

- Enthusiastically - Col 3:23; I Cor 10:31; Prov 18:9 ("heartily")
 - ...without grumbling/complaining - Phil 2:14
- Ethically - Col 3:22 ("sincerity/singleness")
 - ...our standard is God and His truth Col 3:17
 - ...seek work that has worth/value in what it produces - II Tim 2:15a
 - ...we are our brother's keeper - Col 4:1
- Excellently - Col 3:23 ("for the Lord")
 - ...more than the bare minimum - Col 3:22
 - ...pay attention to the details - Phil 4:8
- With an Eternal Perspective - Col 3:23-24
 - ...not all accounts are settled on earth - I Cor 3:13
 - ...every trip to work is a mission trip - I Pet 3:15

We Are to Glorify God and Edify the Body of Christ in Our Work