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IT'S NOT JUST A JOB

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“Today we tend to talk of “work” and “leisure” as opposites. Work is serious, leisure is play, it is said. Work is drudgery, leisure is fun. Work is for pay, leisure is free. Work is what we do for someone else, leisure is for ourselves — and so on. But a moment’s thought shows this is not so. Far closer to the mark is the observation that the modern world has scrambled things so badly that today we worship our work, we work at our play, and we play at our worship.”



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I. From The Lord



'The plans of the heart belong to man, but
the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.

Proverbs 16:1



⁴The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble.

Proverbs 16:4



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“Calling is the truth that God calls us to himself so decisively that everything we are, everything we do, and everything we have is invested with a special devotion, dynamism, and direction lived out as a response to his summons and service.”



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- I. From The Lord
- II. For The Lord



³Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

Proverbs 16:3



²³Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24



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“Calling has a vital, extended meaning in the New Testament that flowers more fully in the later history of the church. God calls people to himself, but this call is no casual suggestion. He is so awe inspiring and his summons so commanding that only one response is appropriate—a response as total and universal as the authority of the Caller. Thus in the New Testament, as Jesus calls his followers to himself, he also calls them to other things and tasks: to peace, to fellowship, to eternal life, to suffering, and to service.



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But deeper even than these particular things, discipleship, which implies “everyone, everywhere, and in everything,” is the natural and rightful response to the lordship of Christ. As Paul wrote the followers of Christ in the little town of Colossae, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.””



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- I. From The Lord
- II. For The Lord
- III. Not To Be Wealthy



²⁷Whoever is slothful will not roast his game,
but the diligent man will get precious wealth.

Proverbs 12:27



¹¹Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but
whoever gathers little by little will increase
it.

Proverbs 13:11



⁴Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist. ⁵When your eyes light on it, it is gone, for suddenly it sprouts wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven.

Proverbs 23:4-5



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- I. From The Lord
- II. For The Lord
- III. Not To Be Wealthy
- IV. With Diligence



⁶Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. ⁷Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, ⁸she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest. ⁹How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? ¹⁰A little sleep, a little slumber,



a little folding of the hands to rest, ¹¹and
poverty will come upon you like a robber,
and want like an armed man.

Proverbs 6:6-11



¹⁹It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Proverbs 16:19



³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

2 Timothy 2:3-4



³¹So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31



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Luke 24:13-35 - The Lord has Risen Indeed!

“Sloth must also be distinguished from the modern notion of couch-potato lethargy (“Nearer my couch to thee,” as The New York Times headlined it). Sloth is more than indolence and physical laziness. In fact, it can reveal itself in frenetic activism as easily as in lethargy because its roots are spiritual rather than physical. It is a condition of explicitly spiritual dejection that has given up on the pursuit of God, the true, the good, and the beautiful.”



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“Sloth is inner despair at the worthwhileness of the worthwhile that finally slumps into an attitude of “Who cares?” ...Calling is the best antidote to the deadly sin of sloth”

