

MARKED FOR GLORY

Marked by Ministry That Works

MARK 6:1-3

I. Jesus' work identifies Him with mankind and forever _____ human toil.

- A. Our occupations are given dignity by the One who worked amid wood and stone.
- B. God has revealed the role of physical exertion and employment on the pages of His Scripture.

THE THEOLOGY OF WORK

1. Work is neither a curse nor a graveyard, but a 9-to-5 garden in which we have a coworker.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. Genesis 2:15

2. God has designed the world so that by our labor we meet our needs. (Prov 19:15. 28:19; 2 Thes 3:7-13)

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. 2 Thessalonians 3:10

3. At the end of the day our work should be for the Father, not for men.

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. Colossians 3:23-24

4. God desires that we see our occupation through a spiritual lens as a platform to change our world. (Matt 6:28-34)

"Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ... But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:31-33

II. Jesus has given you the gift of a vocation so you can turn it into a spiritual _____ .

- A. Making our jobs a calling that counts is more important than making a living—ask Jesus!
- B. God has called us to close the Sunday-to-Monday gap and use our work as a platform for life change.

How to Launch a New Career

_____ out what you believe right where you are.

Look around your work world and make a list of whom you are presently _____ .

Evaluate how your marketplace context could be a _____ for influencing others.

Make a clear plan, pray, _____ !

HOME GROUP LESSON

"I believe we need to cultivate a hopeful realism if we are going to thrive in our work. Your mind may be filled with idealistic phantoms of the perfect dream job. You may be encountering great difficulties in your work. But how are you approaching your work? Are you viewing your work through an idealistic or a realistic lens? A perfect job or career is not only unrealistic, it is theologically untenable. Even if you are blessed to have your dream job, I can assure you it will be hard and it will not be all you long for it to be. Whatever work we have been called to do will be a mixture of both the good and the not so good. We must recognize that at this point in redemptive history, our work will not be all we want it to be. However, the good news of the gospel is that the tragedy of humankind's fall into sin is not the end of the story. Though your work may be difficult and demanding, you can approach your work with a sense of hope and excitement that God can and will do remarkable things in and through the work he has called you to do. The writer of Ecclesiastes describes his disillusionment with work in a fallen world as futile and striving after wind. Clearly the biblical writer is deeply disillusioned with his life and work, but he also offers a ray of hope seeing his work as a gift from God. Work is both a curse and a gift. Our work gives evidence of our glorious creation as well as our great estrangement from God and our need for a Savior who will redeem us from sin's devastating curse."

DR. TOM NELSON, *WORK MATTERS*

What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. ... What gain has the worker from his toil? I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

ECCLESIASTES 2:22-23, 3:9-13

1. Do you see your work as a calling? How might seeing it as a calling transform the way you do your work, and the kind of work you do?
2. How does knowing that Jesus worked—and that you were created in the image of a God who works—change the way you view work?
3. What are some ways you currently connect your Sunday faith and your Monday work?
4. Who would you say you're working for? What would change if you maintained the mindset that you work before an audience of One and that your work is an act of worship?
5. Read Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:17-19. What was man doing before sin came to the world at the Fall? What was he doing after? What changed between the two scenarios?
6. How have you seen the effects of the Fall in your work, whether it be full- or part-time employment, running a household, raising children, or being a student? What encouragement did you find in the sermon and in the quote above?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

"HILLS TO DIE ON," OUR NEWEST THEOLOGY CLASS, STARTS TODAY. If you'd like to learn more about the nonnegotiable truths we believe—what they are and how we got them—join us at 11 a.m. in Link Classroom South. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

M28 FILM FESTIVAL TICKETS ARE HERE. Come walk the red carpet and have some fun on Friday, March 22. The M28 Film Festival features eight short films that tell the stories of Christ Chapelites going on mission trips and sharing the gospel in 2018. Free tickets are available in the Great Room and at www.ccbcfamily.org/events. We've planned a whole weekend of events after M28 too—head to our website for all the info.

ALL ABOARD FOR KIDS KAMP 2019! On June 18-21 we're sailing the ocean blue on a high-tide adventure of games and activities, rockin' music, zany skits and the good news of the gospel. If you have a child or grandchild entering Grades 1-4 this fall, they'll have a blast! Sign up for the best week of the summer today at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

REGISTRATION FOR ADVENTURE 56! IS NOW OPEN. If you have a child who will be in fifth or sixth grade this fall, they'll love Adventure 56! We're taking over Mainstay Farm in Cleburne, TX on June 6 and June 7 with awesome adventures, games, worship and activities for #thegoodlife. Early-bird registration opens today at www.ccbcfamily.org/events. The cost is \$55 per person.

MUSICAMP REGISTRATION OPENS TOMORROW. Happening July 8-13, MusiCamp is an awesome week where kids discover all sides of music and learn an entire musical to perform! If you have a child entering Grades 1-6 in the fall, register them at www.ccbcfamily.org/events. You can also go to our website for more info on this year's musicals, electives for campers and audition dates.

JOIN THE PARKING POSSE NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10. The Parking Posse keeps things running smoothly around our campus on Sundays and they're looking for some extra help. If you're interested, stop by their table in the Great Room anytime from 8 to 11:30 a.m. next Sunday. They'll have breakfast plus info on how to join the team. Already serving with Parking Posse? Stop by for food and a big thank you from us!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10. Ready to pay off your loans and credit cards? Looking for financial wisdom for the future? This class is an excellent way to learn how to take control of your money and steward it well. Register today at www.ccbcfamily.org/events. The class will meet for nine weeks at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall West.



M28 FILM FESTIVAL Friday, March 22
6 p.m. Red Carpet Festivities • 7 p.m. Films begin
Fort Worth Campus Great Room and Sanctuary

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