

## **We are Not Our Own: Vocations**

### **God Owns Our Place of Work**

Colossians 3:23  
Ephesians 4:1  
Ephesians 5:15-16

### **God Expects Hard Work**

2 Timothy 2:6  
2 Thessalonians 3:10

### **God Did the First Performance Review**

Genesis 1:31  
Psalm 19:1-6

### **God-Honoring Attitudes**

Honesty, Integrity -- Matthew 5:37  
Diligence -- Colossians 3:23  
Kind -- Galatians 5:22-23  
Compassionate -- Ephesians 4:32  
Not a Gossip -- Ephesians 4:29  
Humble -- 1 Corinthians 4:7  
Listen -- James 1:19

## **Personal Application**

1. Do I honor God at my place of work or volunteering?
2. Are my attitudes God-honoring?

## **Questions for Discussion and Further Reflection**

1. Why is our work important to God?
2. When anyone is working in a difficult work environment, what can that person do to remind himself or herself that God is still Lord even over that environment?
3. How do our attitudes affect our work performance?
4. How do you define hard work? How do you think God defines hard work?
5. Do you see God as either a more difficult or a more gracious evaluator of your work performance? Can He be both?

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"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,"

*Colossians 3:23*

**Our Vocations**

"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

*Ephesians 4:1*

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"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."

*Ephesians 5:15-16*

## God Expects Hard Work

## God Did the First Performance Review

"The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops."

*2 Timothy 2:6*

"God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day."

*Genesis 1:31*

"For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: 'The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.'"

*2 Thessalonians 3:10*

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

*Psalms 19:1-6*

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