

The High Calling of Career & Work

This 5-day devotional guide will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "The High Calling of Career and Work." It may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the week ending Saturday, September 5, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: Genesis 2:15

Questions for Reflection

- What task (kinds of work) did God give humanity in this verse?
- Where does this work take place, and who assigns it?
- What does this verse teach about God's original design for work?
- How does seeing work as God-given change your attitude toward daily responsibilities?

Questions for Children

- What job did God give the man to do?
- Did God give work before or after sin entered the world?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, thank You for designing work as something good. Help me view my daily tasks as a way to honor You.

Tuesday

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 9:10

Questions for Reflection

- How does this verse instruct us to approach our work?
- What reason is given for working with diligence?
- Why does effort matter even in ordinary or unnoticed work?
- How can you practice greater diligence and excellence this week?

Questions for Children

- How does this verse say we should do our work?
- Should we work halfway or with all our strength?

Prayer Prompt

God, help me work with energy and care in all I do. Teach me to use my strength wisely while I have the opportunity.

Wednesday

Scripture: Colossians 3:23-25

Questions for Reflection

- Who does this passage say we are ultimately working for?
- What promise is given to faithful workers?

- How does remembering Christ as your true Master transform your work ethic?
- In what ways can you bring a God-honoring attitude into your job or responsibilities?

Questions for Children

- Who does this verse say we are really working for?
- Does God see the work we do?

Prayer Prompt

Lord Jesus, help me work as if I am serving You. Shape my heart so my work reflects gratitude and faithfulness.

Thursday

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

Questions for Reflection

- What kind of lifestyle is encouraged in these verses?
- How is work connected to a good testimony before others?
- Why is faithful, quiet work an important witness to unbelievers?
- How can your work habits reflect integrity and contentment?

Questions for Children

- What kind of life does God want His people to live?
- Does God want us to work with our own hands?

Prayer Prompt

Father, help me live responsibly and faithfully. Use my work to show others what it looks like to follow You.

Friday

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

Questions for Reflection

- What warning is given about idleness in this passage?
- What example does Paul point to regarding work?
- Why does God take responsibility and diligence seriously?
- What changes might God be calling you to make in how you approach work or responsibility?

Questions for Children

- What does this passage say about working and not being lazy?
- Did Paul work hard or avoid work?

Prayer Prompt

God, help me honor You through faithful and responsible work. Give me discipline and joy as I serve You in all I do.