

## Sacred Work

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

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### A Theology of Work

Work is not a part of the \_\_\_\_\_. It is part of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Genesis 1:27–28, Colossians 1:15-17)

We are \_\_\_\_\_ in God's \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Genesis 2:15, Ephesians 6:5-9)

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in work are a result of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Genesis 3:17–19)

Jesus came as a \_\_\_\_\_ to redeem \_\_\_\_\_.

The New Creation removes the \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_ itself.  
(Isaiah 65:21–25)

### Modern challenges with work

We've been marketed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

We are living between an economy that will \_\_\_\_\_, and an economy we \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ are still \_\_\_\_\_.

### Worship While You Work

In the \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_  
(Colossians 3:23–24)

In the \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_

In the \_\_\_\_\_ your work \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 Thessalonians 3:10–12, Ephesians 4:28)

**Do you want to be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?**

### Take Home Questions:

1. What stood out to you the most from the message today?
2. How does the idea that “we are God’s subcontractors” change the way you can perceive YOUR particular work or schoolwork?
3. Have you ever considered how becoming highly competent in your work is a form of worship? How might that give meaning to more mundane or frustrating parts of your job?
4. What are some specific ways you can commit to worship while you work?

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### **A Theology of Work**

Work is not a part of the fall. It is part of the image of God in humanity.  
(Genesis 1:27–28, Colossians 1:15-17)

We are subcontractors in God's work.  
(Genesis 2:15, Ephesians 6:5-9)

Futility and misery in work are a result of the curse.  
(Genesis 3:17–19)

Jesus came as a worker to redeem work.

The New Creation removes the thorns from work, not the work itself.  
(Isaiah 65:21–25)

### **Modern challenges with work**

We've been marketed the myth of the dream job.

We are living between an economy that will never be again, and an economy we cannot predict.

People are still people.

### **Worship While You Work**

In the work you do  
(Colossians 3:23–24)

In the people you serve

In the provision your work provides  
(2 Thessalonians 3:10–12, Ephesians 4:28)

### **Do you want to be faithful or famous?**

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