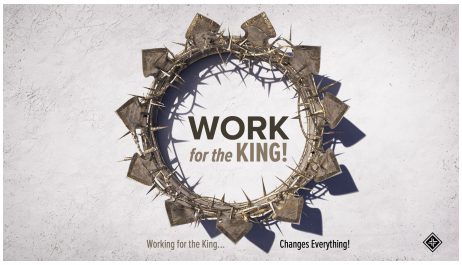
NEW LIFE CLASS

BRIDGING THE GAP

BETWEEN BIBLICAL LEARNING AND RADICAL LIVING



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Work on Purpose

Lesson Eight • Colossians 3:22–4:1

Jesus' work **TRANSFORMS** *our work into worship and rest on purpose!*

"Work is not a source of ultimate satisfaction, nor is it a necessary evil. On the contrary, we should approach our jobs as if we are working for the King, and when we do, we experience a new freedom to work with joy and diligence, neither idolizing our jobs nor being idle in them." – Sebatian Traeger and Greg Gilbert, *The Gospel at Work*

Why Are You Going to Go to Work Tomorrow?

Knowing *WHO* are working for and *WHY* you are working changes everything!

Working for the King Changes Everything...*on PURPOSE!*

1. Work to Show Your Love to the KING.

"One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' "This is the great and foremost commandment." Matthew 22:35-38

"Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

"whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men," Colossians 3:23

"Carpe Diem Coram Deo!" = *"Seize the Day in the Presence of God!"*

2. Work to Show Your Love to OTHERS.

"The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:39-40

"For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Galatians 5:14

"You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD." Leviticus 19:18

"Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men." Titus 3:1-2

3. Work to Reflect God's IMAGE.

The Image of God Is the *unique way* God created all humans (male and female) to *uniquely relate* with Him, *uniquely represent* Him, and *uniquely rule* over creation under Him!

- Image God by the way you uniquely **RELATE** with God at work.
- Image God by the way you uniquely **REPRESENT** of God at work.
- Image God by the way you uniquely **RULE** over your work under God.

Respect those under you! Honor those over you! Encourage those beside you! Be considerate to everyone!

4. Work to Make a Profit for a PURPOSE.

"He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need " *Ephesians 4:28*

- Provide for your **OWN** family. *1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15; 1 Timothy 5:5-8*

- Provide for **GOD'S** family, *especially those who work hard at feeding you.*

  The Biblical Principle: *Don't muzzle the ox while it is threshing! 1Timothy 5:17-18; 1 Corinthians 9:9-14; 2 Timothy 2:6*

  1. Those who work hard have the **RIGHT** to be paid and enjoy it! *2 Thessalonians 3:9; 1 Corinthians 9:12*
  2. Those who benefit from the hard work of others have the **RESPONSIBILITY** to pay them and let them enjoy it!

- Provide for **OTHERS** who cannot provide for themselves. *2 Thessalonians 3:10; Ephesians 4:28b*

"For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order:
if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either." 2 Thessalonians 3:10

"He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good,
so that he will have something to share with one who has need." Ephesians 4:28

"Gain all you can, [to] save all you can, and [to] give all you can." – John Wesley

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can.
At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can." –John Wesley

5. Work to ENJOY Your Labor and It's Fruit.

- God loves to bless hard work and when He does, He wants His people to enjoy the fruit of their labor! *Deuteronomy 8:18*

- God give us the ability to produce wealth and the ability to enjoy it as part of our reward for working hard! *Ecclesiastes 5:18-19*

- Sin enters in when put our trust in our **RICHES** instead of our Redeemer! *1 Timothy 6:17*

"Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on
the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy." 1 Timothy 6:17

6. Work to Make the Gospel ATTRACTIVE.

"Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect. Titus 2:9-10

"and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you, so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need." 1 Thessalonians 4:11

"All who are under the yoke as slaves are to regard their own masters as worthy of all honor so that the name of God and our doctrine will not be spoken against. Those who have believers as their masters must not be disrespectful to them because they are brethren, but must serve them all the more, because those who partake of the benefit are believers and beloved.
Teach and preach these principles." 1 Timothy 6:1-2

7. Work to ADVANCE the King's Mission.

- On the job by *who* you're working for, *how* you work, and *why* you work!

- Through your job by your *verbal witness* and your *giving* of the first and best part back to God locally and globally through our local church!

When You Go to Work Monday, Remember Working for the King Changes Everything…*ON PURPOSE!*

Knowing why you are working makes all the difference in the world! So, work for the right reasons this week!

Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain.
It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late, to eat the bread of painful labors; for He gives to His beloved even in his sleep.
Psalms 127:1-2

"Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand." Proverbs 19:21