

Ephesians 6:5-9

Dorothy Sayers "In nothing has the church so lost her hold on reality as in her failure to respect and understand the secular vocation. She has allowed work and religion to become separate departments. She has forgotten that the secular vocation is sacred. How can anyone maintain an interest in a religion that seems to have no concern for 9/10s of his life?"

1. YOUR RESPONSE verse 5

2. YOUR MOTIVE verse 6

See Colossians 3:17

3. YOUR PERSPECTIVE verse 7

4. YOUR MOTIVATION verse 8

OUR WORK IS OUR MINISTRY!

Your Work Matters

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HomeGroup and Personal Study Questions

- How do you view your employment? Do you consider it a “means to an end” or a calling?
- Do you or can you make an equivalent connection between Ephesians 6:5 and your employment? Can you, or are you willing, to “obey your earthly masters (employer) with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ”? Are you willing to share how you respond to your employer and the kind of relationship you share? Provide explanations.
- Pastor Bill explained that our motive should be serving our employers as if we were serving Christ himself. How do you feel about this statement? How would you interpret the Apostle’s words in Ephesians 6:6 and what are your thoughts and interpretation of the text from Colossians 3:17? (see also Colossians 3:23)
- What is your motivation when you consider your vocation?
- Do you consider your “work” sacred or secular? Please explain/discuss your position.
- What is the difference (in your opinion) between sacred and secular? Do you think there is a difference? Why or why not.
- Is there any commitment or action that you sense God might be leading you with regard to your current employment? What do you think your response should be?