

Recommended: *Every Good Endeavor*

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In this first installment of **our series featuring resources on Faith, Work and Economics**, we recommend [*Every Good Endeavor* by Timothy Keller and Katherine Leary Alsdorf.](#)

This work presents a biblical theology of work, focusing on a biblical perspective of stewardship and flourishing. It answers key questions related to our desire to work, the difficulties and frustrations of work, and finding satisfaction in our work. The authors also discuss the dignity of partnering with God in creating culture and serving people through every good work, encouraging the reader with the impact of Christian theism on the created order and the lasting value of human work. The book includes an epilogue which demonstrates how a theology of work has impacted the ministry of Redeemer Church.

3 Key Points from the Book

Here are just three things I learned about work while reading this book.

Work was given to us by God

Although work can remind us of the curse of sin because it's sometimes hard, but work isn't a curse. God gave us work as a gift—an important part of a fulfilling life. In fact, the ability to work is part of being created in his image. Scripture teaches us the goodness of creation and the dignity of all kinds of work, from manual labor to intellectual work, both in and outside the four walls of a church.

Work is a way to serve God and others

Work allows you to partner with God in cultivation, creativity and creating culture. It gives us opportunities to serve others and obey God's commands to love our neighbors. Thinking about work this way helps us reject selfishness and the idols of various industries (business, the arts, etc.), whether that means an unhealthy level of importance assigned to profits, prestige, power or anything else.

Work is transformed by the Gospel

The gospel shows us what life is really all about, what helps us flourish. It should also give us a new moral compass and change our motives for work. Rather than selfishly striving for the sake of recognition, profit or any other good thing we might set up as idols, we can work and rest while being content in the Lord, knowing that through him, every good endeavor can matter for eternity.

Read the Book

[Keller, Timothy. *Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work*. New York: Dutton Adult, 2012.](#)