

Everybody's Working

Not What, But Who

There is no such thing as work that is beneath you. We can place so much emphasis on what kind of job we have or what kind of work we do that we lose sight of what it is that gives work dignity. Human work has dignity because of the fact that human beings, made in God's image and acting as His co-workers, are doing the work.

Discussion Questions

1. What's the easiest job you've ever had?
 2. It's often said that God is found in our interruptions in life. If Steve Jobs would have followed His passion in Zen Buddhism, Apple would not exist. Is there a job or a passion in your life that you had planned to pursue but didn't because of a different opportunity? How did this change you?
 3. If our happiness is based off of external circumstances, we will never be happy because those circumstances are fleeting. Fill in the blank: "If I have the perfect _____, then I will be happy." What would happen to me if this was taken away? Why do I stake so much in this?
 4. There is a tremendous truth contained in the realization that when God became man He became a workingman, a laborer. There is little we can say about the jobs we do or have done that could not be said of the routine work Jesus Himself did for 20 years or so. Does this change your perspective of the daily work you do? Discuss.
 5. When we go to work tomorrow, or do our daily duties, picture Him standing beside us, doing the work right there with us. Does this change my attitude in doing the work? Does it make me want to be more like Him? What does being His co-worker look like?
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God in Real Life

1. We often hear or reflect on Jesus' time in the Gospels, the three years spent as a teacher, healer, miracle-worker. But He spent 20 years or so working merely as a laborer. Spend some time reflecting on what his daily routine may have looked like, and compare it to yours. Find the similarities, and unite your workings with His.
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To the Heart

"When you give, give generously and not with a stingy heart; for that, the LORD, your God, will bless you in all your works and undertakings." (Deuteronomy 15:10)