

Work That Matters

Video Notes

I. Three Flawed Views of Work

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

II. Work is a Calling

- a. God intended us to _____ (Genesis 2:15).
- b. Work is _____ (Avodah).
- c. Who was the first person in scripture filled with the Spirit of God?

III. Connecting your Work to God's Purpose

- a. In the book of Nehemiah, _____ excellence resulted in a
_____ revival.

Discussion Questions

Please read the scriptures and use these questions as a guide for the group.

1. What are your takeaways from this video? What impacted you the most?

2. Ephesians 2:10 teaches, *“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God created in advance for us to do.”*

- a. What does this passage mean to you relative to your vocational calling?

- b. What flawed view of work has had an impact on your thinking in the past; 1.) Work and God are mutually exclusive, 2.) A Two Story View, 3.) Work is merely a platform for evangelism?

3. How does the concept of “Work as Worship” make you feel?

4. What does it say to you that the first person mentioned in scripture as being filled with the Spirit of God was a craftsman, not a priest?

5. How might you apply this lesson to have greater fulfillment or engagement in your work?

Going Deeper

This section is an extension of the above materials and is designed to give you a deeper study/devotion on your own. The Bible is the best resource that can be used to guide our personal and business lives in order to glorify God. In this segment you will be provided a scripture and then you are to relate in your own words what it means to you and how to apply it to your work.

Genesis 2:15 *“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”*

Genesis 3:17 *“To Adam he said, ‘Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ ‘Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.’”*

What did God curse?

Exodus 31:1-5 *“Then the Lord said to Moses, “See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills— to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts.”*

Nehemiah 6:15-16 *“So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.”*

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 *“You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.”*
