

Rooted in Purpose: Finding Meaning in Your Work
Rooted in Christ, Pt. 6
Colossians 3:23–24, Proverbs 16:3
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Colossians 2:6, So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, **7** rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Genesis 2:1, Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. **2** By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. **3** Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

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.

Exodus 20:8, “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. **9** Six days you shall labor and do all your work, **10** but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God... **11** For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

Ephesians 4:28, Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

1 Thessalonians 2:9, Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.

Colossians 3:23, Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, **24**

since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

A Biblical Acrostic for Work:

W – WORSHIP While You Work

1 Corinthians 10:31, So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Romans 12:1, Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Ephesians 6:7, Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, **8** because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

O – OFFER Your Work to the Lord

Proverbs 16:3, Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

Colossians 3:17, And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Psalms 37:5, Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will act.

Romans 8:28, ... in all things God works for the good of those who love him...

R – REMEMBER Who You’re Working For

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Galatians 1:10, *Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

1 Thessalonians 2:4, *On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.*

K – KNOW Your Calling Is Bigger Than Your Job

Ephesians 4:1, *As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.*

1 Corinthians 7:17, *Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches.*

Matthew 5:14, *“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

1 Peter 2:9, *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*