

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Tell Yourself the Truth
Message: Love What You Do, and You'll Never Work a Day in Your Life.
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Those who know and follow Jesus recognize that they have been given brand new lives through His sacrifice and adoption into His family. This new life means we need to learn and adopt His values, purposes, and attitudes. The work we do – paid or unpaid – should reflect this new orientation we have for our lives regardless of what age or stage we are currently in.

When you think of work, what words come to mind?

Looking at the message notes, which mindset is closer to yours:

Work is my curse. Work is my cause. Work is my calling.

Why did you answer that way?

If you were to adopt the following mindset, how might it practically impact your work this week? (Again, this is paid or unpaid responsibilities).

²³ Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ²⁴ Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. ²⁵ But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favorites.
 Colossians 3:23–25 (NLT)

The writer of the Old Testament book Ecclesiastes gives us a simple perspective to consider:

¹⁶ And this, too, is a very serious problem. People leave this world no better off than when they came. All their hard work is for nothing—like working for the wind. ¹⁷ Throughout their lives, they live under a cloud—frustrated, discouraged, and angry. ¹⁸ Even so, I have noticed one thing, at least, that is good. It is good for people to eat, drink, and enjoy their work under the sun during the short life God has given them, and to accept their lot in life. ¹⁹ And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God. ²⁰ God keeps such people so busy enjoying life that they take no time to brood over the past.

Ecclesiastes 5:16–20 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

Followers of Jesus have a clear mandate when it comes to investing our time, talent, and energy.

Our #1 priority is to honor God and represent His interests in all we do.

The world has a variety of views regarding work:

Curse

Calling

Cause

Curse thinkers see work as destroying their lives, so they try to avoid it.

Cause thinkers see work as defining them, so they become addicted to it.

Calling thinkers see work as a display of God's purpose, and they appreciate it.

Learning the difference between vocation and avocation is the key.

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Colossians 3:17 (NLT)

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 (NLT)

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NLT)