

The welcome verse for this week is Proverbs 16:3; “Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.”



## **Working For The Boss**

Genesis 2:15; Proverbs 13:4; Colossians 3:23

**The Bottom Line:** Work is a gift from God, for God.

### **Introduction:**

When we consider the parts of our life that God is most interested in or involved in, we usually think about prayer, church, and maybe-our family life. Everything else is compartmentalized separately from God, but Scripture knows nothing of this.

Rarely would we consider God as interested or involved in our professional work.

God and work are not mutually exclusive. In fact, God has said a lot throughout the scriptures about work.

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### **Tension:**

A gift...from God?

Have you met my boss? Do you know what I actually do? Are you aware of how little they're paying me?

“I just can't wait for the day when I'm with Jesus and don't have to work anymore.”

### **Truth:**

Eternal life may be void of pain and suffering, but it will not be void of work.

Work is God's good idea for his good creation (Gen. 2:15). Due to sin, work has become difficult and painful (Gen. 3:17-19). This difficulty and pain and-this busyness and tiredness-are what we actually want to be freed from.

We are wired for work (Eph. 2:10).

If work is a good and holy task, then what does that mean for *how* I work? There are a few perspective shifts we can make for greater performance and greater joy in our workspace.

Paul gives us some direction in his letter to the believers at Colossia. **Read Colossians 3:23.**

Two Perspective Shifts:

1. Your boss is not your boss.
2. Good enough is not good enough.

If we are working unto the Lord, we must do it with excellence and diligence.

### **Application & Conclusion:**

Work can be hard sometimes, with some jobs and positions being harder than others. No matter where you're at, what you do, how much you make, or who your supervisor is – you have the opportunity to change your mind about why you do what you do and who you're actually doing it for. Work is a gift from God, for God. Let's give Him our best work.

### **Next Steps:**

- Consider how to take on a God-centered work ethic.
- Give your best effort at your job this week.

### **Discussion questions for group this week:**

1. **What does this teach me about God?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. **What does this teach me about me?**

**3. How do I apply this to my life?**

**4. If I could ask a question about this it would be....**