

God at Work:

What's the Right Job for Me?

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Series Schedule

The Doctrine of Vocation

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Living our Vocation

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Leveraging our Vocation

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So Far We've Discussed...

- Work originated with (and is possible because of) the Triune God
- God gave work to Man in the created order as a gift
 - For purpose (Gen. 1:27-28)
 - For dignity (Gen. 2:19)
 - For relationship (Gen. 1:28)
 - For worship (Gen. 2:15)
- There is worth and dignity in any rightly-ordered work
 - Because it images God and displays His glory
 - Because it provides an outlet for us to fulfill God's commands

How Do I Find the Right Job?

- One of the most common questions in life
 - 5 in 6 workers in the United States do not like their job
 - (We'll talk about "changing jobs" next week!)
 - 70% of college students change their major at least once
- The world is changing fast
 - Many traditional jobs are disappearing
 - Recent Dell report: 85% of the jobs available in 2030 don't exist today
- How do I identify the specific job with which to fulfill my calling?

Definitions

- God's Commands - Never Change
 - Great Commandment
 - Great Commission
- God's Calling – Can Change Over “Seasons” of Life
 - To repent and believe the Gospel (then grow in Christ)
 - To use the specific talents and gifts He gives us
 - To image and glorify Him
 - To love and bless our neighbor
 - To be single, be married, be a parent
- God's Task (Job) – May Change Frequently

Two Key Questions

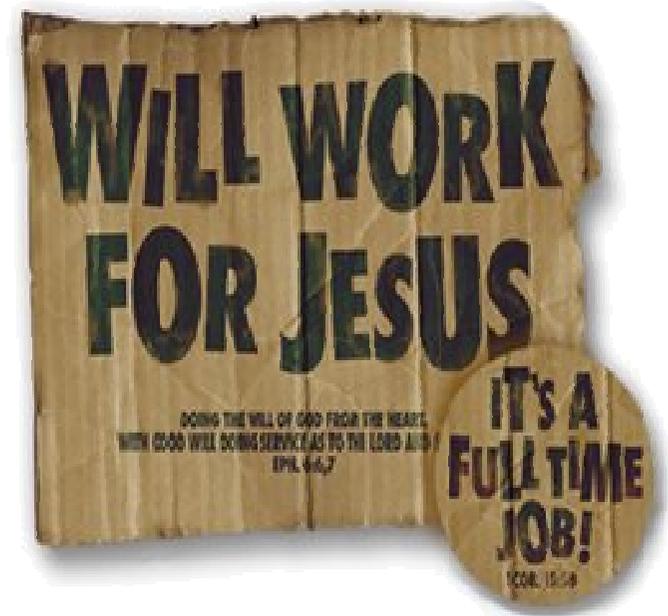
- What type of work will fulfill God's call on my life?
- What specific job within that field of work will fulfill God's call in this season of my life?

Deciding on a Type of Work

- Spend time with God (Bible/Pray)
 - He is the one who created and calls you (Isa. 43:1)
 - He knows exactly what He wants you to do (Ps. 139:16; Eph. 2:10)
- Ask God to help you discover:
 - What are my spiritual gifts?
 - What do I seem to do well naturally?
 - What provokes me?
 - What do others—especially godly people—compliment me on?

Deciding on a Specific Job: Key Questions

- Loving the Lord with the Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength
 - Can this job be done “to the glory of God?” (1 Cor. 10:31)
 - Will this job bring me to know/depend on Jesus more? (Phil. 3:8)
 - Will the environment create undue temptations or draw my energies away from the things of God? (Rom. 12:1-2)



Deciding on a Specific Job: Key Questions

- Loving Our Neighbor
 - Is this job consistent with your understanding of why God created you in this time and place with your gifts? (Rom. 12:3-8)
 - Does this job give you natural opportunities to be salt and light in the world? (Mt. 5:19-20)
 - Can this job contribute to fulfilling the Great Commission? (Mt. 28:18-20)



Parting Thoughts

- DO NOT choose a job...
 - Just for the money or a title (Eccl. 5:10; 1 Tim. 6:9-10)
 - If it will violate God's word or your conscience (Rom. 14:5-8)
 - If it will keep you from gathering with God's people (Heb. 10:25)
 - Without your spouse (Gen. 2:22-24; 1 Cor. 11:11)
- When comparing job opportunities, ask:
 - How can I image God in each job?
 - How can I bless others in each job?
 - Which job will be the best investment of my energies?
 - What demands will each place on my time?

Questions for Today

- In “Fiddler on the Roof,” Tevye describes the roles and rules of vocation his people follow.
 - What is his explanation for why?
 - Do people pursue vocation in that way today? What problems do you think that causes?
- What did you find most helpful in today’s discussion, and why?
- Share about a time you had to decide between two jobs, how you made the decision, and what you might do differently next time.