



God at Work:

Christian Ethics

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Series Schedule

The Doctrine of Vocation

- 9/10 God's Gift: The Origin and Purpose of Work
- 9/17 God's Glory: How Our Work Images God in the World
- 9/24 God's Call: What Does He Want Me to Do?

Living our Vocation

- 10/1 God's Selection: What's the Right Job for Me?
- 10/8 God's Direction: Christian Ethics**
- 10/15 God's Time: Balancing Work/Family/Church
- 10/22 God's Steward: Saving/Investing/Giving

Leveraging our Vocation

- 11/5 God's Mission: Agents of Reconciliation
- 11/12 God's Heart: Ministering at Work
- 11/19 *Ask Anything* Sunday

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

Living Out Our Call

- Last Week
 - How do I identify the specific job with which to fulfill my calling?
 - Questions to ask (i.e., “What provokes me?”)
 - Principles to follow (giftedness and calling, not money or title)
- This Week
 - I got a job. Hooray.
 - How am I to think/speak/act, as a Christian in the workplace?
 - How does my faith inform how I do my job?

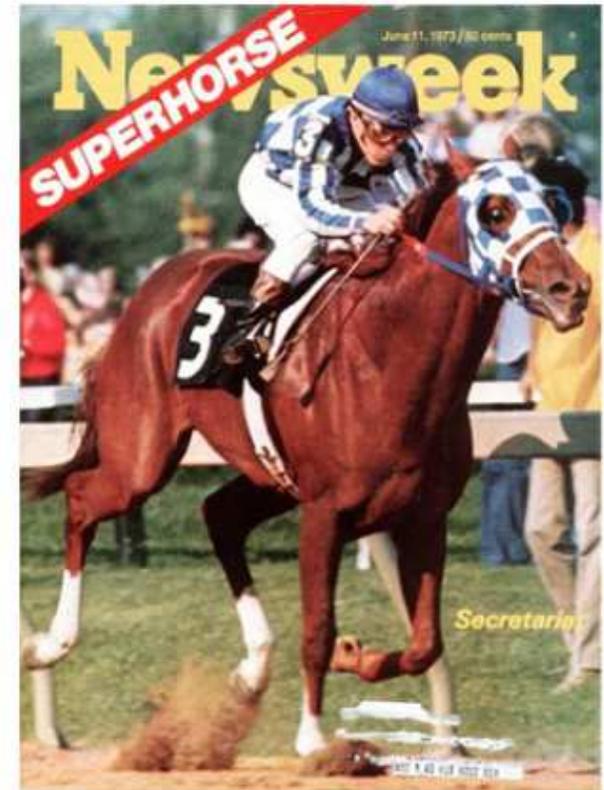
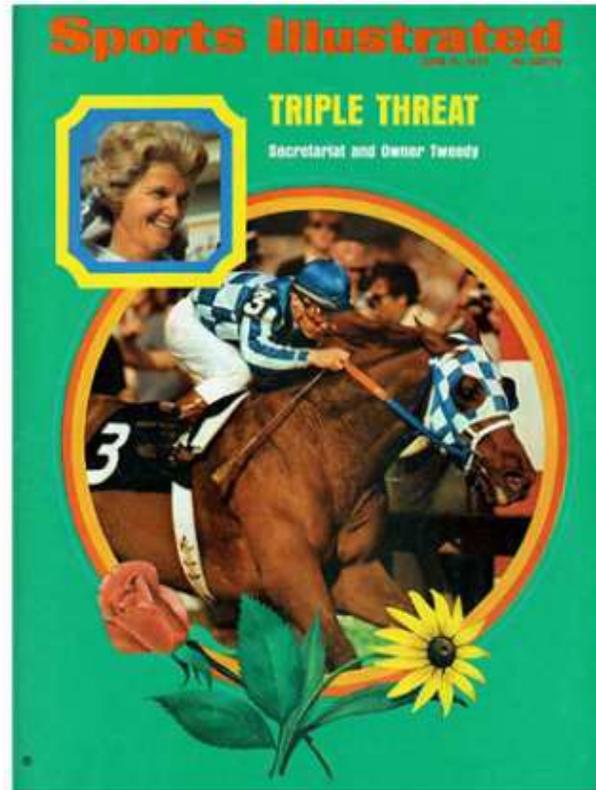
What Does Faith Look Like on the Job?

- Read Daniel 1:1-21 and answer the following:
 - Context: Who is Daniel, where is he, and why?
 - What is Daniel's first "job" and what does it entail?
 - How does he handle a challenge to his faith, and what is the result?
 - What is Daniel's second job, and what does it entail?
 - How would you say Daniel performs at his jobs? What is the "secret to his success?"
- What conclusions can we draw from Daniel's experience?

Apply It!

Christian Characteristic	What it Looks Like on the Job
Honesty (Prov. 11:1)	
Integrity (Lk. 3:12-14)	
Respectfulness (Rom. 13:7)	
Excellence (2 Cor. 8:7)	
Effort (Mt. 5:38-42)	
Humility (Rom. 12:3)	
Loyalty/Reliability (Prov. 20:6)	
Wisdom/Discernment (1 Jn. 4:1)	

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- “I’ve seen and done thousands of autopsies on horses, and nothing I’d ever seen compared to it. The heart of the average horse weighs about nine pounds. This was almost twice the average size, and a third larger than any equine heart I’d ever seen. And it wasn’t pathologically enlarged. All the chambers and the valves were normal. It was just larger. I think it told us why he was able to do what he did.”
- Dr. Thomas Swerczek
University of Kentucky



Guiding Principle

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” Col. 3:23

