

## **“Connecting Sunday Worship to Monday Work”**

“Worship—More Than a Song” — Part 3

*Colossians 3:23-24*

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### **1. What does the Bible say about work?**

#### **• The Bible says God created you with work in mind.**

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

*Genesis 1:26-28*

#### **• The Bible tells us why we work.**

“...If a man will not work, he shall not eat.”

*2 Thessalonians 3:10*

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God...”

*Psalm 14:1*

**Note:** A fool is one who rejects not only the Creator but also God’s creation design, including the design to work.

***“Wickedness is forgetting, ignoring,  
or leaving God out.”***

#### **• The Bible says God created you to contribute.**

For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

*Ephesians 2:10*

### **2. What does God plan to accomplish through your work?**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

*Romans 12:1-2*

**“Our work for God will always be a reflection of our walk with God.”**

Patrick Morley

**“All vocations are intended by God to manifest His love in the world.”**

Thomas Merton

**Question:** Do you see your work as a calling? Do you see your retirement as a calling?

### 3. How is your work an act of worship?

- **Worship is characterized by the posture of a servant.**

“...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28

His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”

Matthew 25:23

- **Worship is embedded in the language of work.**

**Note:** The Hebrew word *AVODAH* is translated various ways in the Old Testament. It is rendered work, service, craftsmanship and worship.

- The backbreaking work of the slaves in Egypt
- The artisans building the tabernacle
- Solomon dedicating the temple
- The Levites leading worship and praise

The common thread of *AVODAH* links work, service and worship.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Genesis 2:15

- **Worship is living before an audience of one.**

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**“Living before an audience of one changes what we do and how we do it.**

**We live before the same audience Monday at work as we do Sunday at worship.”**

Tom Nelson

**Illustration:** Three workers and their different perspectives.

*"I am cutting stone."  
"I am making a living."  
"I am building a cathedral for God and His people."*

**Conclusion:** What we do everyday is an integral part of our worship to God. When you understand that God designed you to work and contribute to this world, you will take seriously how and where you are to make your important contribution.