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### **JOB SATISFACTION**

Taking Care of Business: Yours, Mine and Ours – Part 4

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“...less than one in five adults (19%) say they’re extremely satisfied with their current work,” - George Barna Group 2014

#### **1. WORK REALLY MATTERS TO GOD**

God elevates the intrinsic value of work

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1.1*

God said, 'Let there be...,' and it was so...and it was good.

*By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so, on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Genesis 2.2*

"I will produce a lowly, primitive creature. Man shall be his name, and to him shall be charged the work so that the gods may have rest." - Marduk, Tablet 6, Enuma Elish



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“God with dirt under his fingernails.” – Timothy Keller

- Christ was a blue-collar worker

*Isn't this the tektōn?* Mark 6.3; Matthew 13.55

The Greek word τέκτων has been translated as “carpenter” since William Tyndale’s English Bible translation back in 1526.

## **2. WORK IS JUST ONE ASPECT OF OUR CALLING**

- Our calling (vocationally) begins with our calling (spiritually).

*Through him and for his name’s sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 1.5-7*



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- We are called “to the obedience that comes from faith.”

- We are called “to belong to Jesus Christ.”

- We are called “to be saints.”

Think of your calling as revealed not concealed.

*Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God...* Romans 1.1

“Our mission is not something that God will reveal, it is something He has already revealed. It is not to be found written in the sky; it is to be found written in our members.” - Richard Bolles

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others...* 1 Peter 4.10

“...it is a form of sin you have never considered - the sin of staying in the wrong job. God did not place you on this earth to waste away the years in labor that does not employ His design or purpose for your life, no matter how much you get paid for it.” - Arthur Miller

*“God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose...”* Revelation 17.17



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“If you want to know why you were placed on this planet, you must begin with God. You were born BY His purpose and FOR His purpose.” – Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*

“Every day before supper and before we went to services on Sundays, my grandmother would read the Bible to me, and my grandfather would pray. We even had devotions before going to pick cotton in the fields. Prayer and the Bible, became a part of my everyday thoughts and beliefs. I learned to put my trust in God and to seek Him as my strength.” - Rosa Parks, *Quiet Strength*

### **3. WORK IS A PLACE OF SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION**

A ministry at work: pointing others to God

“Jesus never commanded us to engage in theological debates with strangers, flaunt four-inch crosses and Jesus stickers, or throw out Christian catch phrases. But He did tell us to work and live in such a way that when the Holy Spirit orchestrates opportunities to speak about God, we will have earned the right to do so.” – Bill Hybels

A ministry of work: experiencing sanctification

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.* Colossians 3.23



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*Show me a man who does a good job, and I will show you a man who is better than most and worthy of the company of kings. Proverbs 22.29 (Good News)*

“Work is the expenditure of energy, both manual and mental, in the service of others which brings fulfillment to the worker, benefit to the community, and glory to God.” - John Stott

☐ A ministry to work: redeeming business practices

