



Called to Work

“Commit your way unto to the Lord, trust in God and He will act” Psalm 37:5 (ESV)

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.” Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

No sacred secular divide

There are a range of different professions in the Bible:

- Abraham was a cattle trader
- Joseph was Prime Minister
- Luke was a doctor
- The first Ethiopian convert was a central banker
- Dorcas was in fashion
- Simon was a tanner
- Jesus was a carpenter

“Christians are to be ‘this worldly’ - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Five key points for calling

1. Consider - the facts, your gifts, your skills
2. Clarify - the key issues
3. Conscience - what does it say?
“It’s the silent clamour of the heart” (Augustine)
4. Courage - to take action
Caleb & Joshua - Numbers 13 & 14
5. Contentedness



Our attitude to work

- Honour God in whatever we do.
- Keep the macro in mind, when consumed with the details of the day.
- Recognise you are where God wants you to be.
- Live where you are for the purposes of why He's put you there which is to do a day's work well.
- Consider the micro as well as the macro of your role.

A pattern for work

- Start the day with prayer and the Bible
- End with prayer and reflection
- Allow God to punctuate your day

Conversation Questions

How do you see your calling & how does that link to what you do today?

What is the macro/wider context of your job? How can you recognize the broader impact your work has on society?

At the micro level are there opportunities to change how you do things so that the kingdom of God is advanced?

How have you been challenged on your attitude to work?