

“Your Job and God’s Work, Are They Related/Should They Be?”

Colossians 4:17

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Scripture Verse

Colossians 4:17 (HCSB)

17 And tell Archippus, “Pay attention to the ministry you have received in the Lord, so that you can accomplish it.”

Introduction

- **Common Misconceptions About Work**
- **Why Work is a Gift From God**
- **How to Improve Our Ministry at Work**
- **Summary**

**I don't work full-time, I don't get paid,
I work around the house, I am retired, I am in school**

Common Misconceptions About Work

- 1. Ultimate purpose of work to fulfill self**
- 2. Success in life = success in work**
- 3. Easy to spot person successful at work**
- 4. Whatever it takes the job must get done**
- 5. I go to work to earn a living**
- 6. Work is a Secular not a Sacred thing**
- 7. Work is the Result of the Fall and the Curse!**

Work is a Gift From God

Through Work We:

- **Serve People**
 - Matthew 22:36-40
- **Meet Our Own Needs**
 - Proverbs 12:11
 - Proverbs 14:23
 - Proverbs 22:29
 - 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12
- **Meet Our Family's Needs**
 - 1 Timothy 5:8

Work is a Gift From God (contd.)

Through Work We:

- **Earn Money to Give to Others**

- **Leviticus 19:10**

- **Psalms 37:25-26**

- **Ephesians 4:28**

- **Galatians 6:6**

- **Love God**

Matthew 20:25-28

Matthew 22:37-40

John 14:15

Romans 12:1

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

1 Corinthians 10:31

Philippians 4:11-13, 19

Colossians 3:23-24

2 Timothy 2:15

2 Peter 3:18

How Do We Improve Our Ministry?

- 1. Change Our Perspective**
- 2. Dedicate Part of Our Day to the Lord**
- 3. Bite Our Tongue**
- 4. Concentrate on One Thing**
- 5. Take Initiative**
- 6. Accountability**
- 7. Be a Model of Excellence**

What is a “Model of Excellence”?

- **Model of Integrity**
 - Daniel 6:4
- **Model of Faithfulness**
 - 2 Samuel 9:1-13
 - Galatians 5:22-23
- **Model of Punctuality**
- **Model of Quality Workmanship**
 - Colossians 3:23-24
- **Model of a Pleasant Attitude**
- **Model of Enthusiasm**

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¹⁷ And tell Archippus, “Pay attention to the ministry you have received in the Lord, so that you can accomplish it.”

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²³ Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men,