Work Matters Episode 1

“It’s Not Just a Job”

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**Three Truths About Work:**

1. **God’s PERSPECTIVE of Work**

“Whatever you do, work at it…as working for the Lord.”

“It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

* **GOD WORKS**

Genesis 2:2-3: “By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.”

* **WORK IS NOT A CURSE**

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

Exodus 20:9 “Six days you shall labor and do all your work.”

* **REFUSING TO WORK IS SIN:**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15: “And now, dear brothers and sisters, we give you this command in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Stay away from all believerswho live idle lives and don’t follow the tradition they receivedfrom us. Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: ‘Those unwilling to work will not get to eat.’ Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work...We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living.”

A definition of Work:

Work is a gift from God for the fulfillment, satisfaction, significance, and provision of man.

1. **God’s PROMISE for my Work**
* **God promises to BLESS the work of our hands:**

Deuteronomy 28:12 “The Lord will…bless all the work of your hands.”

Deuteronomy 30:9 “The Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands.”

Genesis 3:17-19 “The ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return.”

Work Under the Curse

Frustration (scratch a living)

Sorrow (thorns and thistles)

Striving (sweat of your brow)

Poverty (dust is your future)

* **God promises to REWARD our work:**

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Mark 9:41 “If anyone gives you even a cup of water because you belong to the Messiah, I tell you the truth, that person will surely be rewarded.”

1. **I must PURSUE God’s PLAN for my work**

Colossians 3:17 “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Romans 12:1 “Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer.”

Romans 12:11 “Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.”

1 Corinthians 16:14 “Do all your work in love.”