

Go Deeper . . .

Use these questions for further study individually or in a small group

For prayerful reflection:

- How can you bring a “pocket of God’s Kingdom” in your work or relationships? Or what would express God’s lifegiving reign in your workplace?
- Are there other Christians you can connect in the same field or in your workplace?
- *If your vocation is outside your work:*
 - Are you getting to your vocational mission? If not, how could you do so more?
 - Even if not directly related to your sense of vocation, God is still bringing His Kingdom through your work. What’s a small way you can live with more of God in your work?

If your sense of vocational mission is your job, what is one way you could live with a greater sense of listening for God’s will in your work?

Prayerfully reflect on these verses. Which one inspires or convicts or makes you think/pray? Take it into your week.

- And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. - Colossians 3:17
- Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. - Colossians 3:23
- But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. - 1 Timothy 5:8
- Let all that you do be done in love. - 1 Corinthians 16:14
- And to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you,... - 1 Thessalonians 4:11
- So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. - 1 Corinthians 10:31

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. - Ephesians 4:28

Article: “Vocation: Your Distinct Sphere of Responsibility” (<https://tinyurl.com/vocation-sphere>)

- How are things in this sphere supposed to be (as created by God)?
 - How are things in this sphere going wrong (because of systemic evil)?
- How might God be calling me/us to join him in the redemption and renewal of this particular sphere?

Article: “Will We Work and Have Jobs in Heaven?” (Read Randy Alcorn’s article and video: <https://tinyurl.com/heavenwork>) How (or how does it not) change your view of your work now?

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