

WHOLEHEARTEDNESS IN OUR VOCATIONS



CALLED TO WORK

Vocation of Church:

God calling men and women to love and serve Him and others through their work

God calls us into our work

To live apart from a sense of calling by God is to live a life oriented simply to our own choices about who we want to be and what we want to do. Calling brings freedom and fulfillment because it orients us toward something bigger than self.

David Benner

**God works through our work to love and
serve others**

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Rearranging the raw material of God's creation in such a way that it helps the world in general, and people in particular, thrive and flourish.

Tim Keller

THE CURSE & OUR WORK

Work and Selfishness

What is workism? It is the belief that work is not only necessary to economic production, but also the centerpiece of one's identity and life's purpose; and the belief that any policy to promote human welfare must always encourage more work...the best-educated and highest-earning Americans, who can have whatever they want, have chosen the office for the same reason that devout Christians attend church on Sundays: It's where they feel most themselves...But our desks were never meant to be our altars.

Derek Thompson

Work and Suffering

Suffering in Our Work:

Physical, Emotional, Relational Harm (4:9-13)

Incompleteness of work (3:6)

Unjust working conditions (7:17-24)

Downward mobility (9)

Parasites & Mockers (2 Cor)

HOPE FOR OUR WORK

Work as a Crucible for Spiritual Formation

Serve the Work

**If work is to find its right place in the world,
it is the duty of the Church to see to it that the
work serves God, and that the worker
serves the work.**

Dorothy Sayers

Serving the Work:

- 1. Choose work that fits your abilities**
- 2. Choose work that enables you to love & serve**
- 3. Work to the best of your ability**