

The Purpose of Work

Doing Business With God - Part 1

“What do people really get for all their hard work?”

Ecc. 3:9 (NLT)

6 PURPOSES

1. _____

“The one who stays on the job has food on the table.”

Pr. 12:11 (MSG)

“If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.”

1 Tim. 5:8 (NIV)

“Whoever doesn’t want to work shouldn’t be allowed to eat!”

2 Thes. 3:10 (GW)

“Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper and be satisfied.”

Pr. 13:4 (NLT)

2. _____

“Each of you has been blessed with one of God’s many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well.”

1 Pet. 4:10 (CEV)

“Be sure to do what you should, for then you will enjoy the personal satisfaction of having done your work well, and you won’t need to compare yourself to anyone else.”

Gal. 6:4 (NLT)

3. _____

“You spend your life working, laboring, and what do you have to show for it?”

Ecc. 1:3 (TEV)

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can be trusted with much ... If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you your own?”

Luke 16:10-12 (NIV)

“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.”

Matt. 25:21 (NIV)

4. _____

“Take care of your own business, and do your own work ... If you do, then people who are not believers will respect you.”

1 Thes. 4:11-12 (NCV)

“Your light must shine before people, so they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.”

Matt. 5:16 (TEV)

“Whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus.”

Col. 3:17 (NLT)

5. _____

“... (We) must work, doing something useful with our own hands, that we may have something to share with those in need.”

Eph. 4:28b (NIV)

“I’ve been a constant example of how you can help the poor by working hard, and remembering the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Acts 20:35 (NLT)

6. _____

“Be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all the other things.”

Matt. 6:33 (TEV)

“We know that the same God who raised Jesus will also raise us (one day)... And as God’s grace brings more and more people to Christ, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory.”

2 Cor. 4:14-15 (NLT)

Jesus: “Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.”

Matt.6:20 (NIV)

Will I be a Wealth Builder or Kingdom Builder?

- 1. Commit to hear all 6 messages in this series**
- 2. Use the Workplace Study in my small group**
- 3. Attend our OC Business Summit, Fri. Oct. 19**

ONE DAY

“There is going to come a time of testing at the judgment day to see what kind of work each builder has done. Everyone’s work will be put through the fire to see whether or not it keeps its value. If the work survives the fire, that person will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builders themselves will be saved, but like someone escaping a fire...”

1 Cor. 3:13-15 (NLT)

The Work God Shaped You To Do

Doing Business With God - Part 2

“You (God) shaped me- first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother’s womb... You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit... Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; ALL the stages of my life were spread out before you, the days of my life all prepared before I’d even lived one day!”

Psalm 139:13-16 (MSG)

WHAT’S MY SHAPE?

Spiritual gifts

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experiences

WHY IS MY SHAPE IMPORTANT?

1. _____

“Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you.”

Jer.1:5 (MSG)

“Bring me all the people who are mine, whom I made for my glory, those I formed and created.”

Isaiah 43:7 (NIV)

2. _____

“(God) formed me in my mother’s womb to be his servant, and he commissioned me ...”

Isaiah 49:5 (NLT)

“The people I have shaped for myself will broadcast my praises.”

Isaiah 43:21 (NJB)

3. _____

“From where he sits God overlooks all of us on earth. He has shaped each person in turn; now he watches everything we do.”

Psalm 33:14-15 (MSG)

“Take it seriously, Israel, that you’re my servant. I made you, and shaped you: You’re my servant.”

Isaiah 44:21 (MSG)

AM I IN OR OUT OF SHAPE AT WORK?

When I’m NOT doing what God shaped me to do...

When I’m doing what God shaped me to do...

HOW DO I FIND THE WORK I’M SHAPED FOR?

1. _____

“Try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities by the light of the faith God has given to you.”

Rom. 12:3 (Ph)

“Did all your experiences mean nothing at all? Surely it meant something!”

Gal. 3:4

2. _____

“Dreaming all the time instead of working is foolishness. And there is ruin in a flood of empty words.”

Eccles. 5:7 (NLT)

“Put these abilities to work; throw yourself into your tasks so everyone may notice your improvement and progress.”

1 Tim. 4:15 (LB)

“Whatever work you do, do your best.”

Eccles. 9:10 (NCV)

3. _____

“If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.”

Eccles. 11:4 (NLT)

“Commit your work to the Lord, and then your plans will succeed.”

Prov. 16:3 (NLT)

Making Wise Decisions At Work

Doing Business With God - Part 3

SOLOMON'S WISDOM

8 Principles from Proverbs

1. _____ (Revelation)

"It is the Lord who gives wisdom; from him come knowledge and understanding. He provides help and protection for those who are righteous and honest."

Pr. 2:6-7 (TEV)

"A man is foolish to trust himself. But those who use God's wisdom are safe."

Pr. 28:26 (LB)

ASK:

2. _____ (Information)

"Every prudent man acts out of knowledge."

Pr. 13:16 (NIV)

"How stupid to decide before knowing the facts!"

Pr. 18:13 (LB)

"Sensible people are careful to stay out of trouble, but stupid people are careless and act too quickly".

Pr. 14:16 (TEV)

ASK:

3. _____ (Consultation)

"Plans succeed through good counsel; don't go to war without the advice of others."

Pr. 20:18 (NLT)

“Without advice plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed.”

Pr. 15:22 (GW)

“The more advice you get, the more likely you are to win.”

Pr. 24:6b (TEV)

ASK:

4. _____ (Selection)

“An intelligent person aims at wise action, but a fool starts off in many directions.”

Pr. 17:24 (TEV)

“Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; then stick to the path and stay safe. Don’t get sidetracked.”

Pr. 4:25-27 (NLT)

ASK:

5. _____ (Evaluation)

“It is foolish and rash to make a promise to the Lord before counting the cost.”

Pr. 20:25 (LB)

Luke 14:28-29

ASK:

6. _____ (Preparation)

“A sensible man watches for problems ahead and prepares to meet them. The simpleton never looks and suffers the consequences.”

Pr. 22:3 (LB)

ASK:

7. _____ **(Confrontation)**

“Fear of man is a dangerous trap, but to trust in God means safety.”

Pr. 29:25 (LB)

ASK:

8 _____ **(Initiation)**

“Trust the Lord with all your heart, and don’t depend on your own understanding. Remember the Lord in all you do, and he will give you success.”

Pr. 3:5-6 (NCV)

ASK:

Standing Out At Work

Doing Business With God - Part 4

“Don’t hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all to see. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

Matthew 5:15-16 (NLT)

6 MOST-PROMOTED TRAITS BY EMPLOYERS

LESSONS FROM JOSEPH (GEN 37-39)

1. _____

**The courage to _____,
show initiative, and take _____
for a dream while facing the possibility of failure.**

“Joseph had a dream. When he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more... When he told his father as he had his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, “What is this dream you had?”

Genesis 37: 5+10 (NIV)

2. _____

**Possessing the attractive _____
and relational _____ that cause others to want to work with me.**

“Joseph lived in the home of Potiphar, his Egyptian owner. Soon Potiphar realized that the Lord was helping Joseph to be successful in whatever he did. Potiphar took a liking to Joseph and made him his personal assistant...”

Genesis 39:2-4a (CEV)

3. _____

**My potential for _____. The desire to keep
_____ so I can increase in competence and handle greater responsibility.**

“Joseph naturally became quite a favorite with Potiphar. Soon he put Joseph in charge of his entire household and entrusted him with all his business dealings. From the day Joseph was put in charge, the Lord began to bless Potiphar for Joseph’s sake. All his household affairs began to run smoothly, and his crops and livestock flourished.”

Genesis 39:4-5 (NLT)

4. _____

Earning the _____ of others by always keeping my promises and fulfilling my responsibilities, even if it requires sacrifice.

“So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn’t have a worry in the world, except to decide what he wanted to eat!”

Genesis 39:6 (NLT)

5. _____

Being faithful to my boss and to God when difficulty _____ my commitment.

“Now Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man. So Potiphar’s wife began to desire him and invited him to sleep with her. But Joseph refused. “Look,” he told her, “my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. No one here has more authority than I do! He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I ever do such a wicked thing to him? And it would be a great sin against God.”

Genesis 39:6b-8-9 (NLT)

6. _____

Practicing _____ the values and beliefs I claim to hold in public. Not compartmentalizing my life.

“The woman pressured Joseph every day, but he refused to have sexual relations with her or even spend time with her.”

Genesis 39:10 (NCV)

“You are to live clean, innocent lives as children of God in a dark world full of crooked and perverse people. Let your lives shine brightly before them.”

Phil. 2:15 (NLT)

S _____ **(Audacity)**

H _____ **(Likability)**

I _____ **(Capacity)**

N _____ **(Reliability)**

E _____ **(Loyalty)**

S _____ **(Integrity)**