

THE PURPOSE OF WORK

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“What do people really get for all their hard work?” Ecclesiastes 3:9 (NLT)

6 PURPOSES

1. _____
“The one who stays on the job has food on the table.” Proverbs 12:11 (MSG)
“Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”
1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)
“Whoever doesn’t want to work shouldn’t be allowed to eat.”
2 Thessalonians 3:10 (GW)
“Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper.”
Proverbs 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 Peter 4:10 (CEV)
“Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won’t need to compare yourself to anyone else.”
Galatians 6:4 (NLT)
3. _____
“You spend your life working, laboring, and what do you have to show for it?”
Ecclesiastes 1:3 (GNT)
“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 property of your own?” Luke 16:10-12 (NIV)
“Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities.”
Matthew 25:21 (NLT)
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 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NCV)

“Your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16 (GNT)

“Whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus.”
Colossians 3:17 (NLT)

5. _____
“(We) must work, doing something useful with our own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.” Ephesians 4:28 (NIV)
“I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember 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 with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all the other things.”
Matthew 6:33 (GNT)
“We know that God, who raised Jesus, will also raise us . . . And as God’s grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory.” 2 Corinthians 4:14-15 (NLT)
Jesus: “Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.” Matthew 6:20 (NIV)

ONE DAY

“But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person’s work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.”
1 Corinthians 3:13-15 (NLT)

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THE WORK GOD SHAPED YOU TO DO

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"You 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." Jeremiah 1:5 (MSG)
"Bring to me all the people who are mine, whom I made for my glory, whom I formed and made." Isaiah 43:7 (NCV)
2. _____
"[God] formed me in my mother's womb to be his servant, who commissioned me." Isaiah 49:5 (NLT)
"The people whom I formed for Myself will declare My praises." Isaiah 43:21 (NASB)
3. _____
"From where he sits he overlooks all of us on earth-dwellers. 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, 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." Romans 12:3 (PHILLIPS)
"Did all your experiences mean nothing at all? Surely it meant something!" Galatians 3:4 (GNT)
2. _____
"Dreaming all the time instead of working is foolishness. And there is ruin in a flood of empty words." Ecclesiastes 5:7 (NLT)
"Put these abilities to work; throw yourself into your tasks so everyone may notice your improvement and progress." 1 Timothy 4:15 (TLB)
"Whatever work you do, do your best." Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NCV)
3. _____
"If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done." Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NLT)
"Commit your work to the Lord, and then your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:3 (NLT)

MAKING WISE DECISIONS AT WORK

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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."
Proverbs 2:6-7 (GNT)

"A man is foolish to trust himself! But those who use God's wisdom are safe."
Proverbs 28:26 (TLB)

ASK: _____
2. _____ (Information)
"All who are prudent act with knowledge." Proverbs 13:16 (NIV)

"How stupid!—to decide before knowing the facts!" Proverbs 18:13 (TLB)

"Sensible people are careful to stay out of trouble, but stupid people are careless
and act too quickly." Proverbs 14:16 (GNT)

ASK: _____
3. _____ (Consultation)
"Plans succeed through good counsel; don't go to war without wise advice."
Proverbs 20:18 (NLT)

"Without advice plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed."
Proverbs 15:22 (GW)

"The more good advice you get, the more likely you are to win."
Proverbs 24:6 (GNT)

ASK: _____
4. _____ (Selection)
"An intelligent person aims at wise actions, but a fool starts off in many
directions." Proverbs 17:24 (GNT)

"Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a
straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don't get sidetracked."
Proverbs 4:25-27 (NLT)

ASK: _____

5. _____ (Evaluation)
"It is foolish and rash to make a promise to the Lord before counting the cost."
Proverbs 20:25 (TLB)

Luke 14:28-29

ASK: _____

6. _____ (Preparation)
"A prudent man foresees the difficulties ahead and prepares for them; the
simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences."
Proverbs 22:3 (TLB)

ASK: _____

7. _____ (Confrontation)
"Fear of man is a dangerous trap, but to trust in God means safety."
Proverbs 29:25 (TLB)

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."
Proverbs 3:5-6 (NCV)

ASK: _____

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STANDING OUT AT WORK

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"No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 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 (GENESIS 37-39)

1. _____
THE COURAGE TO THINK _____, SHOW INITIATIVE, AND TAKE _____ FOR A DREAM WHILE FACING THE POSSIBILITY OF FAILURE

"Joseph had a dream and 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. **LIKABILITY**
POSSESSING THE ATTRACTIVE ATTITUDES AND RELATIONAL SKILLS 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 liked Joseph and made him his personal assistant." Genesis 39:2-4 (CEV)

3. _____
MY POTENTIAL FOR _____, THE DESIRE TO KEEP _____ SO I CAN INCREASE IN COMPETENCE AND HANDLE GREATER RESPONSIBILITY

"This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal attendant. He put him in charge of his entire household and everything he owned. From the day Joseph was put in charge of his master's household and property, the Lord began to bless Potiphar's household for Joseph's sake. All his household affairs ran smoothly, and his crops and livestock flourished." Genesis 39:4-5 (NLT)

4. _____
EARNING THE _____ OF OTHERS BY ALWAYS KEEPING MY _____ 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 worry about a thing—except what kind of food to eat!" Genesis 39:6 (NLT)

5. _____
BEING FAITHFUL TO MY BOSS AND TO GOD WHEN DIFFICULTY _____ MY COMMITMENT

"Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man, and Potiphar's wife soon began to look at him lustfully. "Come and sleep with me," she demanded. 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 do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God." Genesis 39:6-9 (NLT)

6. _____
PRACTICING _____ THE VALUES AND BELIEFS I CLAIM TO HOLD IN PUBLIC. NOT COMPARTMENTALIZING MY LIFE

"The woman talked to Joseph every day, but he refused to have sexual relations with her or even spend time with her." Genesis 39:10 (NCV)

"Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people." Philipians 2:15 (NLT)

S _____ (Audacity)
H _____ (Likability)
I _____ (Capacity)
N _____ (Reliability)
E _____ (Loyalty)
S _____ (Integrity)

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