

Everyday

• **VALUE MENU** •

MARRIAGE | WORK | MONEY | PARENTING | DAILY RHYTHM

Cultural View

- Work is a necessary evil
- Decline in work ethic over generations
- *We must swim against the cultural current*



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Biblical View

- Creating
- Maintaining
- *Your entire day is filled with work*



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We Were Created to Work

- Work existed *before* the fall
- We will work in Heaven



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We Were Created to Work

- *We reflect God's image when we work*
 - Orderly
 - Competently
 - Beautifully
 - Honorably
 - Integrity
 - Lovingly



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In Our Most Menial Tasks, We are Serving Christ

- Literally!
 - “Bondservants, obey your earthly masters...as working for the Lord and not for men...*you are serving the Lord Christ.*” – Col 3:22-24
- *When we work with our bodies, it is spiritual worship*
 - “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice...which is your spiritual worship.” – Rom 12:1



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Every Single Task You Do Has Significant Value to God

- What hinders us from believing this?
 - We don't see the eternal value
 - 95% of what we do is undone within 24 hours
- What must we do?
 - Accept that this is how God made the world
 - Accept our limited role in saving the world



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- *Every task God calls us to do is the most valuable thing we could possibly do at that moment*



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Two Gospel Realities

- Burdensome work need not burden your soul
 - “Come to me all who labor...take my yoke upon you and learn from me...and you will find rest for your souls.” – Mt 11:28-30



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Two Gospel Realities

- Imperfect work is truly pleasing to God
 - “His delight is not...in the legs of man, but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.” – Ps 147:10-11
- *You’re doing a good job – God is pleased with you*



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My Hope – Our Work Can Be a Joy

- “There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find pleasure in his toil. This too I saw, is a gift from God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?” – Eccl. 2:24-25



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- *“This job has been given to me to do. Therefore, it is a gift. Therefore, it is a privilege. Therefore, it is an offering I may make to God. Therefore, it is to be done gladly, if it is done for Him. Here, not somewhere else, I may learn God’s way. In this job, not in some other, God looks for faithfulness.” - Elizabeth Elliot*



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