

Christians in the Workplace

Problem with Work

Lesson 2

Introduction

Idolatry

What is an idol?

Luke 18:18 – 29

An idol is something that you desire more than you desire Jesus.

Do you make an idol of your work?

1. *Is your work the primary source of your satisfaction?*
2. *Is your work all about being the best so you can make a name for yourself?*
3. *Is your work primarily about making a difference in the world?*

What do we do about idolatry of work?

Idleness

The Bible on idleness

Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. – Col. 3:22-24

Are you idle in your work?

- 1. Is your work is merely a means to an end, a place to serve your own needs?*
- 2. Does your work totally frustrates you?*
- 3. Has your work become divorced from your Christian discipleship?*

Why Idleness is not an option



Conclusion

Course outline

The Story of Work

Lesson 1: Theology of Work

Lesson 2: Problem with Work

Our Work as the Redeemed

Lesson 3: Freedom in Christ at Work

How We Work

Lesson 4: Relationships at Work

Lesson 5: Balance at Work

Lesson 6: Ethics at Work

Lesson 7: Work in Different Stages of Life

Lesson 8: Finding the Right Work

Lesson 9: Faithfulness at Work

Further Questions?

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Suggested reading

- *Every Good Endeavour* (Keller)
- *God at Work* (Veith)
- *The Call* (Guinness)