

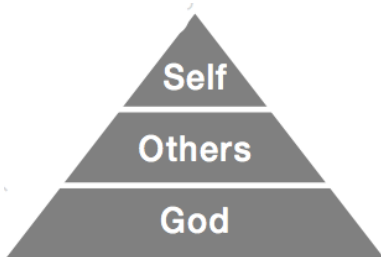
Christians in the Workplace

Finding the Right Work: Putting First Things First

Lesson 8

Introduction

Getting Our Priorities Straight



The “must-haves”

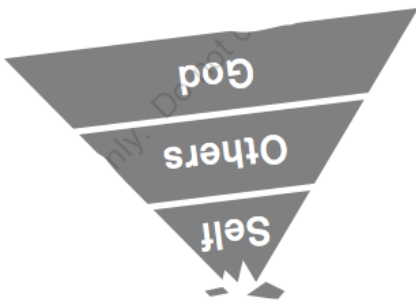
1. Can this job glorify God?
2. Does this job permit me to live a Godly life?
 - a. Does this job allow me to be faithful in my other assignments?
 - b. Does this job allow me to be involved in my local church?
 - c. Do the temptations of this job reinforce my besetting sins?

- d. Does this job provide for my needs and allow me to be a blessing to others?
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The “Nice-to-haves”

4. Does this job have potential to improve me as a person?
5. Does this job use my gifts and talents?
6. Is this job something I want to do?

The danger of inverted priorities



Conclusion

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Further Questions?

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Suggested reading

- *Every Good Endeavour* (Keller)
- *God at Work* (Veith)
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Faithfulness at Work

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- Stress-out Sam
- Wondering Willa
- Failed Felicia
- Successful Sean

What is Faithfulness?

Who you work for is more important than what you do.

When our primary motivation at work is to glorify Jesus, work becomes worship.

With work as worship, God evaluates our work based on what it says about him.

Faithfulness = acting in obedience to show off God's goodness.

Learn from the Faithless Servant

²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed. ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' (Matthew 25:24-30)

Why does the faithless servant go to hell?

This servant's actions lied about his master.

The parable is a story about real faith: faith that trust in God's goodness.

The reward for faithfulness? To enter into the joy of God's goodness: the goodness our faithfulness proclaimed.

Faithfulness Versus Results

Examples of results: reputation, money, public good, career advancement.

These *can* all be good motives—but none of these things are ultimate.

Two problems with working for results:

1. We don't know what's truly valuable.
2. Results will all pass away.

Working for faithfulness means keeping our future “performance evaluation” by Jesus in mind. (Heb 4:13)

Practical Examples

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Becoming Deliberately Faithful

- Daily prayer to be faithful
- Talking about faithfulness
- Annual faithfulness review

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