

Holy Hustle: Why Your Job Matters To God

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Labor Day is often seen as a time to reflect on the work we do and the challenges we face in our jobs. It's not uncommon to hear frustrations about difficult bosses, toxic work environments, or grueling hours. Yet work itself is not the problem. The truth is that ever since the fall of Adam, humanity has had to grapple with "thorns and thistles" in life just to survive (Genesis 3:18).

Was Work Cursed?

Did God curse work after Adam's failure?
Definitely not. When Adam sinned, God did
not annul His command for him to "be
fruitful and multiply and fill the earth"
(Genesis 1:28). Theologians refer to this as the
"cultural mandate." Adam still had to
support his family, but now the ground was
cursed because of him (Genesis 3:17). As a
result, he had to endure pain and hard labor
in order to eat.

So what should we expect when a group of sinful people work together? Naturally, there will be ugly jostling and self-promotion—it's common, isn't it? Indeed, the problem with this "rat race" society is that even if you win, you're still a rat.

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What Makes Work Holy?

But this should not be true of us—the redeemed people of God. We are exhorted that, "Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). Paul gives a similar instruction in his letter to the Colossians:

"Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17).

It's clear that it is not the type of work that makes a person holy or acceptable before God. Are those in full-time Christian ministry better than the vast majority working in offices or marketplaces? Is the preacher holier than the mechanic?

Work as Worship

We need a paradigm shift in how we value work—because of the gospel. As recipients of God's mercy, Paul pleads with us to

"present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1).

Therefore, we should not view work merely as a means to an end—or as the end itself. In other words, we don't work just to pay the bills, earn a pension, fund our kids' education, support the church, or even to find personal fulfillment. While these are valid, our highest aim is much nobler: we work for God and His glory. It's the work itself—not just the outcome or the benefits—that matters.

No Sacred-Secular Divide

Is there a divide between the secular and the sacred? Not for those who belong to Christ. Our bodies are not our own; they were bought at a price and are now temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19–20). Every aspect of our lives must be devoted to His glory.

This makes sense when we consider:

"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever.

Amen." (Romans 11:36)

That truth should move us to see all our work—whatever form it takes—as holy unto the Lord.



BIBLE ALL COUNSELLING MINISTRY



STRUGGLING WITH DEPRESSION OR ANXIETY? MARITAL ISSUES? SAME SEX ATTRACTION? ANGER MANAGEMENT? ADDICTIONS?

We live in a fallen world—and even God's people are not spared from the effects of sin, pain, and struggle. But you don't have to walk through it alone.

Biblical counseling is a safe, gospel-centered space to find help, hope, and clarity through God's Word. It isn't about fixing people—it's about walking with one another in truth and grace. If you're carrying anxiety, grief, relational tension, or just feeling stuck, you're not weak—and you're not the only one.

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CHURCH HAPPENINGS >



HELP EASE CONGESTION – CONSIDER ALTERNATE PARKING OPTIONS

Our 128 Edgedale Plains carpark can get quite busy—especially during peak times! To help ease congestion, create a welcoming experience for first-time visitors, and be considerate to our HDB neighbors, we encourage members to consider.

- Blk 126 Edgedale Plains
- Blk 169 Punggol Field

Your small act of consideration goes a long way in showing hospitality and care.

View the locations on our map.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

BAPTISM

Those who have believed in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are encouraged to be baptized. Attendance at Baptism Class is a prerequisite. Submission of written testimonies with completed application forms is a must. Classes are conducted on-site. Register and download application forms here. Registration closes Sun, 1 Jun.

Baptism Class (English)

77 Date: Sun, 6 Jul 2025

Time: 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Class (Chinese)

77 Date: Sun, 6 Jul 2025

Time: 12.00pm - 1.00pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Date: Sun, 17 Aug 2025

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

SAVED TO SERVE: MINISTRY FAIR 2025

We are saved not to sit, but to serve.

Join us as we explore what it means to live out the calling God has placed on every believer—to serve others with the gifts He's given us.

- Discover how you can use your time and talents to bless the church and community.
- Meet ministry teams, hear stories of impact, and find out where you can make a difference.
- Whether you're outgoing or behindthe-scenes, there's a place for you in Gospel Light's mission of Christ-centered service.

Because a church isn't built by spectators, but by servants. Let's step out together — because we've been saved... to serve.

Date: Sun, 18 May

Time: 9.30am - 2.00pm

Venue: Foyer (L1)

**NAGOMI ART WORKSHOP — GENTLE ART, MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

Looking for a creative way to help unchurched friends connect?

Join us for a Nagomi Art Workshop under the guidance of our Nagomi art instructor. Learn a soothing Japanese pastel art form that anyone can enjoy, regardless of age or skill level!

✓ Invite friends or family, this is more than just an art workshop — it's a welcoming space where people can ultimately discover the hope in the gospel.

Date: Sat, 17 May

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Fee: \$5.00 (materials included)

Register <u>here</u>.

Registration closes on 13 May.

For enquiries, call 9753 7964.

SERVE CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS!

We're building a welcoming, inclusive Children's Ministry where every child can hear the gospel and grow in faith. As we integrate children with special needs into our programs, we need trained individuals—but if you have a heart to help, we welcome you too! No experience? No problem! We'll provide the training and support you need.

Date: Sunday, 4 May

Time: 12.00pm - 1.30pm

Venue: Light 1 Auditorium (L3)

Join our briefing session to:

- Catch our vision for an inclusive ministry
- Learn how you can serve
- Discover training & support available
- Get your questions answered

Come and make a difference!

Sign up <u>here</u>.

Questions? children@gospellight.sg.

SILVER JOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY

Every chapter of life is a gift from God. And our ministry for seniors celebrates that gift. Silver Joy isn't just a place for seniors to gather, it's a spiritual community of friendship and support. Invite your pre-believing friends, neighbours or family members.

mDate: Every Wed of the Month

Time: Refer to the table below

Yenue: Gospel Light Christian Church Upcoming events coming your way. Register to join us!

Date	Programme
07 May	Set Strong password & Enable 2FA (9.30am to 12.00pm)
14 May	Rummikub Game (9.00am to 12.00pm)

Contact 9753 7964 for registration / enquiries.

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

We will take a break and class will resume on 6 May. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 6 May

ATime: 8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761

Prayer Meetings

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16





NOTICES.



Prayer List
WE CAN ONLY MOVE FORWARD
AS A CHURCH BY PRAYER.
SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEEKLY
PRAYER LIST



Bereavement
WE MOURN WITH MEMBERS
WHO'VE LOST LOVED ONES.
(ROM. 12:15) STAY UPDATED
ON CHURCH BEREAVEMENT



English @Shine Auditorium (L4)
Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am, 12.00pm
Watch our livestream service at 10.15am only

Chinese @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am
Watch our livestream service at 10.15am only

Filipino @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Sunday at 2.00pm
Watch our livestream service at 2.00pm

Youth @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Saturday at 4.30pm
Subscribe to our announcement channel on
WhatsApp or Telegram.



Varsity @Light 1 and Light 2 (L3)
Sunday at 2.30pm *no service on 5th week
of the month
Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel

Bahasa @Hall 1 (L2)
Every alternate Sunday 10.30am
For more info, please contact
9117 6000 / 9628 5061

Telugu @Gospel Auditorium (L2) Sunday at 5.00pm and 7.30pm <u>Watch</u> our livestream service at 5.30pm



PLAYGROUP

(12 - 35 months) @ Hall 3 (Attic) Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am

PRESCHOOL

(36 months - 6 years) @ Eshkol Valley Premises (Attic) Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am and 12.00pm

PRIMARY

(Primary 1 - 6)

@ Light Auditorium (L3)

Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am, 12.00pm*

*12.00pm service held at Eshkol Valley Premises (Attic)

Join our <u>Whatsapp community</u> for regular updates

Contact us if you're interested to explore serving in Children's Ministry!



FULL GIVING DETAILS HERE



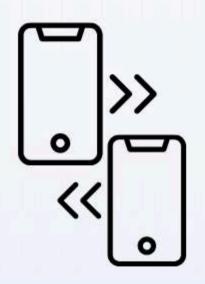
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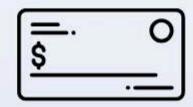
Scan With Your Bank App

All offerings will be directed to the "General" fund. State "Missions" in the UEN/Bill Reference No. section if you wish to designate the offering to our mission work.

Giving Online



> Internet Banking Transfer DBS Bank 033-021695-5



> Cheque
Make Payable to:
"Gospel Light Christian Church"
Write "Offerings" behind.

For internet banking transfer, indicate "General" or "Mission" to designate where the offering goes to

For cheques, you can further indicate on the reverse: "General Fund" 033-021695-5 or "Missions Fund" 001-042653-2.

Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.