



GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Winter Quarter - Lesson 10 - Week of March 19, 2023

Lesson: YOUR WORK: GOD'S GLORY

Bible Verses: 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12; Colossians 3:23-24;
Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 4:15; Ecclesiastes 2:24

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- How did you choose your occupation?
- When was the last time you traveled on vacation?

DISCUSSION

The Bible never promotes workaholicism or an addiction to employment as pain medication to cure our illnesses. But God unilaterally calls all the physically able to till the gardens He gives. God honors work. So, honor God in your work. "There is nothing better for a man than to eat and drink and tell himself that his labor is good (Ecclesiastes 2:24 NASB)." Some folks may not enjoy their work and may look at it as simply that – work! It pays the bills but numbs the soul.

Honor God in your work. Use your uniqueness (what you do) to make a big deal out of God (why you do it). How much of our time do we spend at work? If you work a typical number of hours each week, you spend close to half of your waking hours working. Your workplace is your place to reflect His image. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12. What do we learn about work in these verses?

When we use our God-given talents for His glory in our places of work, great work gets done. If the people of God go to work each day in a place where they are functioning in the strength God gave them and understand that they are not working for an earthly master but their Father in heaven, then they will bring glory to God. We are to seek to reflect God's glory in our work. Read Colossians 3:23-24. What do we learn about work in these verses?

When God was setting out His plan to fulfill His purpose for creation and for us, he initiated work (meaningful work). He made it the primary arena and vehicle for His people to let our lights shine so others may see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

1. How can people watch us in our daily work and, as a result, glorify God?
2. Who is your boss? Who do you work for?

Not only do we need to grasp that work is ordained by God and is the primary arena for us to shine our lights into a dark world, but we should also remember that we are working for a heavenly master, God.

When God gives an assignment, He also gives the skills and He can help you identify them.

1. What kinds of things come easily for you?
2. Looking back, how did your interests during childhood predict your future?
3. Does God normally call people to do what they like doing?

How To Glorify God at Work: Seven Helpful Tips

1. Work unto the Lord (Colossians 3:23).
2. Be punctual (I Corinthians 14:40).
3. Encompass the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
4. Be creative.
5. Always speak the truth (Ephesians 4:15).
6. Pray before lunch (I Thessalonians 5:16-18).
7. Stand for Christ (Ephesians 6:11-16).

Find ways to glorify God at work and work for Him. He has called you to glorify Him in whatever work you are doing.

Prayer Focus: God, help me to work to bring you glory.