

Alderwood Community Church
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Giving Meaning to Monday Morning (Part 1)
Colossians 3:22-4:1

(Pages 1167 or 1184-1185 in chair Bible)

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for men."* **Colossians 3:23**

Big Idea: Your work matters to God!

**1. If you are a follower of Jesus, your job is the _____
for you!**

A. Correct and repent of your _____ view of work.

B. _____ view of work.

(1) Work has _____ value

(a) God Himself is a worker. (**Genesis 1, 2:2**)

(b) God created humans "in his image" as workers.
(**Genesis 1:26-27**)

(c) God created humans as _____. (**Genesis 2:8,15**)

(d) Work is a _____ from God. (**Ecclesiastes 3:13, 5:18-19**)

(2) Work has _____ value

(a) Through work we serve people.
(**Matthew 5:16; Ephesians 2:10**)

(b) Through work we meet our own needs. (**2 Thessalonians 3:10**)

(c) Through work we meet our family's needs. (1 Timothy 3:8)

(d) Through work we earn money to give to others.

(Leviticus 23:22; Ephesians 4:28)

(e) Through work we receive satisfaction and enjoyment.

(Deuteronomy 8:18; Exodus 35:30-35; 1 Timothy 6:17;
Ecclesiastes 5:18-19)

C. _____ your job as the will of God for you (Ephesians 6:6)

(1) This is addressed to _____.

(2) Your job is your _____.

(3) Finding your calling

What do I want to do? (Heart, passion)

What am I gifted to do? (Gifts, talents)

What opportunities are available? (Market)

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Sermon Questions:

1. How did this sermon challenge or affirm your view of work in general and/or your own job in particular?
2. Read **Genesis 2:1-15**. How do you respond to the fact that we are co-laborers with the infinite God as we work at our jobs?

How should this impact you when you get up on Monday morning to go to work?

3. Read **Ecclesiastes 3:12-13** and **5:18-19**. In what ways do you see your job as a “gift of God”?

What are some practical implications of seeing our job as a gift from God?

4. How do you see your particular job as an opportunity to express your love for God and to serve others?

5. Do you see your God-given gifts and abilities effectively used in your current job? How so?
6. Are there gifts and abilities that are not being used or are under-used? How can your group pray for you?