

# GOD'S WORD ON...

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### WORK: PART 1

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Week 1: Work as God's Idea

Week 2: Work as a Pain

Week 3: Work as Mission

### INTRODUCTION: WHY WORK?

In the beginning there **WAS WORK** .

Genesis 1

Created in God's image, **I AM TO WORK, TOO** .

Genesis 2

### THEREFORE, WHAT CAN I SAY ABOUT MY LIFE AND WORK?

1. I am first and foremost **CALLED TO GOD** through Christ.  
Genesis-Revelation
2. Work is *not* **A CURSE** .  
Genesis 3
3. There is an intrinsic **VALUE** in my work; a **SACREDNESS** .  
"As a Christian, I am to live as a peach, not as an orange."

#### Therefore...

- ...No more "Sunday go to **WORSHIP** ; Monday go to **WORK** ."   
Colossians 3:16-17, 23
  - ...No more "he or she is in **FULL-TIME** ministry or **Christian work**."   
1 Thessalonians 4:11,12; 1 Corinthians 7:17-24
4. I have the opportunity to obey the **GREATEST COMMANDS**.  
Matthew 22:37-40  
*Love God...Love my neighbor*
  5. I am uniquely positioned for significant **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**.  
James 1:2-4  
(More on this and the Pain of Work in next weekend's message)

### Highly recommended books and websites:

**Books:** *Work Matters* by Tom Nelson  
*Every Good Endeavor* by Tim Keller

**Websites:** [www.theologyofwork.org](http://www.theologyofwork.org)  
[www.re-integrate.org](http://www.re-integrate.org)  
[www.thehighcalling.org](http://www.thehighcalling.org)