

SERMON NOTES

Work Is Worship

Introduction

1 Corinthians 10:31 NKJV:

31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

- The wrong ideas we can sometimes have & Satan's schemes in this regard

2 Corinthians 2:11 NKJV:

11 Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

- a. He tells us "Work is evil. Your work is unimportant or Work itself is not a good or a "God" thing". OR...
- b. "Worship is separate. You're not a minister or ministry and worship."

- God's original mandate to mankind - renew, organise, use, create, go, change, exercise God's will on earth. Gen 1

Genesis 1:26, 28 NKJV:

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ...

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

- Examples of work being worship

a. Adam

Genesis 2:15, 20 NKJV:

15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it 20
So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

b. Noah

Genesis 9:1, 20 NKJV:

1 So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth 20
And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard.

c. Abraham

Genesis 12:1-4 NKJV:

1 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.

2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

4 So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

d. David

1 Samuel 16:13 NKJV:

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

Psalms 78:70-72 NKJV:

He also chose David His servant, and took him from the sheepfolds; From following the ewes that had young He brought him, To shepherd Jacob His people, And Israel His inheritance. So, he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

- All of us are anointed and all are ministers & “priests and kings”

1 John 2:20 NKJV

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

Revelation 1:6 NKJV

And has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 2:9 NKJV

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Ephesians 4:11-12 NKJV

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

- Ministry is all the time

1 Corinthians 15:58 NKJV

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Colossians 3:22-24 NKJV

22 Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.

23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

24 Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

- How? Be “salt & light” (Mat 5:13-16)

Conclusion

- Dedicate your work to Him

1. Jesus is your boss
2. God can work through your work
3. You can trust God with your work
4. Use your work to extend His kingdom
5. Use your resources that you earn from work for His glory and to extend His kingdom
6. Shine His light and be Salt in your workplace

- Paul worked in Ephesus and it was anointed

Acts 20:33-35 NKJV:

33 "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

34 "Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.

35 "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

Acts 19:11-12 NKJV

11 Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul,

12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDES

Remember that the aim of the small group is to foster discussion and community, rather than for the leader or one individual to preach to everyone.

1 - Often an **Icebreaker question** is a great way to start discussion. You could ask a question like: •

What were the highs or lows of your week?

- What is your earliest memory?
- If you had to describe yourself as one animal, what would it be and why?
- What is your favourite type of holiday destination?

2 - Next, **read the passage**. You can ask various people in the group to help by each reading a portion of the passage.

3 - These are the **main questions** to ask to understand the passage:

- What is the main message of this talk / passage?
Allow discussion and even diverging from the main topic if it is helpful.
- What did you find particularly helpful or challenging?
- What did you not fully understand?
- What can we do **PRACTICALLY** in response to this teaching?

4 - Close by offering **prayer** for each person.

- Ask, “how can we pray for you / each other now?”
- Ask each person to pray for you, as leader, pray for each person’s need

The blessing and opportunity in Small Groups is the possibility for...

- Each person to contribute and/or ask questions,
- People to pray for each other and to ask for prayer,
- People to learn to use and grow in their gifts,

- Community, friendship and intimacy in relationships.

God Bless you in this very important ministry.