

Family Values: Don't Leave Home Without 'Em
"The Value of Work"

Genesis 1-3; 1 Pet 1:18-19

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Work is c e n t r a l to God's p u r p o s e s in every aspect of His dealings with mankind:

In C r e a t i o n (Gen 1:1-31; 2:5, 15)

- Work is part of f u l f i l l i n g God's m a n d a t e for mankind (Gen 1:27-28).
- God a p p o i n t e d man to work (Gen 2:5, 15)

In the F a l l (Gen 3:16-19)

- The c e n t r a l tasks of human life are now filled with d i f f i c u l t y (John 16:21; Eccl 2:17-23)
- It causes me to be r e a l i s t i c about life in a b r o k e n world (Eccl 1:1-11; Rom 7:14-19)

In R e d e m p t i o n (Gal 3:13-14; 1 Pet 1:18-19; Rev 5:9-10)

- Through work, I am c o o p e r a t i n g with God to f r e e the world from the effects of sin...
 - By *how I t h i n k* (*Head*)
When I view work as God's d e s i g n for me (Eph 4:22-23; 1 Thess 3:10)
 - By *who I a m* (*Heart*)
When I focus on e t e r n a l, not e a r t h l y values (Rom 12:1-2; Col 3:1-3; 22-24)
 - By *what I d o* (*Hands*)
When I accept my work as the c o n t e x t to r e p r e s e n t Jesus Christ (1 Cor 5:9-10; Acts 20:17-21, 32-35)

My Personal E-VALUE-ation:

What is one area this morning that made me think in a new way about my work and how I think about it?

What is one thing I will begin to do this week to change in that area?
My attitude? My work habits? My relationships? Other?