

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: A Sacred View of Work

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:8-11; Genesis 3:17-19; Genesis 2:15

'...are you thinking biblically in a very secular world with regard to work?...'

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

Reread Exodus 20:8-11; Genesis 3:17-19; Genesis 2:15

Why do we as a society try to separate spheres of work and pleasure?

How are we designed to be productive (Gen. 2:15)?

What are some of the subtle (or not so subtle) secular perspectives on work that have crept into your thinking? How do they compromise our ability to take joy in our productivity (Gen. 3:17-19)?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Do you have a biblical view of work, or do you consider work a negative part of your life? Why?

Is there a divide in your life and thinking between productivity and pleasure?

Are you guilty of the SIN of laziness in your life, in action or thought? What do you need to change about your understanding of work and productivity to turn from this sin?

How do you honour God in what you do?

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

How is productivity biblically framed as a positive, pleasurable part of our lives?

What is the biblical pattern God has given us for work and then rest (Ex. 20:8-11)? If God's plans are the very best for us, is this the pattern you are following in your life?

Do you take time to delight in your productivity? How is it better to take joy in what you have worked for, rather than looking for joy elsewhere?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

How will you emphasize a sacred view of work, and honour God in your accomplishments, with the one life you have been blessed with?