LIVING UP in a DOWN WORLD

Working 9-5: Part 2

Work: Blessing or Curse?
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1 Peter 2:11-12; 18-21
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Living Up In A Down World

- God
- Family
- Work
- Church
- Other (Rec, Sports, Celebration)
5 Problems With Work

1. Work Can **DISTRACT** You From Spending Time With Jesus

“But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? ”

*Luke 10:40*
5 Problems With Work

2. Work Can **TEMPT** You To Invest
   *In The Wrong Things*

   “Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that
   endures to eternal life...”

   *John 6:27*
5 Problems With Work

3. Working In The **WRONG WAY**
   Dishonors God

~ We don’t work at all!   1 Thess 3:10
~ We hardly work instead of working hard   1 Cor 4:12
~ We work halfheartedly   Neh 5:16
5 Problems With Work

4. We Work **W/O GOD’S HELP**

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...”

*Eph 3:20*
5 Problems With Work

5. We Work W/O STOPPING.

“There are six days when you may work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, a day of sacred assembly. You are not to do any work; wherever you live, it is a Sabbath to the LORD.”

Lev 23:3
4 Potential Blessings Of Work

1. We Are To Work AS IF We Are Working For Christ.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...”

Col 3:23
4 Potential Blessings Of Work

2. We Are To Work To BLESS OTHERS As Well As Ourselves

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'”

Acts 20:35
3. We Are To See Our Work As A MISSION FIELD!

“Are you not the result of my work in the Lord?”

1 Cor 9:1
Acts 18:1-3
4 Potential Blessings Of Work

4. We Are To Work As A TESTIMONY To Others That Don’t Know Jesus

“Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”

1 Peter 2:12
This Week...

- Work as “Unto the Lord”
- As Much As You Should...No More!
- Work To Bless Others
- To Show Others Jesus