

III. WORK TO GIVE MONEY

- A. God enables you to make money and He wants you to give away a portion of that money.

“But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth,....”

Deuteronomy 8:18a

“Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.”

Ephesians 4:28

“19 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:19-21

- B. God requires you to be a obedient giver.

Obedient giving means to give at least the first 10% or more of your total gross income to God through the local church in a cheerful manner.

“8: Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9: Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10: Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Malachi 3:8-10

“And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.”

Acts 4:35

ARE YOU TAKING GOD TO WORK?

TAKING GOD TO WORK The Keys To Lasting Success

What God Thinks About You And Your Work
Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

- A. Work. For most of us it's a necessity. For some it's a passion. And for others it's the pits. But for all of us it can be so much better when we take God to work.

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

Colossians 3:23

- B. Imagine the impact in our lives if through this campaign we all learned how to take God to work and apply the keys to lasting success. Join us as Pastor Steve Reynolds reveals the keys to lasting success.

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- C. **TEXT:** I John 4:9 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1197/New Testament)

Do you operate under the false idea that God does not love you and does not care about your work? The truth is that God is madly in love with you and deeply cares about your work! Jesus came into this world so that you might have an abundant life on earth and eternal life in heaven. You matter to God and your work matters to God.

WHAT GOD THINKS ABOUT YOU AND YOUR WORK

I. WORK TO **SERVE GOD**

- A. God is a **worker** and He created you in His worker **image**.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
Genesis 1:1

“And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.”
Genesis 2:2

“Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” So they were offended at Him.” Mark 6:3

“27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 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.”
Genesis 1:27-28

“9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God...”
Exodus 20:9-10a

- B. Is Work The Result Of The **Curse** For Sin?
(See Genesis 3:17-19)

- Work was given **before** the fall, not after it.

“8: And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.”
15: And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.”
Genesis 2:8, 15

- God cursed the **ground** which did make the work environment more difficult, but He did not curse the work itself.

“For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.” Romans 8:22

- Work is not a curse from God, but instead work is a **gift** from God.

“And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.”
Ecclesiastes 3:13

II. WORK TO **MEET NEEDS**

- A. You work to meet your **own** needs.

“10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies.

12 Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.

13 But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good.

14 And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed.

15 Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.”
II Thessalonians 3:10-15

- B. You work to meet your **family's** needs.

“But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.”
I Timothy 5:8

- C. You work to meet your **neighbors** needs.

“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 20:34-35