III. DO THE PRACTICES OF TAKING GOD TO WORK

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going." Ecclesiastes 9:10

Commit to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

"that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

• Complete the weekly Growth Guide and Key Verse.

"as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby," I Peter 2:2

• Continue attending this series each week (as much as possible).

"not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:25

• Contribute fully to a Growth Group.

"9 Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor.

10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

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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.

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B. Imagine the impact in out 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 last success.

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C. TEXT: Colossians 3:23-24 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1175/New Test.)

DOES GOD FIT IN MY BRIEFCASE?

I. KNOW THE PLAN FOR TAKING GOD TO WORK

"but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen." II Peter 3:18

Our Taking God To Work campaign is a Spiritual Growth Campaign that will show you how to take God to work and apply the keys to lasting success.

This campaign is for every person in our church and community, and it uses the power of alignment at three levels to help us put these actions into practice:

<u>Individual</u> <u>Level</u>—we are providing weekly GROWTH GUIDES and MEMORY VERSE CARDS.

Congregational Level-we are having a series of ten TAKING GOD TO WORK SERMONS.

<u>Group Level</u>—we are providing TAKING GOD TO WORK GROWTH GROUPS where people can connect together and talk about each topic.

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II. APPLY THE PASSAGE FOR TAKING GOD TO WORK

"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."

Colossians 3:23-24

• All work is spiritual (3:23a).

"for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring." Acts 17:28

• All work is to be done with gusto (3:23b).

"not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;" Romans 12:11

• All work is to be performed for God (3:23c).

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17

• All work will is eternal (3:24).

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

II Corinthians 5:10

James 1:22-25

[&]quot;22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."