

IV. THINK OF THE **GOOD** IN YOUR WORK

“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.” Philippians 4:8

“Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.” Proverbs 4:23

What you **magnify, gets manifested.**

V. CENTER ON **JESUS** IN YOUR WORK

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.” John 15:4

“The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4:9

“External action should derive from internal reality, and this requires a rhythm of solitude and engagement, restoration and application, intimacy with Christ and activity in the world. The life of Jesus illustrates this pattern of seeking significant time to be alone with the Father so that He would have the inner power and poise to deal with the outward pressures imposed upon Him by His friends and enemies. People who work and minister without adequate restoration through prayer and meditation do not have the interior resources to manifest the fruit of the Spirit in a stress-filled world. During the quiet times of the devotional life, we gain the perspective and power we need to live with character and composure in the context of daily demands.”

- Kenneth D. Boa

Conformed to His Image

You must **abide before you can **abound**.**

**ARE YOU TAKING GOD OR STRESS
WITH YOU TO WORK?**

TAKING GOD TO WORK The Keys To Lasting Success

What To Do When Your Work Is Driving You Crazy
Pastor Gary Moritz

INTRODUCTION

A. Work for most of us, it’s a necessity. For some, it’s a passion. 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: Luke 12:22-23 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1022/New Test.)

America’s Stress Facts:

1. Millennials are the **most** stressed-out generation.
2. Work stress causes **10%** of strokes.
3. 40% of stressed out people **eat** unhealthily
4. 44% lose **sleep** every night.
5. Stress-related ailments cost the US **300** billion dollars a year
6. Stress **shrinks** brain capacity (reported from Stress.org).

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR WORK IS DRIVING YOU CRAZY

A. Stress is triggered by:

- 1) Something that **threatens** your current state of being.
- 2) A lack of focus on God: **Anxiety** is all about you. It has **nothing** to do with God.

B. People who worked for God and **faced** stress:

Elijah- The evil king and queen wanted him dead. He faced stress, suicidal thoughts, and his food and water provided by God was gradually drying up in a famine.

Daniel- Put in a lions' den- enough said!

Esther- Decided the only choice to save her fellow Jews was to walk into the king's hall, knowing she could be killed. She spoke authentically and was determined to put her life at risk.

Joseph- Betrayed by his family, made a slave, blamed for rape, and sentenced to jail. What Joseph faced can be regarded as a form of "acute stress."

Moses- Committed murder, had no resources, went through a tribe split, mental breakdown from autocratic thinking, faced rebellion and succession.

David- Experienced a new position to rule the kingdom as anointed by Samuel at an early age. Dealt with a psychotic father-in-law hunting him down to kill him because of pride and jealousy.

Paul- Dealt with an argument when Barnabas did not join him in his mission. He even experienced shipwrecks, snake bites, jail, homelessness, whippings, stonings and hated.

Jesus – He took the world's blame and gave us His credit.

Bonus People under Stress: Anyone who works for **Steve Reynolds** or **me**.

I. DON'T HOLD **GRUDGES** IN YOUR WORK:

"2 I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

3 And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life. " Philippians 4:2-3

"If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men." Romans 12:18

**The grip of the grudge,
Always grips you the **tightest**. Let it go!**

II. DON'T LOSE YOUR **JOY** IN YOUR WORK:

"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!" Philippians 4:4

"9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong." II Corinthians 12:9-10

The Devil can't steal your **salvation,
but he can steal your **joy**.**

III. PRAY BEFORE YOU **REACT** IN YOUR WORK

"6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

"casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

I Peter 5:6-7

What you **bring to God in prayer matters to God.**