

**Getting Work Right:
The Practical Theology of Vocation
(An Overview)**

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Quick Outline “in 4/4”:

1. Four foundational facts about VOCATION.
2. Four common fallacies about VOCATION.
3. Four “first truths” (Genesis) of VOCATION.
4. Four gospel implications of our VOCATION.

So, I'd better get started and keep moving!

Four foundational facts about VOCATION:

1. Vocation simply means “calling”.
2. Vocations are multiple and simultaneous.
3. Vocations are dynamic over time.
4. Vocations are diverse and each is unique.

Four common fallacies about VOCATION:

1. Secular work is second best.
2. Secular work is made sacred only through our witness at work.
3. Secular work is made sacred only through our financial giving to God or others.
4. Some secular work is spiritually superior or more spiritually significant than other work.

Four “first truths” (Genesis) of VOCATION:

1. God is a worker.
2. God created work as good for man and good for the world before the fall.
3. God cursed work as a consequence of our sin at the fall of man which brought new issues and challenges to our work.
4. God receives glory when we as His image bearers, do what he does—create/work.

Four gospel implications of our VOCATION:

1. God has ordained work as a means of his common grace—to provide (= Providence.)
2. God has revealed to us that work in itself is futile and frustratingly repetitive apart from His good grace and favor.
3. God has uniquely assigned each of us work to do and individually gifted us to do work.
4. God lovingly leads and directs our work and our careers powerfully and providentially.