

TGIM – Thank God It’s Monday

Which of these statements do you agree with more?

- a) Work is a good gift.
 - b) Work is a necessary burden.
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- a) Pursue your passion. Life is too short to work at a job that isn’t meaningful.
 - b) A paycheck is a paycheck. Be grateful for the job you’ve got.

“I believe in Christianity as I believe the sun has risen - not just because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.” – CS Lewis

The Bible gives us a helpful framework for understanding and doing our work:

- The very first thing God does in the Bible is work. “On the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.” – Genesis 2:2
- God works, and we’re made in God’s image, which means that we are made to do work. Work is a gift. “The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.” – Genesis 2: 15

In the ancient world, most folks thought that work was a curse rather than a gift. “Anybody who does anything for pay is by nature not truly a free person.” - Aristotle

Some of us put work into two different categories – “Full-time Christian service” vs “secular work.” But scripture never speaks of a “secular job.” From a Christian perspective, all of our work is of service to God. All of it matters to God.

We all suffer from FTT – failure to thrive. God wants us to thrive, and one of the keys to thriving is having work – paid or unpaid – that is creative, productive and meaningful. Our work is meant to line up with and build on God’s work.

- Does my work take me away from God or draw me closer to God?
- How does my work continue God’s work?

Your Mission, Should You Choose to Accept It

- Put Eugene Petersen’s quote (insert) somewhere visible.
- Read it each morning this week.
- Then pray, “God, help me to do my work today **with you.**”