



CROSSROADS

Community Church

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MORE THAN THIS?

Part 3

MORE TO WORK?

So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless. A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment?

Ecclesiastes 2:17-25

WHEN IT COMES TO WORK GOD WANTS US
TO UNDERSTAND...

1. ..._____ IT IS SO _____.

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under the sun was grievous to me.

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with which they labor under the sun?

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even at night their minds do not rest.

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Ecclesiastes 2:17, 22-23

The LORD God took the man
and put him in the Garden of Eden
to work it and take care of it.

Genesis 2:15

To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife
and ate fruit from the tree
about which I commanded you,
'You must not eat from it,'

Cursed is the ground because of you;
through painful toil you will eat food from it
all the days of your life.

It will produce thorns and thistles for you,
and you will eat the plants of the field.

By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food
until you return to the ground,
since from it you were taken;

for dust you are and to dust you will return."

Genesis 3:17-19

WHEN IT COMES TO WORK GOD WANTS US TO UNDERSTAND...

2. ..._____ WE REALLY SHOULD WORK _____.

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.

Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.

Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

And masters, treat your slaves in the same way.

Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

Ephesians 6:5-9

If we have spiritual wisdom we will understand that we work for (in this order)...

1. ...our _____! Colossians 3:23-24
2. ..._____! Ephesians 6:8, II Thessalonians 3:10
3. ...our _____! I Timothy 5:8
4. ...our _____! Ephesians 5:5
5. ...others in _____! Ephesians 4:28

Ecclesiastes 2:24-25

WHEN IT COMES TO WORK GOD WANTS US TO UNDERSTAND...

3. ..._____ IT SHOULD FIT INTO OUR _____.

