



Series: Stewardship

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PART III: GOD @ WORK – PART A

📖 **SCRIPTURE:** LUKE 10:38-42; COLOSSIANS 3:17

key theme: For those who labor according to God's design, work has divine purpose, meaning, and significance.

- 1) **Work originated from God and is not a curse.**
 - a. Before the fall, God entrusted Adam to work the ground in the garden. [Genesis 2:15]
 - b. After the fall, Adam still had to work, but now by the sweat of his brow. The work included weariness and frustration that came from the thorns and thistles added to creation. [Genesis 3:17-23]
- 2) **To be a good steward of our work responsibilities, we must understand God's purpose for our work.**
 - a. Our work provides opportunity to proclaim Christ to a broken, unredeemed world and participate in God's redemptive work on earth.
 - b. Work becomes significant when we go beyond just working for society's or our own needs to working for God's eternal purposes.
 - c. Andy Stanley says the purpose of work is to show **God at Work** through our lives and actions.
- 3) **We exercise poor stewardship when work is out of balance.**
 - a. When work is out of balance we operate for continued period at either extreme: idleness or overworking.
 - b. Putting work in balance requires that we make decisions at work based upon God getting the glory out of our actions.
 - c. Some wrong motivators causing lack of balance include: working to build our identity; making our workplace our provider instead of God; working without understanding the principle of rest + margin; working without trusting God or negating our physical limits while working.

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