

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE:

## Work Matters

How many hours do you spend working? You spend your waking hours most of the time at work. People don't realize that work is designed by God. It is the call of God. It is the worship of God. It is possible to enjoy work if we have the right perspective!

### PLAN OF GOD

Genesis 2:7-9 shows that work is a plan of God – yes, even in paradise! God modeled work by His creation. The word “cultivate” means to work. People who are able to work but don't work lose their joy, are anxious, and are left unsure and fearful. Work is part of God's plan for us to partner with Him. In fact, in Revelation 22:3-5, there is no more curse in heaven, yet there will still be work to do – we shall reign with Him! God gives a clear command in Exodus 20:9-11 which describes the details of work: six days of working, and a day for resting. God never gets tired, He does not need to rest; but since He designed us, He desired to model this concept to us. Any responsibility given to you is work, and you must do it to the best of your ability. When we work, we become blessed and become an instrument to bless others.

### CALL OF GOD

Call (Latin: vocare), the root word of “VOCATION”, roots us back to God. Everything we do is a calling from God! This is important, because until we understand God's calling, we will never understand what we are doing. The Master is the One who called us! Galatians 1:5 describes Paul's calling as coming from God, and his pleasure of serving God by fulfilling this call. Paul learned that there was something God appointed for him to do. Have we all come to know what God has appointed us to do and fulfill?

Whatever we do – at home, in the kitchen, at work, school, or office – we do everything for the Lord.

Anything you do with the wrong motive becomes secular. He is the One who calls us and appoints for us to do specific missions in this life! 1 Peter 2:9 reminds us we are “chosen”, that we are part of a “royal priesthood”, and a “holy nation”. Our job description is clear: to “proclaim the excellencies of Him” in whatever we do! Further, in 1 Peter 4:10-11, we are told that we received a “special gift” and we are to “employ it in serving one another”. You don't just look for a job because it pays you the highest, but in considering where you can bless the Name of God the most!

### WORSHIP OF GOD

In Genesis 2:15, the word “cultivate” is from the Hebrew word, AVODAH – the same word for worship! We see this in Joshua 24:15, where all the appearances of the word “serve” is still AVODAH – working is worshipping the LORD! We choose to work because we are SERVING and WORSHIPPING GOD! When you go to work to worship God, how will you behave?

Paul addresses slaves in Colossians 3:22-24: slaves had no rights yet Paul pointed out that IN ALL THINGS they are to obey their masters; no matter the work assigned, to do it heartily. Truly, work becomes worship when you do it FOR THE LORD rather than FOR MEN. Are you doing your best for Jesus? It is indeed the Lord Christ whom we serve! What are your gifts, opportunities, and life realities? How do you use all of that to do God's work? Matthew 25:21 perfectly ends this message – may we bring joy to our Master as we do our best in the work He has given us to do! Today, we may not gain the rewards we expect, but remember – our Heavenly Master appreciates, and will reward us for sure!

### last week's memory verse

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,

COLOSSIANS 3:23

### discussion questions

What's your attitude towards work?

How did it change after hearing this message?

How will you honor God through your work?



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# Take Note

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## GLC

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### Para sa Bayan

March 30, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

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## Women2Women

ALL WOMEN

### Heart Work

March 31, Thursday, 10:00 AM



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## BIG Ministry

SINGLES

### PiliPINAS

April 1, Friday, 7:30 PM



B1GMinistry



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## Elevate

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

### Swipe the Right

April 2, Saturday, 3:00 PM

Multi-Purpose Hall



ElevateMain



ElevateMainTV

## NXTGen

OPEN TO KIDS FROM 4 TO 11 YEARS OLD

### Kids' Church

starting April 17, 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM

Ground Floor, North Wing, CCF Center



## Retreats

### True Life Retreat

OPEN TO ALL GLC 1 TRAINEES

#### Unshaken: Standing Firm, Casting Light

April 22 to 23, Friday to Saturday

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Register at [bit.ly/iamUNSHAKEN](http://bit.ly/iamUNSHAKEN)



## join us on Sundays

AT CCF CENTER

10:00 AM (English)

3:00 PM (Filipino)

ONLINE

10:00 AM, 12:00 NN (English)

3:00 PM, 6:00 PM (Filipino)



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LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR VISIT IS A COINCIDENCE? YOUR BEING HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

## God brought you here for His purpose.

# 1

### God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments –Deuteronomy 7:9*

# 2

### God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23*

# 3

### God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6*

# 4

### God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9*

# 5

### God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13*