DIGDEEPER

May 8, 2016 Christianity at Work by Dr. Richard Rogers Ephesians 6:5-9 (<u>Listen Online</u>)

THE BIG IDEA

When it comes to our jobs, knowing who we work for changes everything about how we work. In today's passage, Paul urges his readers to use their work as a chance to glorify God and impact the lives of others. As a Christian, your work is worship.

START A CONVERSATION (Use this to begin a Conversation that Matters with your kids, coworkers, spouse, or someone in line at the grocery store. Then, <u>tell us about it</u>.)

• What do you do at work?

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- In what ways do you serve the kingdom of God at your job?
- Think of a human authority figure in your life. How have they encountered the goodness of Jesus Christ by the way you live with them?
- Consider people in your life who are under your authority. How are they exposed to the knowledge of God by your interactions with them?
- Who is one person you work with who doesn't know Jesus Christ as Savior?
- In what practical ways would your job change if Jesus himself were your supervisor?

GO DEEPER

- Pastors don't have a monopoly on ministry. You are equipped with skills and an environment to exercise those for the glory of God. Take a look at how <u>hairstylist Michele</u> <u>Van Fossen loves others</u> as Christ first loved her each and every day.
- Christians work because God has worked. Benjamin Quinn explains how <u>our work is</u> rooted in God who has worked on our behalf and continues to do so even now.
- Being redeemed means you have the uniquely Christian opportunity to work in a way that displays the kingdom of God. JD Greear outlines <u>five ways your work can be Christian</u>.
- Recommended books:
 - The Call by Os Guinness
 - Every Good Endeavor by Tim Keller
 - <u>The Gospel at Work</u> by Sebastian Traeger and Greg Gilbert

LIVE IN LOVE THIS WEEK

We are to render service to other men as though we were serving Jesus himself. This week, ask God to show you what he would have to do at work this week and who he would have you serve. When he answers, act in obedience.

