

**A Meaning-Full Life: Work**  
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Ecclesiastes 2:17-26

**MESSAGE NOTES**

A Brief Theology of Work:

1. God **created** work (Genesis 1-2)
2. Sin **distorts** the work we do (Genesis 3:17-19)
3. Jesus **redeems** our work (Romans 8:20-21)

Solomon's observations on work: Ecclesiastes 1:3 and 2:17-26

Bottom Line: Our work is transformed from **menial** to **meaningful** when we work as if working for God.

Two ways:

1. Work on **purpose.**  
Psalm 90:17  
Ephesians 4:28  
Colossians 3:23

"God cares for his creation through ordinary human work."

2. **Love** Where You Work  
I Timothy 5:7-8  
Galatians 5:13-14

A simple prayer:

"Lord, help me today to work on purpose and to love where I work."

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share your favorite job and your worst job.
2. How do you feel the impact of the Genesis 3 curse in the work you do?
3. Read Ecclesiastes 2:17-26. How would you summarize Solomon's logic and wisdom?
4. Damien shared two ways that we can work as if working for the Lord:
  - a. Work on purpose.
  - b. Love where you work.
5. How does your work take care of humanity?
6. How can you "love your neighbor" through your work?