



“TAKE THIS JOB AND LOVE IT!”

Series: “WORK MATTERS”, Part 1 of 4

Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Texts: John 5:17, Genesis 2:15, 3:17-19, Colossians 3:23, Revelation 22:3, and other relevant passages

Big Idea: God created us to be coworkers with Him in this world.

John 5:17, Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.”

Matthew 25:26b, “You wicked, lazy servant!”

Genesis 2:15, The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Genesis 3:17b-19a, “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of 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.”

I. Honest and noble work is a partnership with God.

Colossians 3:23, 24b, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

II. Honest and noble work develops character in us.

Which experience is most formative in shaping godly character in us, prosperity or adversity?

James 1:2, “Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds.”

III. Honest and noble work honors God.

Ecclesiastes 3:13, “That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil—this is the gift of God.”

Revelation 22:3, “No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.”