

# God's Will For Us to Work

Thy Will Be Done - Week 10 (8-2-23)

Colossians 3:17

## I. Everything You Do is Spiritual

A. There is no segregating of secular work from spiritual activities.

1. **Whatever** you do in word or deed... (Col. 3:17)

a) AMP - "Whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus [and in dependence on Him], giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

(1) In dependence on Him! The things that we try to do in our life that we are not first surrendering to Him will not be eternal or prosper.

B. Everything you do is an act of worship to someone or something

1. When directed to the true God, your life and work will be truly fulfilling

2. 1 Corinthians 10:31

a) If we are to glorify God in everything that we do, then everything that we do is an act of worship.

(1) We either glorify God in our actions or we glorify something else.

(2) All that we do is worship!

b) When we grasp this concept even the smallest of tasks become important, and procrastination goes out the window! We happily get involved and learn to be present in whatever we happen to be doing.

3. Everything should be done in excellence - In a way that honors and glorifies God

a) 1 Timothy 4:14-15

## II. Living With Purpose

A. Not just hearers wanting to be entertained

1. Don't just dream and talk, but do the work to see them accomplished.

2. Life is NOT a "spectator activity"!

a) Our society would rather sit back and be entertained by other people's success and accomplishments than get up and do the work to fulfill their own dreams and ambitions.

B. What's your end goal?

1. Psalm 106:33-39

a) Works = ma'ase - work; labor; accomplishment; final fate

C. James 1:22-25

1. He looks and forgets because there was no end goal to the looking. It was an empty glance without purpose.

a) How often do we get into an empty ritualistic lifestyle and lose our view of the purpose in our work?

2. Vs 25 - Continueth = stay near; remain; tarry; be permanent; persevere; abide

3. Proverbs 13:4

- a) Diligent (Webster) = Characterized by steady, earnest, and energetic effort.
- b) Proverbs 13:19
- c) Proverbs 15:19
  - (1) Notice that this verse is comparing the slothful(lazy) to the righteous as if they are opposites.

### III. It's Not Just About You

- A. John 15:13 - "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."
  - 1. When you lay down your life you will find it. - Matt. 10:39
  - 2. We find more purpose and fulfillment in our life when we are spending it on other people, and when we are using it for God and not for ourselves.
  - 3. We are designed to need each other.
- B. Unity - Psalm 133
  - 1. A strong anointing for administering God's blessing and eternal living is present when His people are living together in unity.