

Reset Your Work

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Least stressful job? - Diagnostic Medical Sonographer

Most stressful job? - Enlisted Military Personnel

Most dangerous job? - Loggers

Best job in 2018? - Software developer

1. What research results did Pastor Ted share that makes a job the best?

Answers:

Good pay

Challenging

Fits our talents and skills

Not too stressful

Room to advance

Satisfying work-life balance

2. When it comes to pursuing your passion and landing your dream job, what biblical direction did Pastor Ted share with the congregation?

Answer: Work hard at any job until the best job comes along. You may not need to change jobs but change your attitude.

3. How can you turn any job into a great job?

Answer: Follow these foundational biblical instructions for approaching your relationship to work.

6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us.

A. Don't let the idle and disruptive person be a part of your life and associations.

7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, **8** nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. **9** We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. **10** For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." **11** We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies.

B. You should not live your life in such a way where you are a financial and emotional burden to others.

**Describing primarily those who are UNWILLING to work.

12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12

KEY: When you are BUSY you won't be a BUSYBODY. Everything we do in life, whether work, marriage, etc., put your heart into it and you won't have time to complain.

4. What were the four biblical guidelines Pastor Ted mentioned for laborers towards their work?

Answers: Motivation, Diligence, Stewardship, Submission

Motivation

There is a way that appears to be right,
but in the end it leads to death.

The appetite of laborers works for them;
their hunger drives them on. Proverbs 16:25-26

•My family gets to eat because I'm recognizing and using the ability He gave me to work.

Diligence

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might," Ecclesiastes 9:10

Stewardship

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, **24** since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24

Submission

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you. Hebrews 13:17

5. When it comes to submission, why is it so important for Christians to yield to the authority of another person?

Answer: When we live in submission to others we are displaying the character of Christ, the very purpose for which are salvation from the world system and into the kingdom of God was initiated (See Romans 8:28-30). Living quiet, humble lives in submission to all authorities, except those which would direct us to live in direct disobedience to our Father and Lord, models the changed, transformed life a fallen world must witness in order to see Christ. Among other characteristics or qualities of divine, abundant, and eternal life (John 10:10), submission to authorities and mutual submission out of reverence for Christ (Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33; 6:1-9) are key signposts of the divine life we are called to individually and corporately display as a local Body of believers.

6. What are some ways Pastor Ted shared we can live in submission to our bosses or employers?

Answers:

- a. Submit to authority even when you're the smartest, most creative, most productive person in the room.
- b. Honor your boss when he or she goes with their idea instead of your idea.
- c. Your boss doesn't always need to know your opinion.

7. What are some of the things Pastor Ted mentioned a true influencer would never say?

Answers:

A true influencer never says...

“That’s not how I would do it.”

“Don’t they see how hard I’m working.”

(The diligent person is so busy working and enjoying their work they don’t have time to complain)

“I don’t get paid nearly enough.”

“This place would be lost without me.”

“That’s not in my job description.”

Let the LORD change your attitude towards your work, not change the organization.

KEY: A true influencer leverages their influence at work to help others win.