



**Image of God:
A Theology of Work
(Genesis 2)**

Study Notes Handout: November 3rd

Work and Worship (Gen 1:28-30; 2:5, 15; 3:16-19, 4:10-12; Ps 40:6-8)

Work and Wisdom

(Ex 31:1-6; Prov 24:27; 16:3)

Work and Wealth (Prov 3:9-10; 14:23; Heb 13:5)

Work and Worth (Gen 2:1-3 Ex 20:8-11; 31:17; Eph 2:10)

Work and Witness

(1 Thess 4:11-12; Col 3:17; John 6:38)

Personal Insights from Today's Message:



Study and Discussion Questions

Most people struggle to find meaning in life. In their search for fulfillment, some put too high a priority on their careers. Others, however, lose their motivation and neglect their responsibilities. What both groups of people fail to realize is that a job will never satisfy them completely. In fact, people who find their identity in what they do rather than in who they are will never find fulfillment. This lesson will help you evaluate your priorities at work and motivate you to work for the right reasons.

Starters:

1. How do you think your boss or coworkers would describe your attitude toward your job?
2. On a scale of one to ten, how fulfilled do you feel in your work?

READ: Genesis 39:20-23

3. What are some of the frustrations you deal with on a daily basis at work?
4. How do you usually respond to those frustrations?
5. What happens to our attitude and job performance when we do not have the proper priorities at work?
6. How could working to please God rather than others straighten out your priorities at work?

READ 1 Corinthians 15:58

7. What do you usually do when you feel discouraged about work?
8. What is the difference between giving yourself fully to the work of the Lord and being a workaholic?
9. What priorities at work do you need to change to please the Lord and effectively do his work?

READ Ecclesiastes 2:17, 21, 24-26

10. For what reasons are most people motivated to work hard?
11. What should motivate Christians to be diligent and responsible workers?
12. How can we find satisfaction and fulfillment in our work?

Summary

13. What does it mean to work for the Lord at your place of employment?
14. How do you need to change your priorities at work or about work?