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McKernan Baptist Church



**SET APART WORK
Ecclesiastes 3:9-14**

- This ministry year, we have been developing the theme, “Living Fully – Living Holy”. As we continue to reflect on what holiness (being set apart) looks like in some very day-to-day issues, we will take time on this Labour Day to explore a godly perspective on work.
- To guide our exploration, we will turn to Ecclesiastes 3:9-14 and see how this passage answers the question, “How should God’s people approach work?”

Work is part of God’s original plan for us. (vs. 10,11,13)

- God’s original design for us involved meaningful work. (Genesis 2:15)
- When humanity fell into sin, the impact on our work was disastrous. (Genesis 3:17-19)
- Through Christ, God is restoring that which was marred by the fall. This includes our work. (Galatians 3:13; 2:20)

God desires that the workplace be a context in which we find true satisfaction in His purposes. (vs. 11-13)

- Work is most fulfilling when seen as a context to pursue the larger, eternal purposes of God. These purposes include...
 - ...the development of our character. (Eph. 6:5-9)
 - ...serving others with Christ’s love.
 - ...meeting our daily needs and providing resources to further God’s Kingdom ministry. (2 Cor. 9:10-11)
 - ...discovering and utilizing our God-given design.

Work is designed by God as a context in which we can find satisfaction in His purposes.

Discussion Questions

How does a godly view of work differ from the “conventional” view you encounter?

What are some ways in which it is possible to look for meaning in accomplishment at work rather than in God’s purposes through your work?

In what ways can you use your current workplace to grow godly character and serve others?

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