

Introduction: Questions to Ponder

1. How can we live above the daily grind?
2. Why are the great majority of Americans dissatisfied with their jobs?
3. How can the place where we spend the majority of our waking hours be transformed from drudgery to delight?

Transferable Concept: Teach them to _____ Unto the Lord.”

A Theology of Work:

- Work is a _____, not a job.
- All work is _____.
- Our work is to flow from God’s unique design and _____ for our lives.
- Old Testament Roots – Genesis 2:15
- Biblical Profiles – Adam, Paul
- New Testament Command – Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

²³*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.*

Application: I, _____, _____, commit to discover God's calling for my life so I can impact my world and beyond.

How to Help Them Discover God's Calling for Their Lives:

- **The Method: Ask them the following questions...**

1. What is your S.H.A.P.E.?

- Spiritual gifts – What are yours?
- Heart – Where is your passion, your desire, what do you dream about?
- Aptitude – What are you good at?
- Personality – How are you wired as you relate to people?
- Experience – What have you done well and enjoyed?

2. Encourage them to get honest, _____ about who you are, where you fit, and how to move forward.

3. Help them be willing to move out of their _____
_____ to fulfill their divine purpose.

Life Message: You were _____ to work!

Discussion Questions

1. On a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high), how satisfied and fulfilled are you in your present occupation? How about your children?
2. On a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high), how much do you consider your job an actual "calling" from God vs. merely a means of income? What can you share with your children and grandchildren about what you've learned in hindsight?
3. Who are two trusted friends that would give you honest feedback concerning your strengths, weaknesses, spiritual gifts, and passions. Seek them out and ask. Share with your children and grandchildren the strengths you've observed in their lives. Encourage them to seek input from trusted friends as well.
4. Ask your children and grandchildren what would they really like to do if money and opportunity were NOT a problem? How can you help them pursue that passion?