

Crossroads Daily Guide
Week of September 4
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This week in worship we talked about all our good work being sacred work. By good work we mean work that is honorable, just and helpful. From children whose work is play to parents whose work is love and guidance, to CEO's whose work it is to manage a billion-dollar budget for the good of the company's vision, we all have sacred work to do. If you missed the message this past Sunday then you might want to go to our website at www.everydaylifewithgod.org to give it a listen.

Too easily we tend to separate our spiritual practices from what we do on the job or in our day to day vocation. That is a sad reality, for what we know is real change- personal or corporate- happens from the inside out.

What we all want is more than just a way to cope with the day to day operations and challenges of work, we want to believe we can impact even change some things. Giving and receiving compassion, forgiveness, service and wisdom on the job, which by the way no law can keep you from doing, even if it is the way of Jesus, is how others change. Once there is a enough people practicing compassion, forgiveness, service and wisdom the place you work or the family you serve will change. Even if that doesn't happen you will find your work being of sacred value offering you an unwavering hope of transformation from your own inside out.

This week's scriptures have been selected to inspire you on the job. They are to give you courage to not separate your spiritual practices from your everyday work, whatever your job might be, paid or not.

May you be blessed and challenged as you read and reflect. May you see yourself as a part of the Body of Christ whose hands are made to serve.

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Sunday, September 4, 2016

Genesis 2:3 God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all the work of creation.

Reflection: Sabbath rest is an often neglected spiritual practice. Rest is vitally important to our health and creativity. How might you practice Sabbath rest this week?

Monday, September 5, 2016

Colossians 3:17 Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.

Reflection: Try to see what you do today as sacred work. That means see the deeper meaning and purpose of your work and vocation. Celebrate the gifts you bring.

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, do it from the heart for the Lord and not for people.

Reflection: Seeing your work as sacred will change your attitude on the job. Your changed attitude will begin to affect the environment from the inside-out.

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

II Chronicles 15:7 But as for you, be brave and don't lose heart, because your work will be rewarded!

Reflection: Too easily we separate spiritual practices from work. Today integrate them, practice compassion and service for yourself and peers. Notice how others respond.

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Ephesians 6:6-7 *Don't just do what you have to do to get by, but work heartily, as Christ's servants doing what God wants you to do. And work with a smile on your face, always keeping in mind that no matter who happens to be giving the orders, you're really serving God.*

Reflection: More than making a living how can your job help you find life? Name three things beyond money that your job provides for you. Pause and be thankful.

Friday, September 9, 2016

I Corinthians 15:58 *So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.*

Reflection: Reflect on your work week. What has brought you joy? What has been your biggest struggle? How might both your joys and struggles be a sacred gift to you?

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Acts 20:35 *In everything I have shown you that, by working hard, we must help the weak. In this way we remember the Lord Jesus' words: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

Reflection: Today the most important work you can do is receive and give compassion. How can you take the practice of compassion for self and others with you on the job?