

Faith and Work

Introduction

In a secular world, it seems natural for us to divide our lives into different boxes. Family belongs here. Faith belongs here. Work belongs there. Long ago, Moses was tempted to do the same. After being rescued from Egypt, Moses began to lead the people by being their judge, solving problems and disputes. It took the wisdom of his father-in-law to remind him of two things. First, we are called to join God in His kingdom work. Second, God calls us to work alongside others and to help them see their call to a vocation. We may be tempted to forget that God is in every aspect of our lives, including the work we do. Jesus reminds us that we are the light of the world. Even our workplaces need that bright light to shine. You are called to do your work well, to do it honestly, and to do it with grace and love. Pray this week about how God is leading you to be faithful to him in and through your work.

We may be tempted to forget that our faith informs every aspect of our lives, including the work that we do. In fact, our work is a gift from God. Jesus reminds us that we are the light of the world. Even our workplaces need that bright light to shine. You are called to do your work well, to do it honestly, and to do it with grace and love. Pray this week about how God is leading you to be faithful to him while you work.

Read Your Bible

- Exodus 18:17-27
- Matthew 5:13-18

Apply God's Word to Your Life:

1. What are some of the jobs you have had in your life?
2. What jobs have you felt most called to?
3. Reread the story of Moses found in Exodus 18:1-27. What work was Moses doing?
4. What did Moses learn from his father-in-law about his work?
5. Read Jesus' words in Matthew 5:14. How does this apply to your work? What does it mean to be a light when you are performing your job?
6. Why is it hard to blend our work and our faith?
7. How does your faith shape your approach to your work? How can you further invite God into your work?

Reflecting on the text:

1. What have you learned about God?
2. What have you learned about the world?
3. What have you learned about yourself?

Pray

God of mercy and grace, you have given us your grace in Jesus, and you have called us your people. You invite us into the world to share your message of love and grace. Teach us to give every part of our life over to you. Let our work in this world build your kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen.