

# Worshipping Through My Work

## SERIES: IT'S NOT JUST A JOB - Part 1

### I. GOD'S VIEW OF WORK:

**1. God designed me with talents, gifts and interests that he wants used for His GLORY.**

*"We are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." **Ephesians 2:10***

**2. God intends for my work to be meaningful, beneficial and FULLFILLING.**

*"For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope." **Jeremiah 29:11***

**3. To fulfill God's will for my life, I need work that EXPRESSES what God made me to be.**

*"Each one should live his life with the gifts that the Lord has given him..."  
**1 Corinthians 7:17 (Ph)***

**4. If Christ isn't Lord of my WORK then he isn't really Lord of my LIFE.**

*"We... have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of his glory."  
**Ephesians 1:12 (RSV)***

**5. For believers, work is to be:**

- An act of WORSHIP.
- A WITNESS of my faith
- A MINISTRY to others
- A TEST for eternal rewards

## II. HOW CAN I WORSHIP GOD THROUGH MY WORK?

*"Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship you should offer." **Romans 12:1 (GN)***

**1. By CHOOSING a work that expresses the gifts and abilities God has given me.**

*"So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us." **Romans 12:6 (GN)***

*"Don't conform outwardly to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you'll be able to know the will of God." **Romans 12:2 (GN)***

*"... try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities by the light of the faith that God has given to you." **Romans 12:3b (Ph)***

**2. By working as though I'm working FOR GOD.**

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for men. Remember the Lord will reward you... For Christ is the real Master you serve." **Colossians 3:23-24 (GN)***

\* **EXCELLENCE**

\* **ENTHUSIASM**

*"Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically." **Romans 12:11 (LB)***

**3. By having love as my number one MOTIVE for work.**

*"Do all your work in love." **I Corinthians 16:14 (GN)***

*"If I have no love, I achieve precisely nothing." **1 Corinthians 13:3 (Ph)***