

SECULAR vs SACRED WORK

Seeking God's Glory in our Work Place

Genesis 1:26-2:2,15; page 1

I. GOD'S DESIGN FOR WORK

- A. God worked six days, creating man in His image on the sixth day (1:26-2:2).
- B. Soon after God created man, He gave man a job (15).
 - Man was given the role to work the garden and take care of it.
 - Work is the opportunity for man to reflect God's creativity and creating ability as His image bearer in the workplace.
 - Work is not a result of sin, but rather is just blemished by sin (3:17-19).

Ephesians 6:5-9; page 950

II. SACRED WORK – WORKING UNTO THE LORD

- A. All work is sacred in the believer's life.
- B. How to work for God's glory as a servant/employee (5-8).
 - Obey your earthly master/boss
 - With fear and trembling
 - With sincerity of heart
 - Just as you would obey Christ
 - Not only to win your master/boss over as they are watching
 - Because we are first slaves of Christ and our work is first and foremost unto the Lord
 - Because obedient honest work is God's will
 - Because God will reward
- C. How to work for God's glory as a master/boss (9).
 - In the same way (same as servant's path)
 - Without threats/attacks
 - By remembering who you serve (God)
 - Remember that those who serve under you have equal value before God