

The Purpose of Work

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“What do people really get for all their hard work?” Eccl. 3:9 (NLT)

6 PURPOSES

1. **NECESSITY** - to meet my needs!

“The one who stays on the job has food on the table.” Pr. 12:11 (MSG)

“If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.” 1 Tim. 5:8 (NIV)

“Whoever doesn’t want to work shouldn’t be allowed to eat!” 2 Thes. 3:10 (GW)

“Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper and be satisfied.” Pr. 13:4 (NLT)

2. **IDENTITY** - to express my talent!

“MEANING matters more than MONEY”

“Each of you has been blessed with one of God’s many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well.” 1 Pet. 4:10 (CEV)

“Be sure to do what you should, for then you will enjoy the personal satisfaction of having done your work well, and you won’t need to compare yourself to anyone else.” Gal. 6:4 (NLT)

3. **MATURITY** - to develop my character.

“You spend your life working, laboring, and what do you have to show for it?” Eccl. 1:3 (TEV)

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can be trusted with much ... If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you your own?” Luke 16:10-12 (NIV)

“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.” Matt. 25:21 (NIV)

4. **CREDIBILITY** - It's to witness to others.

“Take care of your own business, and do your own work ... If you do, then people who are not believers will respect you.” 1 Thes. 4:11-12 (NCV)

“Your light must shine before people, so they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.” Matt. 5:16 (TEV)

“Whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus.” Col. 3:17 (NLT)

5. **CHARITY** - to give the money away!

“... (We) must work, doing something useful with our own hands, that we may have something to share with those in need.” Eph. 4:28b (NIV)

“I've been a constant example of how you can help the poor by working hard, and remembering the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'” Acts 20:35 (NLT)

6. **ETERNITY** - use my job to build God's Kingdom!

“Be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all the other things.” Matt. 6:33 (TEV)

“We know that the same God who raised Jesus will also raise us (one day)... And as God's grace brings more and more people to Christ, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory.” 2 Cor. 4:14-15 (NLT)

Jesus: “Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.” Matt.6:20 (NIV)

Will I be a Wealth Builder or Kingdom Builder?

ONE DAY

“There is going to come a time of testing at the judgment day to see what kind of work each builder has done. Everyone's work will be put through the fire to see whether or not it keeps its value. If the work survives the fire, that person will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builders themselves will be saved, but like someone escaping a fire...” 1 Cor. 3:13-15 (NLT)