

Working for God's Glory

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I Samuel 24 & Daniel 6

INTRODUCTION

- Five priorities of life:
 1. Relationship with _____
 2. Relationship with your _____
 3. Relationship with your _____
 4. Relationships with other _____ (_____)
 5. _____
- Scripture does not elevate one _____ profession above another.
 1. David – a _____ (I Samuel 16:11) and a _____ (I Samuel 16:12-13)
 2. Daniel – a _____ official (Daniel 6:1-3)
 3. Amos – a _____ and a _____ (Amos 7:14)
 4. Luke – a _____ (Colossians 4:14)
 5. Jesus – a _____ (Mark 6:3)
 6. Lydia – _____ (Acts 16:14)
 7. Paul – a _____ (Acts 18:3)

THE PROBLEM → We live in a culture that does not _____ God's design for work.

ANSWERS FOUND IN GOD'S WORD

I Samuel 24:1-15

1. Be _____ to the _____ of the Holy Spirit
I Samuel 24:5 - And afterward David's heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe.
2. Be _____
I Samuel 24:6-7 - ⁶ He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the Lord's anointed."⁷ So David persuaded his men with these words and did not permit them to attack Saul. And Saul rose up and left the cave and went on his way.
3. Be a _____
4. _____ employer/teacher/person in authority
I Samuel 24:8 - Afterward David also rose up and went out of the cave, and called after Saul, "My lord the King."

Daniel 6:1-22

1. Have _____
Daniel 6:4 - ...but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault...
2. Be _____
Daniel 6:4 - ...because he was faithful...
3. Be _____
Daniel 6:10 - When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.

4. _____ employer/teacher/person in authority
Daniel 6:21-22 - ²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel and closed the lions' mouths so that they have not harmed me because I was found to be innocent before him. Nor have I done any harm to you, O king."
5. _____ fellow co-workers/students

GOD'S DESIGN

- **The Origins of Work**
 - *Genesis 2:15 - The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.*
"Put" (*yānah*) →
Work was not the _____ of Adam and Eve's sin.
Work was created by God for our _____ and His _____.
 - *Genesis 3:17-19*
Work was made more _____ after the fall
"The woman's punishment struck at the deepest root of her being as wife and mother; the man's struck at the innermost nerve of his life: his work..." – Gerhard von Rad
- **Work in the Present**
 - Be _____ (_____)
Psalm 1:1-2 - Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ² but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.
Psalm 46:10 - Be still, and know that I am God...
 - He is the _____ of all that we need to for our jobs
 - He is the _____ of our success
I Samuel 17:37 - "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."
 - Not _____, but _____
Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
- **Work in the Future**
 - We will _____ in the new heaven and the new earth
 - Work will be made _____
Revelation 21:5 – And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

CONCLUSION

When we work, we are _____ Christ

Colossians 3:23-24 - ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.