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## **ESSENTIAL WORKERS**

Scripture Reading before Invocation Prayer: Ephesians 4: 1-7 Walk worthy of your vocation

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4: 11 - 15 the **perfecting** of the saints is the work of the ministry

Subject: THE ESSENTIAL WORK OF THE MINISTRY OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Text: Colossians 3: 17, 23 – 24 Work is Sacred to the Lord no matter how big or small.

Introduction: Ephesians 2: 10 God's Workmanship – identity must come before activity.

## Lesson Outline

- 1. Genesis 2: 1 3 God worked; St. John 5: 17-20 Jesus worketh; Genesis 1: 27, 2: 15 Man's Work *The Father, The Son, The Holy Spirit each have a "Career" The Father's* (Isaiah 9:7; 37:32; Romans 8: 29; II Corinthians 5: 18 21) *The Son's* (Hebrews 1: 1 3 & Romans 8: 34; St. Luke 19:10) The Holy Spirit's (St. John 15:26; 16: 7 15; Romans 8: 26)
- 2. I Corinthians 3:7-9 Co-labourers together with God
- 3. I Peter 4: 10 our calling is in the unique desires, gifts, talents and experiences given to us. WHY WE WORK:
- 4. To support self, family and parents; and earn a living: Romans 13: 8; I Timothy 5:8; II Thessalonians 3: 10
- 5. To serve others: Ephesians 4: 28; I John 3: 16 18; St. Matthew 22: 36 40 (Loving is serving not saying)
- 6. To Glorify God: St. Matthew 5: 16; II Corinthians 8: 1 5; II Corinthians 9: 6 15
- 7. To prepare for the future: St. Luke 16: 8 12; St. Matthew 25:14 23; St. Luke 19: 11 27; I Timothy 6: 17 19
- 8. Ephesians 5: 21 33 the work of completion or perfection

The Duty, Dignity and Delight of work was designed by God for our fulfillment, not drudgery or a necessary evil, nor idolatry. Christians are not to be slothful (which is sin) but to look to the ant about diligence; the Bible does not encourage us to be soft concerning work; but it is designed to render a service and fulfill your calling in life as we Glorify God.

## **EVERY CHRISTIAN IS IN FULL TIME MINISTRY!**