

SERMON NOTES: A LIFE LIVED WELL 6 - WORK (Sunday 31 May 2015)

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 48:17-18

This is what the Lord says—
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
“I am the Lord your God,
who teaches you what is best for you,
who directs you in the way you should go.
If only you had paid attention to my commands,
your peace would have been like a river,
your well-being like the waves of the sea.

Genesis 1:26-28 (HCSB)

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth.”
So God created man in His own image; He created him in the image of God; He created them male and female. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth.”

Psalms 115:16

“The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to man.”

Proverbs 12:11

“He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgement.”

Colossians 3:22-24 (The Message)

“Don’t just do the minimum that will get you by. Do your best. Work from the heart for your real Master, for God, confident that you’ll get paid in full when you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you’re serving is Christ.”

QUOTES

“Whenever we bring order out of chaos, whenever we draw out creative potential, whenever we elaborate and “unfold” creation beyond where it was when we found it, we are following God’s pattern of creative cultural development.”

Tim Keller

“In the Christian view, the way to find your calling is to look at the way you were created. Your gifts have not emerged by accident, but because the Creator gave them to you. But what if you’re not at the point of running in the Olympics or leading on a world stage? What if you’re struggling under an unfair boss or a tedious job that doesn’t take advantage of all your gifts? It’s liberating to accept that God is fully aware of where you are at any moment and that by serving the work you’ve been given you are serving him.”

Tim Keller

CLIPS

Hahn Superdry ‘Experience Collectors’ commercial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSwE2oLwxXU>

ADDITIONAL READING

Every Good Endeavour: Connecting your work to God’s work - Timothy Keller

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Cultivation

+ What are the ways in which my job or vocational path joins with God’s work of creation and cultivation? What might God be asking me to care for or subdue?

Calling

+ How am I stewarding the call on my life, whether or not it is connected to my vocation? What steps can I be taking to seek out what God is calling me to if I am unsure?

Commitment

+ Am I working hard and faithfully stewarding my current position?