

GAINING MOMENTUM IN WORK

LIFE TRACTION | Gaining Momentum Where It Matters Most

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MOMENTUM

- "Forward motion fueled by a series of wins" -Andy Stanley
- **Where are you seeking to gain the most momentum in 2015?**
 1. Momentum with God- the key is faith
 2. Momentum in Relationships- the key is love
 3. Momentum in Finances- the key is stewardship

WORK IS DRUDGERY

- Why do you go to work? "To earn a living" or "To get a paycheck"
- For most people, work is the drudgery we must do to support our life, but LIFE starts at 5pm!

"I hated life because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless and chasing after the wind."

-KING SOLOMON
ECCLESIASTES 2:17

MADE FOR MORE

We need a vision for work that goes way beyond mere survival- pay the bills. We were created for meaningful work.

"You are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

EPHESIANS 2:10

WORK IS GOOD

WHO WAS THE FIRST WORKER ON EARTH? GOD WAS!

On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation.

GENESIS 2:2-3

1. Legitimate work reflects the character of God, and when we work unto God, we reflect His very nature!

If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.

EPHESIANS 4:28

2. Work is GOOD and it was given to man before the fall into sin (Gen. 3:6).

The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.

GENESIS 2:15

- SO WHY DO I HATE MY WORK SO MUCH?

Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it.

GENESIS 3:17

- Work is a mixed bag: done unto the Lord it is good, yet it is also difficult and toilsome. Thus the Bible instructs us to do it **unto the Lord!**

WORKING FOR THE LORD

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

COLOSSIANS 3:23

COME ALIVE AT WORK

YOUR WORK WILL COME ALIVE WHEN YOU DO IT UNTO THE LORD!

1. No compromise! Make honesty and integrity your highest commitment! Refuse to cut corners, falsify information, gossip, be lazy, or take shortcuts...
2. Refuse to live by a sacred/secular divide or "It's just business!"
3. See your work as your mission field and that you are sent into it as an ambassador for Christ! 2 Corinthians 5:20

THE WORK GOD HAS FOR ME

Many of us wonder if we are in the right job, doing the work that God has for us to do. Here is how to know and what to do.

1. **Don't panic and quit.** (unless it is immoral)
2. **Take time to reflect on your heart passions.** (What truly matters to you? What burdens?)
3. **What are you really good at doing?** (Kids, colors, building, organizing, making money...).
4. **What past experiences have shaped you?**
5. **Ask God in prayer, and listen to the input of other believers, but ASK?**
6. **Bloom where you are planted, and wait to be tapped.**

MOMENTUM IN WORK

- In order to gain momentum in your work, you must push against the old ways.
- No Compromise and No Sacred/Secular Divide, just 100% YOU-as-follower-of-Christ @ work!
- How are you working?