

A Man and His Work

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“How do we view our work?”

1 Peter 2:9 - But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

SUMMARY:

The world's view of work encourages us to develop a “ME” centered career. God desires that we focus our career around him and his purpose for our life. God calls us a chosen people, a royal priesthood. A priest is a man who stands in the gap between God and a lost world. Our work provides an excellent opportunity to live out our God given purpose.

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question: What are some of your first thoughts when you hear the alarm go off in the morning?

Discussion:

- As you hop from job to church to family, does the man change? Or, are you consistently the man God wants you to be?
- What world views make it most difficult for you to be an effective “priest” at work?
- The world's views are very persuasive, what are some practical disciplines we can apply at work to be the workers God intended us to be?

APPLICATION:

1 Peter 1:13 says: “Therefore, prepare your minds for action. We must consciously reject the world's views and claim God's truth for every aspect of our life. As you rise each morning this week, recite 1 Peter 2:9. Know who you are, and act accordingly.

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Scriptures: 1 Peter 1 and 2
Ephesians 4:17-32

Check out this book: “Your Work Matters to God”
By Doug Sherman and William Hendricks