



Bible Verses: Psalm 46-:1, Colossians 3:23, Psalm 90:17

Quote: "Luther looks at all the jobs out there and says, 'These are the masks of God, behind which He wants to remain concealed, and do all things.' Christians have to be profoundly appreciative of good work done on absolutely everything."

Resources:

The Call (Author-Os Guinness)

Podcast 15: Men @ Work - Cops

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 reads, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it."

What hope there is in this passage from God's word! There is a time for everything that happens. Even though there will be many times we feel and experience that our work is meaningless, we can know that God has a purpose in it.

Whether we love our jobs or hate our jobs...whether we do meaningful work or meaningless work...God is at work in us and through us. God is actively shaping us into men who look like Jesus and He is using us to reach into the hearts of others—even where we work. If we look ahead, trusting in God and surrendering our lives to His hand, we may find much deeper purpose in our work.

Nothing we do or experience in work will be wasted.

—Luke Burgett

Talk about it:

- What did you want to be as a kid growing up?

Make it personal:

- What did you relate to the most in Jim Dixon's story?
- What would you say has been the most "defining moment" you've experienced at work?

Accept the Challenge:

- Jim Dixon shared that he tries to see God's purpose in everything he does (menial or not) as a police sergeant. Throughout this week, try to do the same—jotting down or remembering where you've been able to see God using you or your circumstances at work.

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