



**Bible Verses:** James 1:27, 1 Corinthians 10:31

**Quote:** *“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.” – John Wesley*

**Resources:**

*Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God’s Work*  
(Author-Timothy Keller)

## Podcast 17: Men @ Work – Teachers

We may not all be schoolteachers like Mr. Smith, but we do all have people looking to us for help and guidance. Sure, Cleveland (and teachers like him) have a very unique opportunity to help and guide people in their most formative years, but if we all take a look at our lives through a different lens we will begin seeing our own opportunities.

This doesn’t really have anything to do with *opportunity*, though. It is meant to be a lifestyle.

Loving, serving, guiding, and helping people is our God given responsibility—and something we should be doing no matter what we do for work. We can worship God by loving people whether we are schoolteachers or plumbers.

1 Corinthians 10:31 reads, *“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”* James 1:27 reads, *“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”* In Matthew 22:39 Jesus explains how in addition to loving God, loving people is the greatest commandment in God’s word. Through these passages we can gather that the purpose for our being is to find joy in glorifying God by *loving* and *serving* the people God has placed around us.

Let’s find meaning in our work this week—whatever it is we do. Let’s find ways to really, intentionally interact with the people around us. Let’s be men who live lives that beckon the question from those who are searching, *“What makes you tick?”*

—Luke Burgett

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### Talk about it:

- Did you have a favorite teacher growing up? If so, who was it and why were they your favorite?

### Make it personal:

- Where do you work? What is your work environment like?
- Cleveland Smith talked about his past and how he never would have pictured himself being where he is today—as a teacher. Can you relate to that? Has God taken your past and put you in a place to be redeemed?
- Cleveland also talked of finding opportunities to *“live out the Gospel”* at work. Are you able to do that?

### Accept the Challenge:

- Cleveland ended the podcast asking the question, *“What makes you tick?”* Write down what you think *makes you tick*, then spend some time in prayer—asking God to help you use this for His glory at work.

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