

260906(주일예배) 왜 일하세요? (창 2:15, 3:17-19)

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Devotions for the Week

Verse of the Week

Genesis 2:15 - 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.'

Check off each day as you go

- ☐ **Monday** Reflect on the meaning of my work today and offer a prayer of gratitude.
- ☐ **Tuesday** Perform today's tasks with a heart that glorifies God.
- ☐ **Wednesday** Try to feel joy while working today and do my best.
- ☐ **Thursday** Do my best in the tasks assigned to me and work with a heart that glorifies God.
- ☐ **Friday** Check if the goals I want to achieve today are connected to God's glory.
- ☐ **Saturday** Share blessings with those around me through small acts I can do.

Monday — Reflecting on the Meaning of Work

Today's Passage Genesis 2:15

God tasked Adam and Eve with cultivating and keeping the Garden of Eden. This shows us that our work is not merely for survival, but a calling given by God.

Ask Yourself How can I know if the work I am doing is the calling given by God?

Do This Today Reflect on the meaning of my work today and offer a prayer of gratitude.

Prayer God, may I reveal Your glory in my workplace.

Tuesday — Finding the Purpose of Work

Today's Passage 1 Corinthians 10:31

We must remember that everything we do is for the glory of God. The purpose of work must be to glorify God to have true meaning.

Ask Yourself Is the work I do bringing glory to God?

Do This Today Perform today's tasks with a heart that glorifies God.

Prayer Lord, I want all my work to bring glory to You.

Wednesday — Restoring the Joy of Labor

Today's Passage Genesis 3:17-19

Though work became painful after the fall, as redeemed individuals, we can restore the joy of labor. We must realize that working itself is a blessing.

Ask Yourself Am I feeling joy in my work?

Do This Today Try to feel joy while working today and do my best.

Prayer God, grant me joy in my work and help me to work with a cheerful heart.

Thursday — Having a Sense of Calling

Today's Passage Colossians 3:22-23

We are working in the places where God has sent us. When we work with this sense of calling, our work becomes an act of worship to God.

Ask Yourself How can I serve God in the place where I work?

Do This Today Do my best in the tasks assigned to me and work with a heart that glorifies God.

Prayer Lord, help me understand the reason You sent me here, and enable me to fulfill that calling well.

Friday — The Standard of True Success

Today's Passage Psalm 90:10

We must remember that life is short, and the achievements we attain are not eternal. True success is living for the glory of God.

Ask Yourself What kind of success am I pursuing?

Do This Today Check if the goals I want to achieve today are connected to God's glory.

Prayer God, align my goals with Your will.

Saturday — Sharing the Blessings of Work

Today's Passage Genesis 1:28

God has blessed us and commanded us to be fruitful and multiply. Our work should also be a blessing to others.

Ask Yourself How can my work be a blessing to others?

Do This Today Share blessings with those around me through small acts I can do.

Prayer God, may my work be a blessing to others.

Check Your Understanding

1. What is the theme of the sermon?

- A. Why do you work?
- B. The meaning and purpose of work
- C. The punishment of labor
- D. Work for the glory of God

2. Why did the first worker say he works?

- A. For the glory of God
- B. To make a living
- C. For his own success
- D. Because he has a dream

3. What was the second worker's answer?

- A. I work for the glory of God.
- B. I work to become the best craftsman.
- C. I work to make a living.
- D. I work for my family.

4. What is the correct understanding of the purpose of labor?

- A. It is a means for survival.
- B. It is work for the glory of God.
- C. It is simply to earn money.
- D. It is to elevate social status.

5. How was labor described in the sermon?

- A. It is a punishment.
- B. It is a blessing.
- C. It is a simple means of survival.
- D. It is a social obligation.

Answer Key

1. **A** — The theme of the sermon is 'Why do you work?', examining the meaning and purpose of work from a biblical perspective.
2. **B** — The first worker answered that he works 'out of necessity to make a living'.
3. **B** — The second worker replied, 'I am working hard to become the best craftsman.'
4. **B** — The purpose of labor is 'for the glory of God', which is the core message of the sermon.
5. **B** — Labor was described as a blessing from God, and it was emphasized that it should be regarded as a joyful task, not a punishment.

Key Points

- The purpose of work is not mere survival, but to reveal God's glory.
- Labor is not a punishment after the fall, but a blessing given by God.
- We must recognize God's calling in our respective workplaces and live accordingly.
- Our ultimate goal is to glorify God through our work.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you work? What is the reason?

2. How can we glorify God through our work?

3. Do you feel that your job is a calling given by God? What is the reason?

4. What are the joys and pains you feel in the process of working? How can they be overcome?

Apply This Week

This week, think about what actions you can take to reveal God's glory in your workplace.

Prayer & Reflection

God, help me to reveal Your glory in my workplace and help me understand the meaning of work.
