

Wednesday, August 4

God calls you to be a faithful, responsible, and trustworthy worker wherever you find yourself. Whether your role at work is small or large, God is always looking for faithful, diligent believers in every workplace to whom much spiritual influence can be given. Joseph's life paints a perfect picture of a faithful worker, who by being trustworthy in small roles was elevated by God to literally save much of the known world from starvation.

Genesis 39:1-6, 20-23; 41:41-57

- In Genesis 39, what words are used to describe Joseph's work? To what position did God elevate Joseph because of his faithfulness?
- In what ways are you trustworthy at your workplace? In what do you need to improve (time management, efficiency, integrity, language, and so forth)?

Thursday, August 5

One of the ways you become a better worker is to realize that you are really just a steward of God's world, not an owner of the gifts, talents, abilities, and jobs you have been given. One thing that can help your focus on being a faithful steward is remembering what God will one day ask for an account of what you were given. Knowing this, your priority becomes working for the benefit of God and blessing God's people, not just fulfilling your own selfish wants and desires.

Matthew 25:14-30

- What happened to the servants who worked and gained more for the master? What about the one who didn't do anything with the talent he was given?
- How will you stay focused on the truth that you are a steward instead of an owner of your gifts, talents, and abilities?

Friday, August 6

Being an effective witness in the workplace also means having a profound influence on those around you through your actions and reputation. When you live and work trying to fulfill God's purposes God will often elevate you in leadership so that you can have a positive effect on the people around you. It is godly actions and integrity that will bring others to connect with the same Jesus you know and serve.

Luke 7:1-10 and Acts 10:1-48

- How did those around them view both centurions? What kind of influence did they have on those who worked for or served them?
- What kind of influence for Christ would you like to have on those who work for or with you? Write a prayer asking God to help you grow in your maturity of workplace witness.

Saturday, August 7

Since our life's work is also our worship, never underestimate how God will use you to build the Kingdom. God's calling to all believers is to do eternal work, no matter what your current job happens to be. Constantly pursue God's best will and purpose for your life. Your goal is to be best positioned by God to help build up the lives of all those around you and point them to Jesus. That is your daily calling in work and witness.

John 6:27 and Corinthians 3:10-15

- What kind of work do John (John 6:27) and Paul (in 1 Corinthians) say will endure?
- What message regarding your daily work do you find in today's reading?