

Pressure Points
"The Stress of the JOB"
Part 4

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1. Work is _____ for us

Gen. 2:15 "The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it." (NLT)

- Knowing work is God's will helps us _____ our jobs
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Ecc. 5:18 "Even so, I have noticed one thing, at least, that is good. It is good for people to eat, drink, and enjoy their work under the sun during the short life God has given them, and to accept their lot in life." (NLT)

2. Work for God rather than _____

*Col. 3:22-24 "Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord.
²³ Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.
²⁴ Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.*

- Give your _____ no matter who is watching
Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you.
- Give your _____ regardless of the situation
Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people
- Remember that _____ for obedience come from God
Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ."

3. Work is a _____ assignment

- Work is a Kingdom assignment to _____ your faith
James 1:2-4 "Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. ³ For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴ So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing." (NLT)
- Work is a Kingdom assignment to _____ your faith
II Cor. 5:20 "So we are Christ's ambassadors..." (NLT)

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Discussion Questions:

1. When it comes to all the stressors of life, what percentage does job stress represent for you? Does job stress represent 40% of your stress? 60%? 80%? Talk about why this is?
2. What do you think about the truth that work is God's will for you? Why do you think God made work a part of the Garden of Eden?
3. Does knowing that work is God's will impact how we think about work at all?
4. Is it difficult to think about our jobs as working for the Lord rather than man? How does this change in thinking impact how you perform at work? Talk through the three areas given in the message.
5. How difficult are these three areas to actually live out in the workplace?
6. Discuss our jobs as a kingdom assignment. How can we cooperate with God at our workplace allowing Him to grow our faith and use our faith to influence others?

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