


**YOUR  
WORK  
MATTERS**



# Off To Work I Go

- **A Hard Day's Night - Work is not a four-letter word:** We were created to work but we work in a broken world
- **Takin' Care of Business - Working for the king:** This gives meaning and a future to our work
- **Just Another Manic Monday - Can my ordinary job be extraordinary?** What is God trying to teach me?
- **Working for the Weekend - We can do better than that:** God gifts us to make a difference, but it is challenging

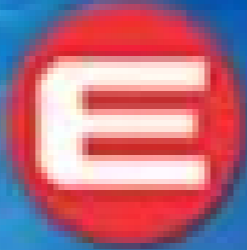




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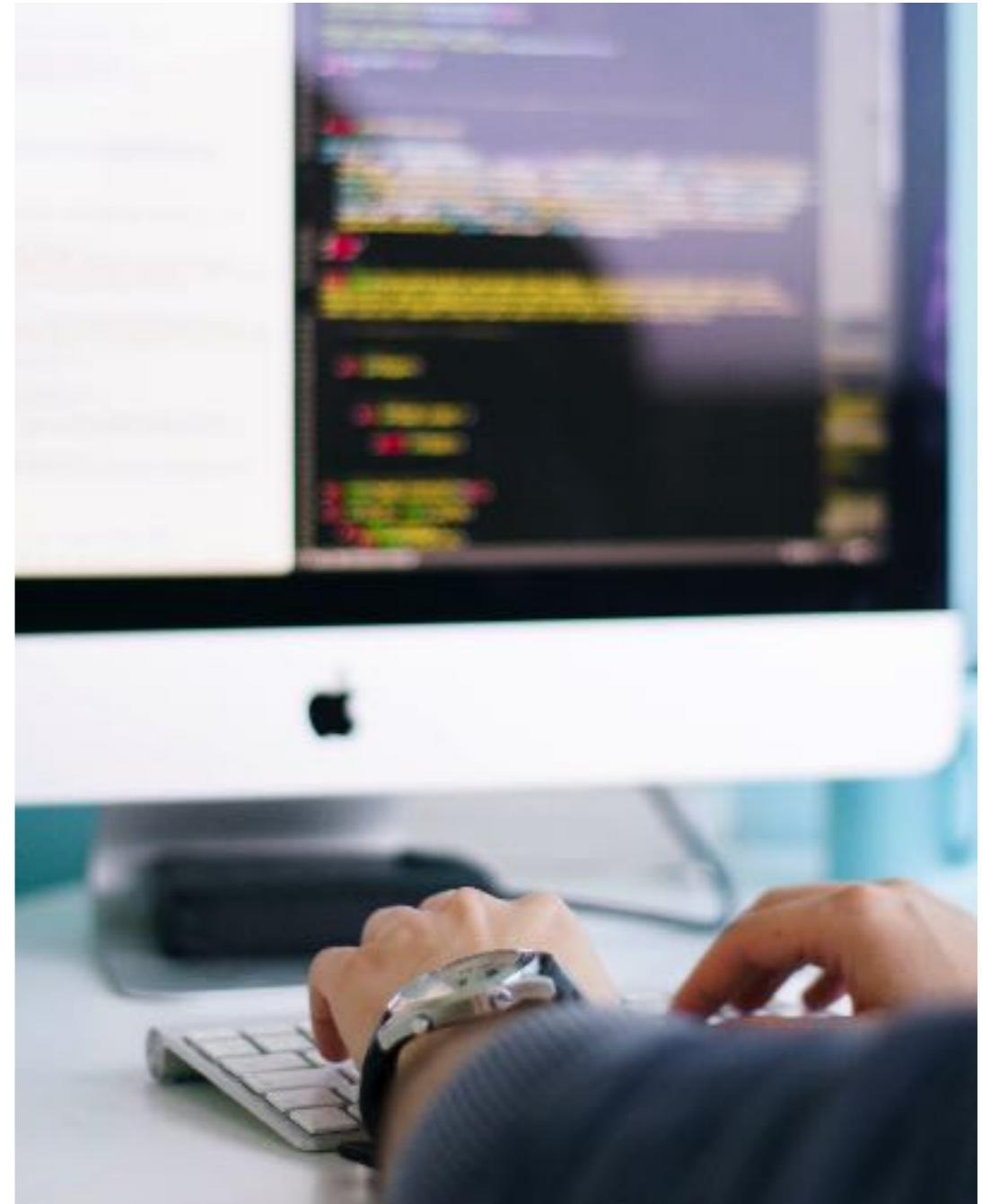
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# We Were Created With Work in Mind

- “All vocations are intended by God to manifest His love in the world.” -Thomas Merton



# We Were Created to Contribute

- Human creators are “people who dare to think and do something that has never been thought or done before, something that makes the world more welcoming and thrilling and beautiful.” -Andy Crouch





# Work is an Act of Worship

- Genesis 2:15 -  
Cultivate (Avodah)
- Work, service,  
craftsmanship, worship



**“Let the church remember this: that every maker and worker is called to serve God in his profession or trade - not outside of it.... The only Christian work is work well done.”**

*-Dorothy Sayers*



# Work Happens in a Broken World

- The ground has been cursed (Gen 3:17-19)
- Creation groans (Ro 8:22-23)
- Some jobs are not that desirable



# Work is Disillusioning

- “So I hated life, because of what is done under the sun is grievous to me ... I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun” (Eccl 2:17-18)



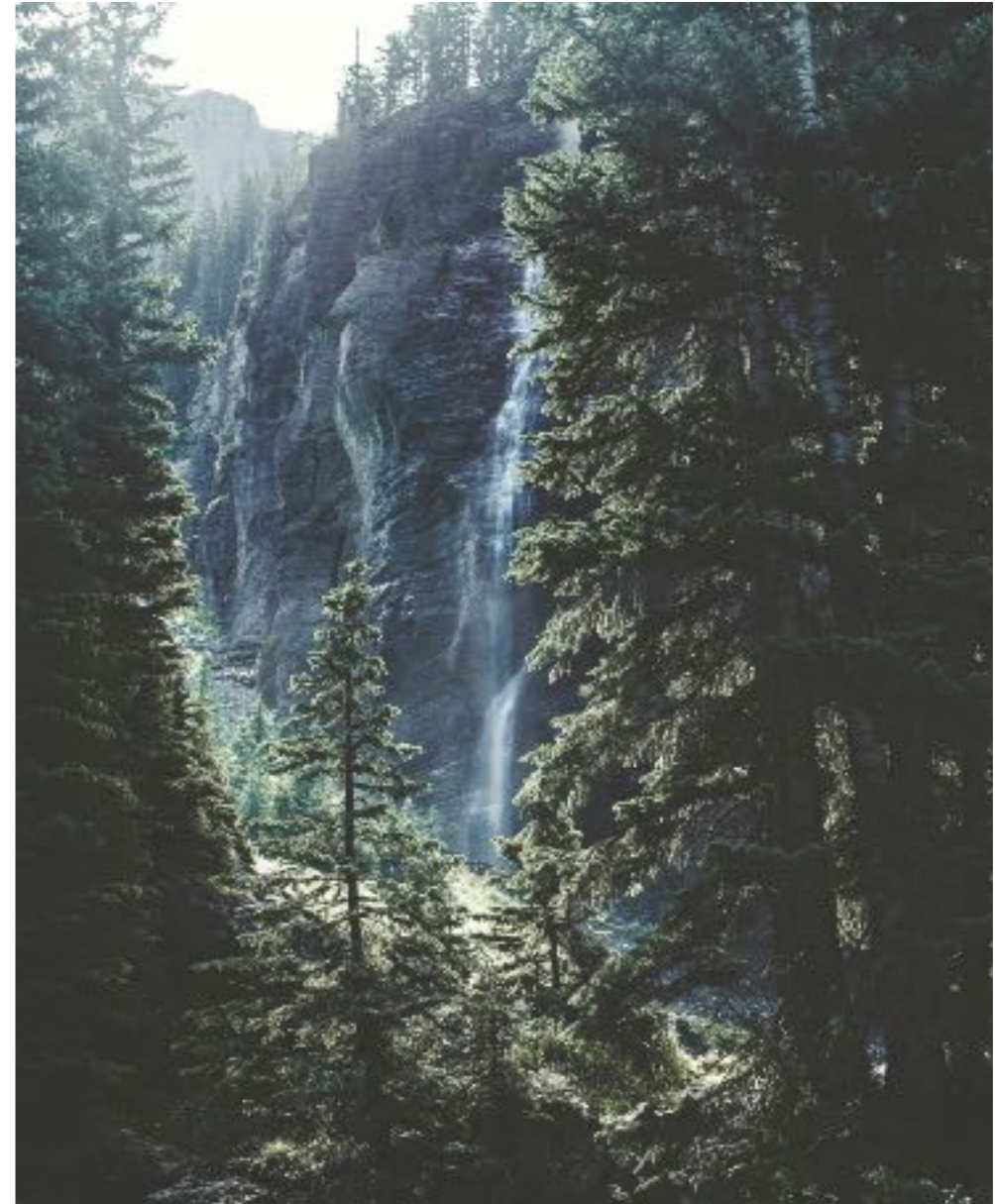
So I concluded there is  
nothing better than to be  
happy and enjoy ourselves  
as long as we can. And  
people should eat and  
drink and enjoy the fruits  
of their labor, for these are  
gifts from God.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13



# Work Becomes Distorted by Workaholism

- Try to find our identity in our work
- Pursue material comforts or financial security
- Want to make a name for ourselves





## **Luke 12:20**

**“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’”**

# Work Becomes Distorted by Slothfulness

- The Bible warns us against doing nothing, but it also warns us against simply “doing something”

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

Colossians 3:24 (ESV)



# Be Realistically Hopeful

