

**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.

**Just Another  
Manic Monday at  
My Ordinary Job**





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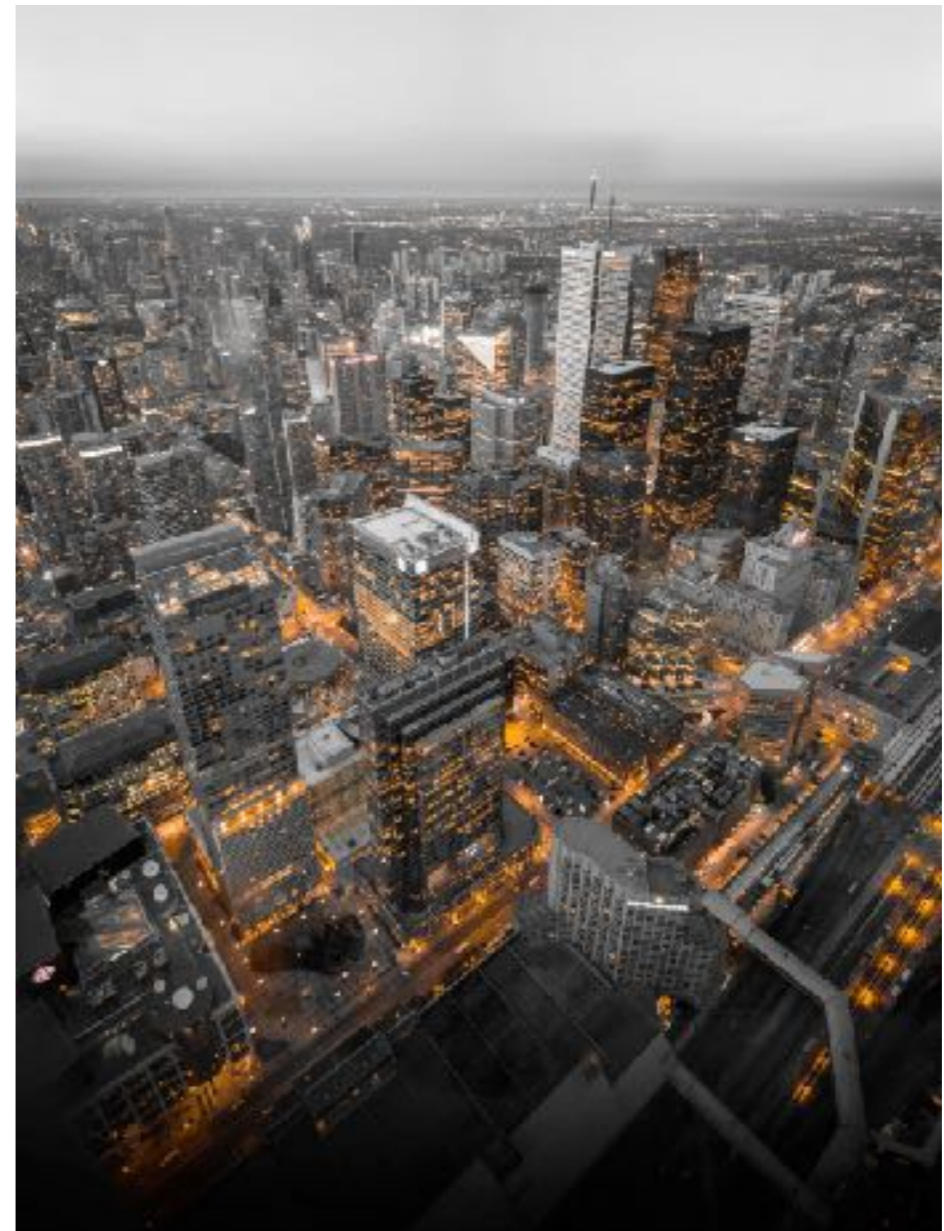
# 1. Ordinary Work Can be Extraordinary

- All Christians are called to full-time Christian work
- Jesus was more, but not less than, a carpenter
- Work has intrinsic, not just extrinsic value



# 2. Ordinary Work Can be Transforming

- “God’s complete work is set in motion through vocation.” -Martin Luther
- Our cultural context shapes us
- Conformity or transformation?
- Obstacle or opportunity?



# 3. Ordinary Work Can be Motivational

- “If it falls to your lot to be a street sweeper, sweep the streets like Michelangelo painted pictures, like Shakespeare wrote poetry, like Beethoven composed music; sweep streets so well that all the host of Heaven and earth will have to pause and say, “Here lived a great street sweeper, who swept his job well.” - Martin Luther King Jr.

# Motivation #1 - Reflect the Character of God

- Order out of chaos
- Exercise of authority





# Motivation #2 - Be an Ambassador for God

Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.

Titus 2:9-10

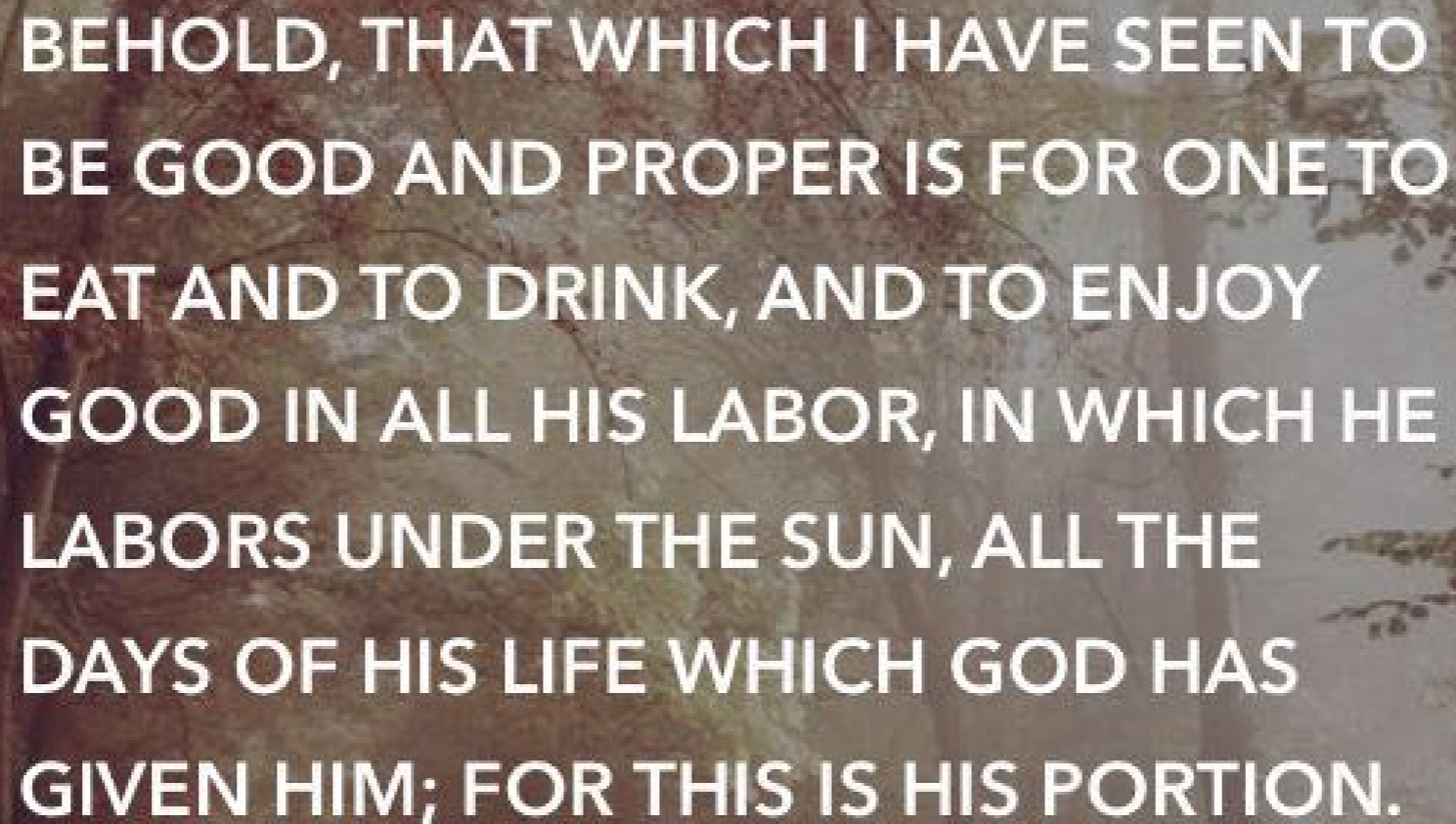


# Motivation #3 - Work for Money

The thief must no longer steal. Instead, he must do honest work with his own hands, so that he has something to share with anyone in need.

- Ephesians 4:28 (Holman)

# Motivation #4 - Work for Enjoyment



BEHOLD, THAT WHICH I HAVE SEEN TO  
BE GOOD AND PROPER IS FOR ONE TO  
EAT AND TO DRINK, AND TO ENJOY  
GOOD IN ALL HIS LABOR, IN WHICH HE  
LABORS UNDER THE SUN, ALL THE  
DAYS OF HIS LIFE WHICH GOD HAS  
GIVEN HIM; FOR THIS IS HIS PORTION.

ECCLESIASTES 5:18

