

**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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1. We Work for the Common Good

- Rethinking the bottom line
- Seeking the welfare of the city



“This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

–Jeremiah 29:4-7

**Doing
Good to All**

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Galatians 6:10

Common grace in the workplace

But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

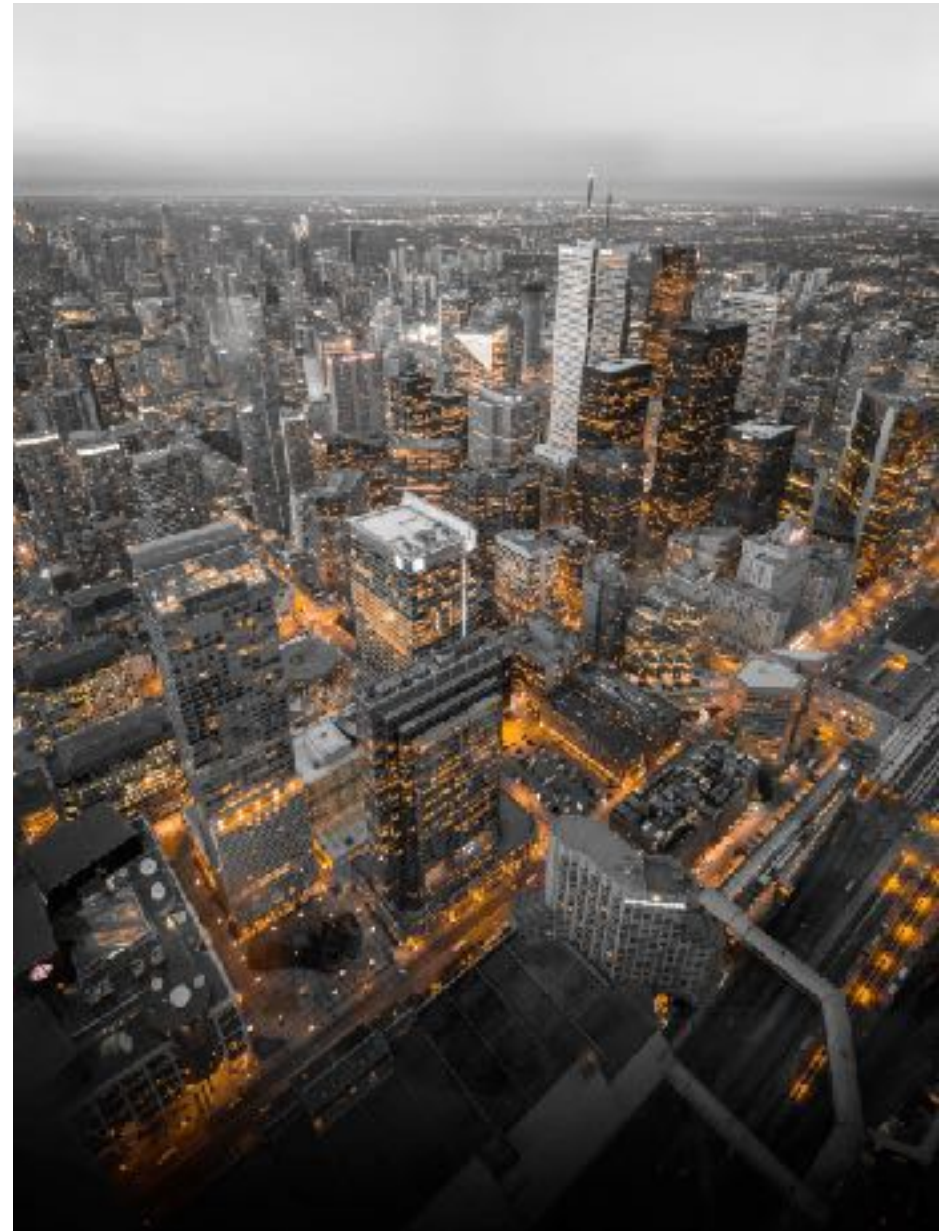
-- Matthew 5:44-45 ESV

Promoting Workplace Justice



2. We Have Been Gifted By God for Work

- The Holy Spirit filled Bezalel with “ability and intelligence, with knowledge and craftsmanship.” (Ex 31:3)

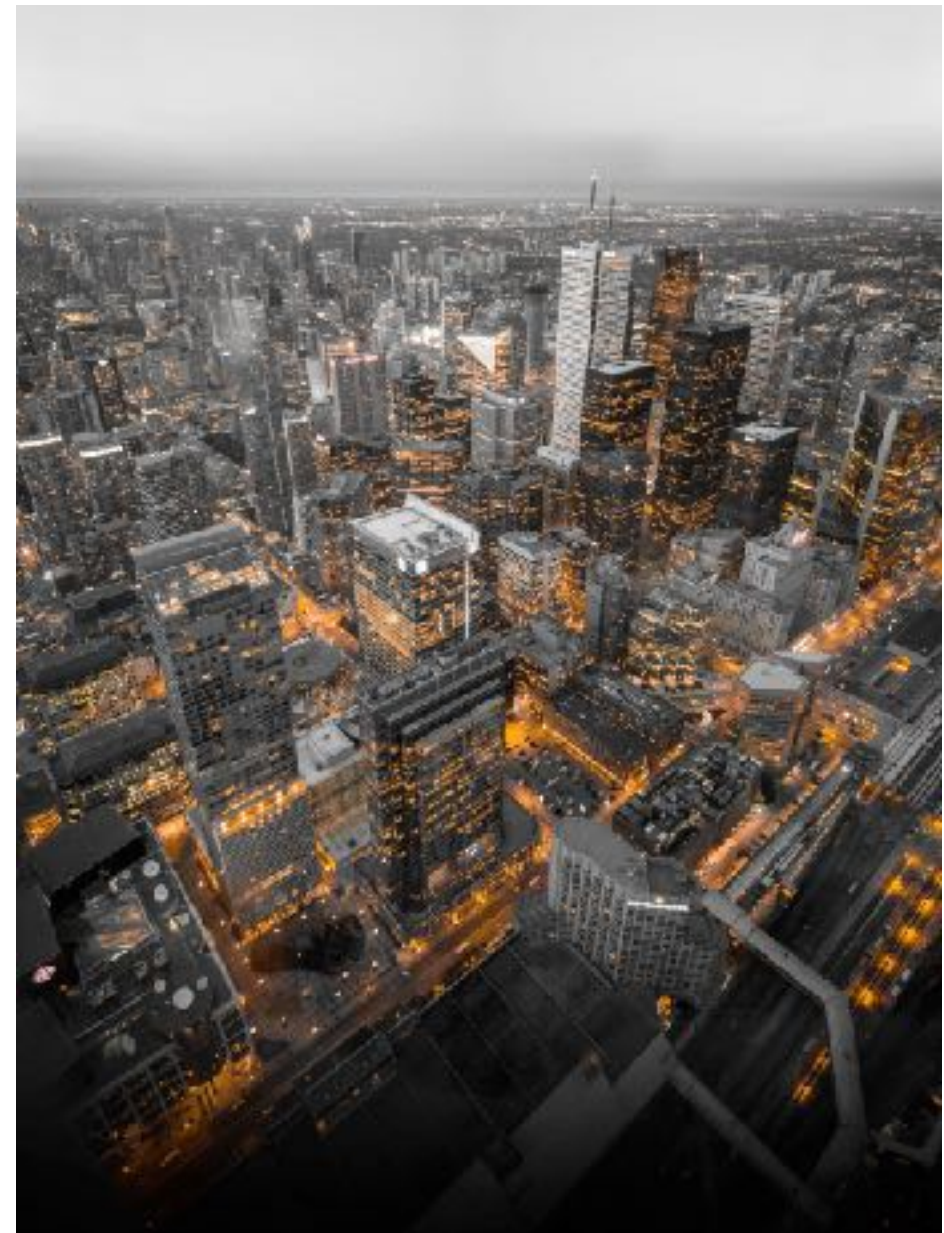


“God calls you to the kind of work that you need most to do, and that the world needs to have done.... the place God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

–Frederick Buechner

Discovering Your Calling

1. How has God designed you?
2. What life experiences have shaped you?
3. What circumstances surround you?



3. We Will Face Challenges in our Work



Challenge #1 - Maintaining Personal Integrity

- “Above all else guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” (Proverbs 4:23)



Challenge #2 - Anticipating Workplace Temptation

- “Above all else guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” (Proverbs 4:23)
- At the point of temptation God becomes unreal to us



Challenge #3 - Unemployment

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Learning Vocational Contentment

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

1 Timothy 6:6-8



**Joining with God
in Changing Our
Neighbourhood
One
Conversation at
a Time**

