



Sermon Date 5/10/20

OPENING PRAYER

- Commit your discussion to God.
- Ask Him to reveal Himself through His word.
- Pray for courage to obey all that He desires for you.

*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever! 1 Chronicles 16:34*

CONSIDERATION – Discussion Starters

- What accomplishments or abilities are you most proud of?
- Often, our strengths can become a source of weakness or even idolatry. Give an example of a time these personal strengths or values have tempted you toward inflated feelings of self-importance or self-reliance.

In this study we will discover a perspective on work which honors God & enables us to experience the Abundant Life God alone can provide.

In this resource

1. CONSIDERATION – Discuss key questions of life and faith.
2. CONNECTION – Discover what the Bible says on these issues.
3. COMMITMENT – Map out how you will apply the truth of God’s revealed will in the coming week.
4. COMMISSION – Decide to pass on what you have discovered this week through sharing and service.

CONNECTION – Seeking God through the Study of His Word

Read Deuteronomy 8:11-20 together with your LifeGroup, family or friends.

- In your own words identify the major theme of these verses.
- What are the cautions outlined in this passage?
- Do you think we are liable to forget the Lord today & take credit for how lavishly He provides for you & I?
- Do you think our modern lifestyle & culture puts us a greater risk of this prideful self-worship than the original audience?
- Most of us have learned that overt, obvious bragging is considered petty. How does the phrase “say in your heart” in verse 17 clarify the nature of sin being addressed in this passage?
- What is the consequence of forgetting God & taking credit for our wealth according to verses 17-20?

How can you and I be on guard against forgetting the Lord? How do we work with conviction without losing perspective on the one who has given us talents, abilities, reason & passions in the first place?

Read 1 Corinthians 3:6-23 / Colossians 3:23-24 / Proverbs 16:1-9

How do these passages help us have a right perspective on our work, our wealth & our worth?

COMMITMENT – Personal Map for Application

How is God leading you to reevaluate your thoughts & cares based on the passages listed above?

What aspects of your work, worry, thinking or striving need to be surrendered to God today?

Decide today to put God first in every area of your life. He alone can produce in you the ultimate & unending life you were made for!

COMMISSION – Pass it on through Sharing and Service

We’ve all heard “The Best Things In Life Are Free”. Set aside intentional time every day to honor God by enjoying the family & friends he has given you. They are a gift of His grace!

Choose to faithfully speak of God with your family, friends, neighbors & strangers. They don’t need to know how ‘successful’ or ‘important’ you are. They need to see how greatly loved you are. Let others see the worth God has placed in you & pray they will want to know His love for themselves.