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## WORK ETHIC

Now, since God designed things so that we spend such a significant portion of our waking hours at work, and since he has promised us an abundant life, full of joy and peace and happiness and fulfillment, it stands to reason that he wants us to enjoy our work. Ref: Ecclesiastes 3:13

If you find yourself miserable in your work, you can be sure that this isn't the way God intended it to be. One of two things needs to happen: a.) you need to change where you work, or b.) you need to change how you work.

### Misconceptions People Have About Work

a.) This is not an ideal work \_\_\_\_\_. Ref: Nehemiah 4:17

The perfect work environment doesn't exist -- even when you're doing something great for the glory of God -- the perfect work environment doesn't exist. We live and work in a fallen world.

b.) This job is just \_\_\_\_\_. When I get my dream job I'll pour myself into it. Ref: Colossians 3:23

The habits you develop with your current job will follow you for the rest of your career. Ref: Luke 16:10

How you approach this short-term job says a lot about how you will approach your dream job. Develop the habit now of working hard. Ref: Proverbs 22:29

There's a saying that water seeks its own level. It means that people tend to attract what they are. When you do your work with excellence, you raise the level, and people notice.

To Do:

1. Describe a \_\_\_\_\_ well done.

What is your job description and what does it look like when you do it right? Sometimes we make the mistake of measuring a job well done by the results we want, rather than the actions we take.

The problem is that you can't control results; you can only control your efforts.

2. Define who you're \_\_\_\_\_ to serve.

Every job involves service to someone. Ref: Matthew 20:26

3. Decide to be a \_\_\_\_\_ player.

4. Designate \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ whose example you can follow

The Italian word for influence is influenza, it's very contagious -- you pass it on to one another.

Give yourself a blessing, surround yourself with influences, examples and role models who live the kind of life with the kind of integrity you admire.

5. Determine what you really hope to gain. Ref: 1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 5:18

When your reward for the work that you do is the satisfaction of a job well done, knowing that you have pleased the one whom you ultimately serve, that is enough. Ref: Proverbs 22:29