
Perspective

Living Life From God's Point of View

God's View of Work

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You invest more than one-third of your life at work. Punch the clock, boot up the computer, start your engines at 8 a.m., rest a few minutes at noon, but keep your mind and body in gear until the sun has set. Then tomorrow . . . repeat the process all over again. Sound familiar?

Considering how much of your life is spent engaged in your career, it's important to ask the question, *Does God have anything to say about my work?* Consider these statements from Paul's pen:

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.

– Colossians 3:23-24.

It is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

– Philippians 2:13

This list is not original with me, but it's a good reminder of what God call us to at work. It's entitled *Ten Insights for Working*:

- 1. Work Hard.* Follow tasks through to completion.
- 2. Think creatively.* See challenges from new angles.
- 3. Speak gently.* Consider the impact of your words.
- 4. Cooperate freely.* Meet the need of the moment – even when it's not yours.
- 5. Act with integrity.* Be the same privately as you are publicly.
- 6. Honor others.* Recognize your coworkers' contribution.
- 7. See insightfully.* Look beyond the obvious.
- 8. Listen thoroughly.* Discern what is meant – not just what is said.
- 9. Respond appropriately.* Deal with mistakes openly and fairly.
- 10. Witness winsomely.* Make people wonder at your joy, then share Christ with them.