

## Please Silence All Cell Phones



## Worship in Song

#### I Will Enter His Gates I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter His gates with praise;

I will say, "This is the day that the Lord hath made, I will rejoice for He hath made me glad."

He hath made me glad, He hath made me glad, I will rejoice for He hath made me glad. He hath made me glad, He hath made me glad, I will rejoice for He hath made me glad.

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This Is The Day This is the day This is the day That the Lord hath made That the Lord hath made We will rejoice We will rejoice And be glad in it And be glad in it

This is the day That the Lord hath made We will rejoice and be glad in it This is the day This is the day That the Lord hath made



Lord I Lift Your Name On High Lord I lift Your name on high Lord I love to sing Your praises I'm so glad You're in my life I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth To show the way From the earth to the cross My debt to pay From the cross to the grave From the grave to the sky Lord I lift Your name on high

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#### Greater Is He That Is In Me

Greater is He that is in me Greater is He that is in me Greater is He that is in me Than he that is in the world

Satan's like a roaring lion Roaming to and fro Seeking whom he may devour The Bible tells me so Many souls have been his prey To fall in some weak hour But God has promised us today His overcoming pow'r

## Greater is He that is in me Greater is He that is in me Greater is He that is in me Than he that is in the world

On the day of Pentecost A rushing mighty wind Blew into the upper room And baptized all of them With a power greater Than any earthly foe And I'm so glad I've got it too I'm gonna let the whole world know

# Greater is He that is in me Greater is He that is in me Greater is He that is in me Than he that is in the world

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GREETING



### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Matthew 18:21-22 "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven."



that I have read seem to agree that soccer is the most popular sport in the world. If you are playing soccer, it is very important to know and follow the rules. How many know what this is? (Hold up the yellow card.) Even if you have never seen a soccer game, you could probably figure out that this is called a yellow card. In a soccer game, the referee holds up a vellow card to warn a player for a dangerous or unsportsmanlike play. For example, if a player tries to kick the ball out of the goalie's hands, that is dangerous. The goalie could be hurt, so the referee shows the player a yellow card as a warning not to do it again. If that player makes another dangerous play, the referee shows him the yellow card again, but then he would show him this card. (Hold up the red card.) Do you know what that means? A player who receives 2 Yellow Cards is given a Red Card & ejected. The player is out of the game! That is pretty rough punishment, isn't it? You get one warning and then you are out! In baseball, the batter gets three strikes before he's out. In basketball, a player gets five or six fouls before he is out. The sport of soccer isn't very forgiving, is it? How many times do you think a person should be forgiven for doing something wrong? Once? Twice? Three times? If you were to ask Jesus how many times you should forgive someone, what do you think he would say? Well, we don't have to guess, because the Bible gives us the answer. One day, Peter asked Jesus, "How many times should I forgive someone who sins against me? Should I forgive him seven times?" I imagine that Peter thought he was being pretty generous to forgive someone seven times. I don't know about you, but I think I agree with Peter. To forgive someone seven times is be pretty generous. Guess what? Jesus didn't agree. Jesus answered Peter, "Not seven times, but seventy times seven." Wow! Seventy times seven! That's four hundred and ninety times. I think that before I got to four hundred and ninety I would lose count. You know, I think that is probably what Jesus was trying to get Peter to understand and he wants us to understand it too. We shouldn't worry about keeping count of how many times we have forgiven someone - we should just keep on forgiving. Isn't that what God does? He doesn't keep count of how many times he has forgiven us. He just keeps on forgiving. Some churches have a soccer league for boys and girls in grades K-6 called Upward Soccer. Most of the rules are the same as regular soccer, but there is one rule that is very different. In Upward soccer, there are no yellow cards and no red cards! I like that rule. We all make mistakes and we all do things that we should not do. so let's forgive them -- at least four hundred and ninety times!

Do you like sports? What do you think is the most popular sport in the world? Most articles



### WORSHIP THE LORD WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

1 Corinthians 16:2 "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come." (ESV)

#### Doxology

Praise God, from whom

all blessings flow:

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav' nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

A-men

## Worship in Song

#### To The Work

To the work to the work We are servants of God Let us follow the path That our Master has trod With the balm of His counsel Our strength to renew Let us do with our might What our hands find to do

Toiling on (toiling on) toiling on (toiling on) Toiling on (toiling on) toiling on (toiling on) Let us hope (and trust) Let us watch (and pray) And labor till the Master comes

To the work to the work Let the hungry be fed To the fountain of life Let the weary be led In the cross and its banner Our glory shall be While we herald the tidings Salvation is free

Toiling on (toiling on) toiling on (toiling on) Toiling on (toiling on) toiling on (toiling on) Let us hope (and trust) Let us watch (and pray) And labor till the Master comes

To the work to the work In the strength of the Lord And a robe and a crown Shall our labor reward When the home of the faithful Our dwelling shall be And we shout with the ransomed Salvation is free

Toiling on (toiling on) toiling on (toiling on) Toiling on (toiling on) toiling on (toiling on) Let us hope (and trust) Let us watch (and pray) And labor till the Master comes



This Is My Fathers World
This is my Father's world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres

# This is my Father's world I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees of skies and seas His hand the wonders wrought

## This is my Father's world The birds their carols raise The morning light the lily white Declare their Maker's praise

This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass
I hear Him pass
He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father's world O let me ne'er forget That though the wrong seems oft so strong God is the Ruler yet

## This is my Father's world The battle is not done Jesus who died shall be satisfied And earth and heaven be one



**Shout To The Lord** My Jesus my Saviour Lord there is none like You All of my days I want to praise The wonders of Your mighty love My comfort my Shelter Tower of refuge and strength Let every breath all that I am Never cease to worship You

**Shout to the Lord** All the earth let us sing Power and majesty Praise to the King Mountains bow down And the seas will roar At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy At the work of Your hands Forever I'll love You Forever I'll stand Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

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#### You Are My All In All

Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

You are my strength When I am weak You are the treasure That I seek You are my all in all Seeking You as a precious jew'l Lord to give up I'd be a fool You are my all in all

## Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin My cross my shame Rising again I bless Your name You are my all in all When I fall down You pick me up When I am dry You fill my cup You are my all in all

## Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name



## WORSHIP THE LORD IN HIS WORD

Living Wisely
In A Foolish World

Wisdom for the Workplace

John 6:28;

Please open your Bibles and read along with me:



John 6:28 "Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" (ESV)

### INTRODUCTION:

Have you done some kind of work this week?

Yard work, home work, job-related work?

Everyone works!

Even if you are a student, a homemaker, or retired, you still have to work.

There is something about work that may surprise you.

Notice what does God tells us in...

Proverbs 14:23 " In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty." (ESV)

Work is profitable for us not only financially, but also physically and emotionally.

The Bible has much to say about work.

The world's attitude toward work is "Thank God, it's" what?

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But our attitude as Christians should be "Thank God, it's Monday, and I have a job and a place of ministry."

We sometimes neatly divide our lives into secular and sacred.

Many people say, "I would like to quit my job and serve the Lord full-time."

Did you know that no matter what your occupation, you are to be serving the Lord fulltime?

Wherever you work is your field of ministry.

Wisdom for the workplace has two requirements.

I. First, visualize your work as sacred.

Don't think you must be a (professional) minister or a missionary to serve the Lord full-time.

Every job is sacred; Colossians 3:23 verifies this. Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men," (ESV) "

Many great people in the Bible were not prophets or priests.

## Joseph was an administrator and CEO;

Moses was a shepherd;

Ruth was a homemaker;

Daniel was a bureaucrat;

David was a writer and politician;

### Nehemiah was a cupbearer;

The Apostle Paul supported himself as a tentmaker.

Many of the greatest people in the Bible had what we call "secular" jobs. Sadly, many Christians today are "turned on" spiritually but "turned off" vocationally.

As a result, more harm is done spiritually against the cause of Christ Monday through Friday than can be repaired on Sonday.

If we visualize our work as sacred, we will be motivated to do two things:

A. Be Productive.

Christians should be the most dedicated dependable, trusted, and sought-after workers.

Not only is this a great witness to the world, but also what does Proverbs 10:4 tell us?

Proverbs 10:4 "He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich."

This means negligent workers will be poor, but hard-working employees will prosper.

God wants us to prosper through good work.

Have you noticed that hard workers are happier than people who are lazy or who "goof-off"?

Doing a job and doing it well brings its own reward and a sense of fulfillment.

Whether you are a custodian, attorney, farmer, teacher, accountant, or whatever, doing your job well brings a sense of accomplishment and happiness.

Proverbs 12:14 states this fact...

Proverbs 12:14 "From the fruit of his mouth a man is satisfied with good, and the work of a man's hand comes back to him." (ESV)

Whether we work with our hands or our minds, or both; a job done well brings rewards.

These rewards include a good selfimage, reputation, etc.

Whether we are carpenters, doctors, secretaries, mechanics or whatever, as Christians we are called to <u>set</u> the standard.

We are to do the best work we can, no matter what the job.

When an employer is looking for someone to fill a position, he or she should be able to say, "I want to hire a Christian because Christians are always honest, hard-working, and do great jobs."

One of the best ways to develop a great Christian witness is to be honest, ethical, and hard-working.

Shoddy (inferior) workmanship is a poor witness and a sin because it violates the command to work with all our hearts. Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men," (ESV)

Also, people who "goof- off' at work or do shoddy work fall into the same category as a destroyer or waster.

Proverbs 18:9 "Whoever is slack in his work is a brother to him who destroys." (ESV)

The word translated <u>destroys</u> means to ruin or corrupt.

The word brother means God puts a lazy person and a waster in the same category.

So, work poorly done or left unfinished differs little from a project someone destroys because both are of little value.

Whatever our occupations, God is our ultimate Boss, and we should work with all our hearts.

Therefore, we should be PRODUCTIVE and...

B. Be Positive.

Are there any whiners where you work?

Whiners are always saying things like: "Everything always seems to go their way," or, "They are so lucky; everything they do turns into money."

Whiners are always blaming something or someone for their lack of progress or success.

However, we create our own "luck" or success.

Have you noticed the so-called "lucky people" are almost always hard workers?

This is because of the truth found in...

Proverbs 12:24 "The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor." (ESV)."

This is true because people who work foolishly become the servants of the wise.

Proverbs 11:29 "Whoever troubles his own household will inherit the wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise of heart."

People who work hard usually have their work noticed by their superiors.

### It's not luck.

Hard workers "rise and shine"; lazy people "rise and whine."

Did you know that God despises whining?

Remember what the Lord did when the Israelites began to whine during their time in the wilderness?

He sent poisonous snakes that bit the people, and many died (Numbers 21:6). Next time you start whining, remember the snakes.

But, also remember the command found in...

Philippians 2:14 "Do <u>all</u> things without grumbling or disputing,"

#### The next verse tells us why:

Philippians 2:15 "that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,"

God wants us to stand out at work.

If you want to shine like a light in a dark world, don't whine.

You may say, "You just don't know what it's like where I work.

I get so tired of the cussing and dirty jokes. I would be enthusiastic if I could work with only committed Christians."

# You're missing the point!!

Your workplace is your mission field!

The workplace is where we most often need to remember the words of Jesus in...

Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

# Where do you need light?

#### Where there is what?

Darkness!

God wants you to be where your witness is needed most.

### BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED!!!

He wants you to be in a mission field, not constantly in a huddle with a bunch of baptized believers.

To have wisdom for the workplace, you must visualize your work as sacred and...

II. Second, capitalize on opportunities to improve your skills.

This means never stop learning!

God wants us to be great workers, and great workers are always learning new job skills.

The more we learn the more valuable we become to our employers.

There is an old saying, "The more you learn, the more you earn."

But more important, the more you learn, the more God can use you because you will have more opportunities.

Proverbs 22:29 express this principle...

Proverbs 22:29 " Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men."

The word translated skillful, can also mean "quick" or "prompt" in one's work.

Skillful employees who do their work skillfully and quickly usually get promotions, as well as job offers from other employers.

It pays to sharpen our skills.

Ecclesiastes 10:10 reminds us of this fact...

Ecclesiastes 10:10 "If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge, he must use more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed."

Chopping wood with a dull ax takes much more time and energy than chopping with a sharp ax.

The principle is to sharpen your skills by getting all the education or training you can in your field.

You are never wasting your time when you "sharpen your ax"- your skills or talents.

Whatever your occupation, God wants you to be the very best.

#### WHY?

Because the better you are at your work, the more opportunities you will have to share Christ.

Being the best you can be at your occupation is basically obeying the command in...

Colossians 4:5; "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time."

Redeeming time, it denotes a careful and diligent use of it, an improvement of it to the best advantage;

And shows that it is valuable and precious, and is not to be squandered away;

Because it can neither be recalled nor prolonged: and taking it for an opportunity of doing good to ourselves or others.

It signifies that no opportunity of

It signifies that no opportunity of honoring our duty to God and man of gaining advantage to our own souls, or of gaining the souls of others, and of doing good should not be neglected;

God has given you the ability to make a difference for Him in this world.

So, whatever you do, do your very best.

1 Corinthians 10:31 "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

#### Conclusion:

To have wisdom for the workplace,

You must visualize your work as sacred;

You must capitalize on opportunities to improve your skills.

Numbers 21:8-9 "And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live."

John 12:32 "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."





#### All To Jesus

# All to Jesus I surrender All to Him I freely give I will ever love and trust Him In His presence daily live

## I surrender all I surrender all All to Thee my blessed Savior I surrender all

## All to Jesus I surrender Humbly at His feet I bow Worldly pleasures all forsaken Take me Jesus take me now

## I surrender all I surrender all All to Thee my blessed Savior I surrender all

# All to Jesus I surrender Lord I give myself to Thee Fill me with Thy love and power Let Thy blessings fall on me

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#### Benediction & Fellowship