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## If it Don't Fit, Get a Bigger Hammer

(How to stand out by fitting in)

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"Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him--for this is his lot. Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God." (Eccl 5:18)

### Why Are We Joyless In Our Jobs?

We are overlaid with **others' expectations**.

We confuse making a living with **making a life**.

We consider work a **necessary evil**.

"By the **sweat** of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." (Gen 3:19)

We devalue the **real role of money**.

"For the love of money is the first step toward all kinds of sin. Some people have even turned away from God because of their love for it, and as a result have pierced themselves with many sorrows."

(1 Tim 6:10)

We make the bridge **the road**.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men," (Col 3:23 )

### How to find your F.I.T.T.

#### Is this work **fulfilling**?

"Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to . . . find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him . . ." (Eccl 5:18)

#### Is this work **inspiring**?

"He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, '**Move** from here to there' and it will **move**. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Mat 17:20)

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." (Heb 12:1)

#### Do I have the **talent** for it?

"Do you see a man **skilled** in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men." (Prov 22:29)

"Come, all of you who are skilled craftsmen having special **talents**, and construct what God has commanded us:" (Exo 35:10)

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." (1 Pet 4:10)

#### Do I have the **temperament** for it?

"They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. **Barnabas** took Mark and sailed for Cyprus," (Acts 15:39)

"When **Peter** came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong." (Gal 2:11)