

Why Nobody's Got a Job to Give

(That sound you hear is your life calling)
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"Lazy hands make for poverty, **but diligent hands bring wealth.** . . ." (Prov 10:4-5 NIV)

What's Gone Wrong?

Wearing the wrong armor.

Work is 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)

Making money the goal.

"...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)

Working is a calling.

"But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" (Exo 3:11 NIV)

"The word of the LORD came to me, saying, Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. Alas, Sovereign LORD, said, 'I do not know how to speak; I am too young.'" (Jere 1:4-6 NIV)

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

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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)

"That everyone may eat and drink and find satisfaction in all his toil-this is the gift of God." (Ecclesiastes 3:13)

Is this work inspiring?

"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)

"We have different **gifts**, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully." (Rom 12:6-8)

"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)