

Work and Rest

How to Work

Matthew 12:1-8

“Christ is not just the Lord of Christians, he is Lord of all, absolutely and without qualification. [Therefore] the entire membership of the Church in their secular occupations is called to be signs of his lordship in every area of life.”

-Leslie Newbigin-

I. Why work?

Why do you work? *“In nothing has the church so lost her hold on reality as in her failure to understand and respect the secular vocation. ...it is the business of the church to recognize that the secular vocation is sacred. Christian people must get it firmly into their heads that when a man or woman is called to a particular job of secular work, that is as true vocation as though he or she were called to specifically religious work.”* Dorothy Sayers

II. Restless Work or Rested Work

In this follow-up message I am primarily concerned about the heart condition with which we approach work.

Are we rested or restless?

Sabbath – Obsolete? Legalistic? Forgotten?

Why is Sabbath so foreign to us?

1. What did Jesus say about the Sabbath?

“The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.” Matthew 12:8

2. Where can we find Sabbath?

“You [God] have made us for yourself and our hearts find no rest until they rest in You.” Augustine

3. How can we practice Sabbath?

4. Why would you practice Sabbath?

For Further Reading or Listening

Doing God's Business by R. Paul Stevens

Keeping the Sabbath Wholly by Marva J. Dawn

Silence by Rob Bell (part of the Nooma DVD library: www.nooma.com)

Various Messages on Work by Timothy Keller: <http://sermons.redeemer.com/store>