



“Effective Workplace Ministry”



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Where is the Church on Tuesday Afternoon

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1. Your participation in the workplace is important to God

– Col. 3:23



“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

- Col 3:23 (NIV)

(Notice Col 3:18 (marriage); 3:20 (parents); 3:22 (work); 4:1 also Eph 5:22 (marriage); 6:1 (parents); 6:5 (work))

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Work is important to God -
Eccl 2:24 (labor is good); John 17:4
(accomplished work);
Prov 14:23 (labor = profit), 1 Tim 6
(honor employees);
Tit 2:9 (don't argue with employers); 1
Peter 2:18 (respect employers)

N.T.

122 of Jesus' 132 public appearances were in the marketplace
45 of the 52 parables had workplace context. Jesus spent most of his adult life in the workplace (Teenager thru 30 years – only 3 years in public ministry).
All 12 disciples came from the workplace



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2. The church is the body of Christ – Col. 3:23



“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” 1 Cor 12:27 (NIV)

Sometimes – Universal

Rom 12:5; Col 1:24; 2:18

Eph 1:23

Sometimes – Local

Acts 15:4; 1 Cor 11:18

2 Cor 11:8

A meeting (1 Cor 14:35) 5)
Compared to a building, but it is not (Eph 2:21) 2:21)
(Mt 16:18)
God in the Old Testament – place was important rtant

Not visible Building ↔ Invisible Body of
Believers
(Touch , See)
through out the city



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Not primarily an organization ↔

Organism

“Control” “Measurements” “Activities”

Relationships/ Community

Being served by staff ↔ Serving each other
Not about platform ↔ Teamwork

We have a tendency to overemphasize the “Pastor & Staff” – why? We are lazy (let them do it), Like being served by professional, they have “public” gifts
“Pay” to get the work done, Low Level of Commitment,
Entertained, feel good, insecure as ministers.
(2nd class citizens)

**Get it over with – 3 hours on Sunday –
Or even 3 times a week – (Rest of the
week is for us!)**

**It is our fault (staff only does what we
ask them)**

**We do not understand the 24/7
Responsibility**

3. Focus of the Pastor and the Church is to be on the Equipping of the Saints for ministry – Eph 4:11,12; Phil 1:1



“It was He who gave, some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up”

(Eph 4:11,12 NIV)



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Not building or organization but Organism



“Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus. To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons”
(Phil 1:1 NIV)

Elder and Overseer -

Acts 20:17,28 1 Tim 3:11; 5:15 Tit 1:5, 15, 1

Peter 5:1

(Word “Pastor” only used once in New Testament)

“Good Morning Saints” – You have been chosen by God

Pastor – (Shepherd) – Taking Care of Us

Overseer – Guiding and Directing an Army of Believers

Example – Doug – Youth Pastor



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Pastor



Understand and Relate
Affirm and Equip
Commission and Release

Example: Sunday School Teachers vs Public School
Church Admin vs Office Mgr

We are not here to help them to “their” work –
But they are here to equip us for “His” work – Bring
“His Kingdom” to our sphere of influence.



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4. You as a believer are in in
“full-time” ministry (service)
– 2 Cor 5:18



“All this is from God, who reconciled us to him through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation”

(2 Cor 5:18 NIV)

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Dualism (4th Century – Elevated Spiritual (Religious)
over Secular)

- We are all to use our Spiritual gifts 1 Cor 12:5
to serve God/serve others
“Secular/Spiritual quote”
- Secular (work) becomes spiritual when done for
the eternal (gold, silver, precious)
- Spiritual (or Religious) become secular when done
for the temporal (wood, hay, stubble)



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5. Your primary place of ministry is to be where God

has placed you – Deut 6:6, 7
Impact your Sphere of Influence

“These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up”

(Deut 6:6,7 NIV)

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- a. Your Marriage
- b. Your Family **Not an Activity//**
- c. Your Workplace **But all of Life**

What about church? Only relevant if it affects how we impact those around us!

(Body of Christ @ CHBC)

Barna 9% have Biblical World View.

“Shopping Cart Mentality”
“Smorgasbord - Choices”



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10/40 Window Mission → 2 Billion

“9 to 5” Window Workplace → 5 Billion

Do not have to learn: Language

Culture

Raise Funds

25 “Church plants”

100 Church plants around Oklahoma City

CONCLUSION



Review Col 4:4

Where is the Church on Tuesday?
It is at your workplace!