

Called to Work:

Accepting Work as A Calling

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Scripture Reading - Col 3:22-24

²²Slaves (“Employees” of the economies of biblical times), obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

YOUR JOB IS A COMMITMENT: The Christian as an Employee

■ **Commitment to our Word** *James 5:12*

- You have given your word. The one who pays you expects your loyalty and diligence. We who receive pay owe them our loyalty and diligence.

■ **Commitment to Family** *1Tim 5:8*

- You owe it to your family to consistently provide for them. You have a commitment to your family as a Christian.

■ **Commitment to God** *Col 3:23-24*

- Christians have an even greater reason for being committed to their jobs. You are not just serving their employers. You are serving God.

YOUR JOB IS A CAREER:

The Christian as a Professional

- **Challenge to be the best** *Matt 5:48*
 - Mediocrity is not Christian. God knows that we cannot be perfect for as long as we are in this but He still commands us to strive towards perfection.
- **Challenge to use giftedness** *Matt 25:14-30*
 - The parable of the talent. God hates unused talents. Everyone has gifts that must be used.
- **Challenge to apply Christian principles**
 - God's word applies not just within the church or in the spiritual realm but in the secular situations as well.

YOUR JOB IS A CALLING: The Christian as a Prophet

■ Every Job Is a Calling

- This includes the secular professions. The word, "vocation" comes from a Latin word which literally means "calling."

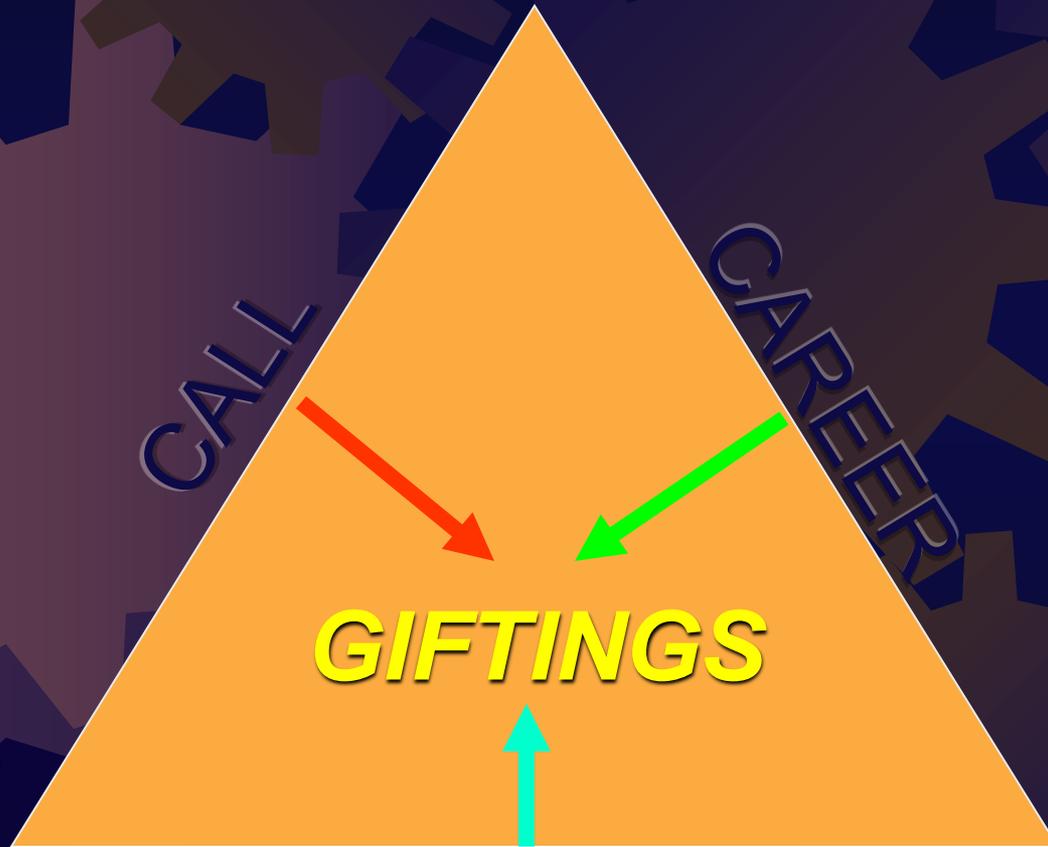
■ Every Christian Has a Calling

- The Greek word for the church is *ekklesia* which can mean "called-out ones."

■ Every Christian Life Is a "Fulltime" Calling

- There should not be any "part-time" Christians. Your job is part of a fulltime commitment.

CONVERGENCE



When the
CALL,
CAREER
and
COMMITMENT
CONVERGE
with your
GIFTINGS.

CONCLUSION

- Nehemiah's Example
- Dedicate yourself, not just your career!

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