



THE IDOLATRY OF LABOR

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Work...Service or Idol? When Work Becomes an Idol

"...Don't work only while being watched, in order to please men, but work wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:22-24 (HCSB)

Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free. Ephesians 6:6-8 (NLT)

Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. Then people who are not believers will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others. 1 Thess. 4:11-12 (NLT)

When does work become an idol?

Work becomes an idol when we look to it for our _____
in life.

Work becomes an idol when we use it as a means for _____.

Work becomes an idol when it becomes a source of _____
_____.

Work becomes an idol when it serves as a _____ for other
sin.

How do we respond?

In short, the gospel is the answer. Acknowledgment of Jesus as our Savior and King is only possible as we echo the message of:

“Then He said to them all, ‘If anyone wants to come with Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me.’” Luke 9:23 (HCSB)

So, how do we keep work from becoming an idol?

1. Remember _____ you work for.
2. Remember _____ you work.