

## On Purpose, 4

“God’s image in man”

[God is working]

- A. Church - God’s love for people
- B. Government – God’s love for society
- C. Vocations – God’s love for creation

[Man Works] Genesis 2:15-17 (KJV)

Adam was given stewardship of the garden (Genesis 2)

- Genesis 2:15 (ref) “dress it and to keep it.”  
dress (Hebrew) = To work; to serve  
keep (Hebrew) = To guard; protect; attend to
- Genesis 2:20 (ref) “and Adam gave names to all cattle”

Adam had stewardship; ruler ship; fellowship and partnership with God in creation.

Work was God’s image in man.

Work was celebrating creation

In work we worship God

In work we steward God’s creation

(stewards of our time; talents and treasures)

[Our Vocations (Work)]

Ephesians 4:1 and 28 (KJV)

Verse 1 (Message)

- Our work is a calling
- Our divine design is to work
- There is an integration of faith and work in scriptures

**Problem:** Laity versus Clergy

Secular versus Sacred

Carnal versus Spiritual

Verse 28- Work blesses us and others

Example: Abraham (He was not a preacher)

Businessman/Herdsman/Rancher

(Genesis 12 / 17 / 18 / 22...)

- God made him very rich (Genesis 13:2)
- God blessed him generationally  
("Isaac sowed and reaped an hundredfold and became very great." Genesis 26:12-19)  
(Jacob prospered by God in work)

[THE BLESSING OF WORK] Deuteronomy 28:12 (KJV)

- Personal growth and blessings
- Families are blessed in us providing
- Community is blessed in all contributing
- Others are blessed in our giving  
(tithes / offerings / alms)
- Others are served in our working
- Community is blessed in Tax Base  
(salaries / local governments / schools)
- In work we are stewards of time / talents / treasures

Acts 13:1-3 (KJV)

verse 2 ..."for the work whereunto I have called them"

the work (Strong's # 2041) - to work / toil

- as an effort or occupation

-deed

Colossians 3:14-17 (KJV)

Verse 17 DEED (Strong's #2041)

Same word used for Paul and Barnabas

YOUR work is holy too!!

- I Timothy 5:8 integration of faith and work
- I Thessalonians 4:11 "work with hands as we commanded you"
- II Thessalonians 3:10-15 ...You don't work...you don't eat

I Corinthians 15:58 (KJV)

Nothing we do is in vain!!

