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40 hours/week x 52 weeks/year x 40 years  
= 83,200 work hours

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SO WHETHER YOU  
EAT OR DRINK  
OR  
WHATEVER YOU DO,  
DO IT ALL  
FOR THE  
GLORY OF GOD.

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1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

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- The character of God
- The sinfulness of man
- The sufficiency of Christ
- The necessity of faith,
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## THE CHARACTER OF GOD

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“When we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we ask God to give us this day our daily bread. And he does give us our daily bread. How does He do this though? He does it by means of the farmer who planted and harvested the grain, the baker who made the flour into bread, and the person who prepared our meal.”

“God could easily give you grain and fruit without our plowing and planting, but he does not want to do so.” Instead, He works for us by working through us.”

“God milks the cows through the vocation of the milk maids.”

**Martin Luther**

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“Work is so foundational to our makeup that it is one of the few things we can take in significant doses without harm. Indeed, the Bible does not say we should work one day and rest six, or that work and rest should be balanced evenly—but directs us to the opposite ration. Leisure and pleasure are great goods, but we can only take so much of them. If you ask people in nursing homes or hospitals how they are doing, you will often hear that their main regret is that they wish they had something to do, some way to be useful to others.” Tim Keller

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## THE CHARACTER OF GOD

- Genesis 1-2 - God delights in work
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  - 2:15- God created man and told him to work throughout the world.
- **Colossians 3:23-24- work is designed for God’s glory**

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“If God came into the world, what would He be like? For the ancient Greeks, He might have been a philosopher-king. The ancient Romans might have looked for a just and noble statesman. But how does the God of the Hebrews come into the world? As a carpenter.” Philip Jensen

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*“Look at the chair you are lounging in...Could you have made it for yourself? ... How would you get, say, the wood? Go and fell a tree? But only after first making the tools for that, and putting together some kind of vehicle to haul the wood, and constructing a mill to do the lumber and roads to drive on from place to place? In short, a lifetime or two to make one chair! ... If we...worked not forty but one-hundred-forty hours per week we couldn't make ourselves from scratch even a fraction of all the goods and services that we [now] call our own. Our paycheck turns out to buy us the use of far more than we could possibly make for ourselves in the time it takes us to earn the check ... Work ... yields far more in return upon our efforts than our particular jobs put in...*

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*Imagine that everyone quits working, right now! What happens? Civilized life quickly melts away. Food vanishes from the shelves, gas dries up at the pumps, streets are no longer patrolled, and fires burn themselves out. Communication and transportation services end, utilities go dead. Those who survive at all are soon huddled around campfires, sleeping in caves, clothed in raw animal hides. The difference between [a wilderness] and culture is simply, work.”*

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“If we look externally, there is difference between washing dishes and preaching the Word of God, but as touching to please God, there is no difference at all. That’s a biblical view of work, that there’s no difference when done to the honor of the Lord between preaching and washing the dishes.” William Tyndale

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## THE SINFULNESS OF MAN

- **Genesis 3:17-19 Work has been ruined by sin**

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*I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun ([Ecclesiastes 2:18-20](#)).*

*“What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation” ([Ecclesiastes 2:22-23](#)).*

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## THE SINFULNESS OF MAN

- Though work was designed to be fulfilling, **it is frustrating**
- Though work was designed to be purposeful, **it sometimes feels pointless**
- Though work was designed to be selfless, **it becomes selfish.**

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## THE SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST

- Christ's work has secured our salvation

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“It is pure invention that Pope, bishops, priests, and monks are called the “spiritual estate” while princes, lords, artisans, and farmers are called the “temporal estate.” This is indeed a piece of deceit and hypocrisy. Yet no one need be intimidated by it, and that for this reason: all Christians are truly of the spiritual estate, and there is no difference among them except that of office (vocation)...We are all consecrated priests, [2 Peter says] - “You are [all] a royal priesthood” ([2 Pet. 2:9](#)). ”

“A cobbler, a smith, a farmer, each has the work and office of his trade, and yet they are all alike consecrated priests, and everyone by means of his own work or office must benefit and serve every other” Luther

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- Christ’s work has secured our salvation
- Christ’s work has also secured our significance

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## THE NECESSITY OF FAITH

- Followers of Christ, we are free to worship God wholeheartedly as we work

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*Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free. Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him (Ephesians 6:5–9).*

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*Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ (Colossians 3:22–24).*

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- WORK WITH INTEGRITY

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- WORK WITH INTEGRITY
- WORK WITH RESPECT

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- WORK WITH INTEGRITY
- WORK WITH RESPECT
- WORK WITH JOY!

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“Do you ever experience satisfaction or enjoyment in your work? If not, it might be worth thinking about why you don’t. Do you lack enjoyment in your job because you idolize it, expecting it to do things for you that only Jesus can do? Or is it because you’ve lost sight of the purposes for which God has called you to work in the first place, and you’ve become idle in your work? You don’t necessarily have to enjoy the mechanics of what you do in order to find a measure of enjoyment and satisfaction in your work. Maybe your job is cleaning on the grease pits in a hydraulics factory and you work in a non-air conditioned metal warehouse in the brutal 110-degree heat of East Texas. Hardly anyone can be expected to enjoy the mechanics of that particular job. Yet if this describes your work, you can still find satisfaction and enjoyment in it by doing your job well and knowing you are doing it for the King’s glory and as an expression of love for him.”

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- **We are free to love others selflessly in our work**

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- Followers of Christ, we are free to worship God wholeheartedly as we work
- We are free to love others selflessly in our work
- **We are free to trust God completely with our work**

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“ Work heartily for the Lord, knowing that from the Lord  
you will receive the inheritance as your reward”

Colossians 3:23-24

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Work in such a way that you adorn, that you attract people to the doctrine, the truth, the love of God our Savior

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## THE URGENCY OF ETERNITY

- Work hard to enrich the gospel of God, and work strategically to advance the mission of God

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