

LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Taking Christ With You
September 3, 2017

The Bible Teaches You To See...

1. Your everyday work is a service for God.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV) *“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.”*

Matthew 20:28 (TLB) *“Your attitude must be like My own, for I, the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give My life as a ransom for many.”*

Mark 6:3 (NIV) *“Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?”*

Romans 12:1 (NASB) *“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”*

2. You can serve God where you work.

Ephesians 6:5-6 (NIV) *“Workers, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. ⁶ Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.”*

Daniel 6:20 (NIV) *“When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, ‘Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?’”*

3. All of us are ministers.

2 Corinthians 3:6 (NIV) *“He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”*

Ministry is meeting needs with love.

John 13:35 (NIV) *“By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”*

Jeremiah 29:7b (NIV) *“I have carried you into exile.”*

Romans 12:21 (NIV) *“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”*

To Witness Effectively For Christ At Work...

- Don't brag.

Colossians 3:17a (TLB) *“And whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus.”*

- Don't rag.

Colossians 4:5 (TLB) *“Make the most of your chances to tell others the Good News. Be wise in all your contacts with them.”*

- Don't lag.

Colossians 3:23 (GNT) *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.”*

- Don't sag.

Philippians 2:14, 15b-16a (CEV) *“Do everything without grumbling or arguing. ¹⁵ Try to shine as lights among the people of this world, ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the message that gives life.”*

1 Peter 3:15b-16a (GNT) *“Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you, ¹⁶ but do it with gentleness and respect.”*

Jeremiah 29:5-7 (NIV) *“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce.⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”*

Serve God continually in everything you say and do.