

Living Word Fellowship Church
Center for Christian Living
Dealing with the Battles on the Job

“Confronting Occupational Hazards” - Outline

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Colossians 3:23-24

23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, **as for the Lord** rather than for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the **Lord Christ whom you serve**.

Genesis 2:15-17

15 Then the LORD God took the man and **put him** into the garden of Eden to **cultivate it and keep it**. 16 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”

Work is not a curse from God but a blessing. The curse of the hard toil of work only came after the fall in the Garden, not before. (**Gen. 3:15-17**)

Occupational Hazards:

What forbidden fruit on the job has God instructed us not to partake?

Examples of rotten fruit: Lack of discipline, education/skills, initiative, positive examples, integrity

1 Samuel 16 - David Anointed King

David was overlooked by everyone, but handpicked by God. (**Acts 13:22**)

God is doing an inside job. (**1 Samuel 16:7; 16:19**)

Work cannot be the only thing. (**Psalm 128:1-4**)

1 Corinthians 10:13

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who **will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able**, but with the temptation will provide **the way of escape** also, so that you will be able to **endure it**.

Small Group Questions:

1. What are some of the struggles that you face on your job? How has God’s Word helped you to overcome any of those challenges?
2. How should realizing that work is a divine institution (Gen. 3:15) blessed by God change our attitude about work?
3. Adam directly disobeyed his Boss(God).(Gen. 2:17) What forbidden fruit on the job have you seen taken or have taken?
4. What did you hear God saying to you tonight? What will you do to avoid occupational hazards?

Next Steps:

Identify work weaknesses and create healthy alternatives.

Acknowledge the presence and need for God each day through prayer.

Avoid “watercooler” conversations and change the subject.

Seek accountability and resist isolation.