

# SERMON REFLECTIONS

## Holy Work – A Platform for Obedience, Transformation and Ministry

Leviticus 19:9-10, 13, 23-25, 35-36 | 1 May 2022 |  
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1. Start by reading **Leviticus 19:9-36** as a group (each DG member to take 3 to 4 verses).
2. Share about your current work using the following pointers:
  - i. What do you do?
  - ii. What is your contribution to society and the world at large? (for those who consider themselves as not working, share about that which occupies you most of the time).
  - iii. What do you like most about your work?  
MAXIMUM 2 minutes per person (**please learn to be concise**)
3. These are the 3 principles which we can draw from Leviticus 19 about holy work:
  - Work is a platform for Obedience (unto God)
  - Work is a platform for Transformation (of ourselves), through:
    - a) Trials of tough times
    - b) Tests against temptations
  - Work is a platform for Ministry (to others)

In what ways can these 3 principles become a reality in our work lives?

In other words:

- i. Discuss how you can obey God through your work

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- ii. Share your testimony of how the Lord has transformed you at the workplace
  - iii. What are the possible ways whereby you can minister to person(s) at your workplace
4. Historically, there are two theological distortions which have clouded our understanding about work:
- Catholic distortion – only spiritual work (such as preaching, praying, helping someone heal, etc) is holy and pleasing to God
  - Protestant distortion – all work are equally called of God, that is, as long as you are working, you are fulfilling God's purposes and calling on your life (without considering your motivation and attitude, or what God wants or forbids, in your work)

What are the problems when we subscribe too closely to either distortions?

5. These two statements might help us to have a more biblically balanced view of work:
- *“Work is redemptive, but we must also redeem our work.”*
  - *“We can worship God with our work, but we must not worship our work.”*

In what ways can I redeem my work? In what ways might I be in danger of worshipping my work?

6. Please take time to pray for each other regarding your work. Perhaps you can pray in groups of 2s or 3s, and pray about your goals for this year and the challenges you need to overcome.

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