

# OFFICE LIFE

## “Why Work?”

**WORK = “Any activity that we engage in where we expend energy to accomplish or achieve something.”**

**“Was it meant to be like this?”**

*In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. **Genesis 1:1-5 (NIV)***

*God saw all that **he had made**, and it was **very good**. **Genesis 1:31a (NIV)***

### **1. WORK HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO OUR IDENTITY FROM THE BEGINNING.**

*...“**Be fruitful and increase** in number; **fill** the earth and **subdue** it. **Rule** over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” **Genesis 1:28 (NIV)***

### **2. ALMOST ALL WORK CAN BE VIEWED AS, CONNECTED TO, AND EVEN MADE TO SERVE OTHERS.**

*“In everything I did, I showed you that **by this kind of hard work** we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” **Acts 20:35 (NIV)***

### **3. WORK IS PRIMARILY A FORM OF WORSHIP TO GOD.**

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden **to work it and take care of it**. **Genesis 2:15 (NIV)***

*And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will **worship** God on this mountain." **Exodus 3:12 (NIV)***

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, **not for human masters, Colossians 3:23 (NIV)***