

Scripture

Colossians 3:22 – 4:1

Look for our event!



A background image featuring a row of pink tulips in the foreground, with a stone wall or ledge behind them. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day. The tulips are in various stages of bloom, and their green leaves are visible at the bottom.

Letters from Prison: The Christian Worker

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Col 3:22-4:1 –

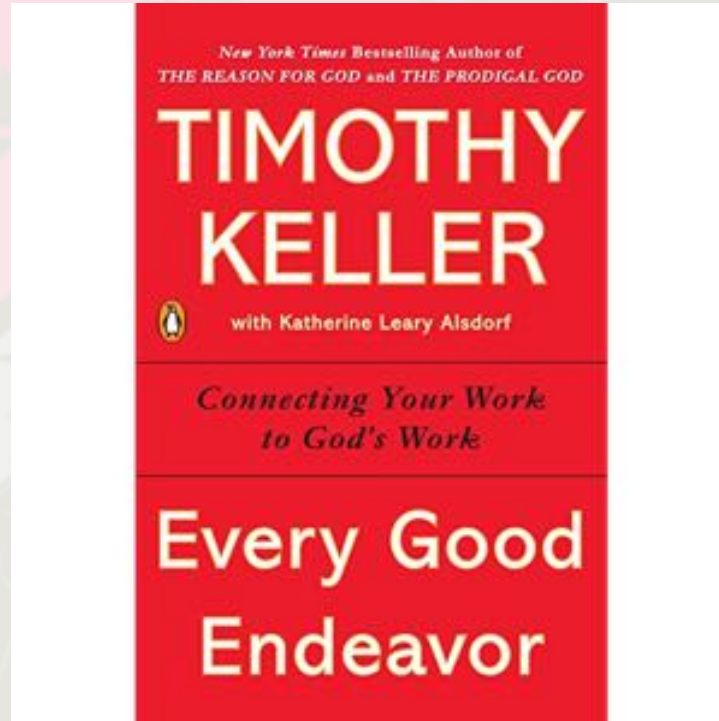
“Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

Colossians 3 progression as Paul teaches.

**V1-17 - The internal - Our relationship with Christ, intimate work of the Spirit.
(Easter Sermon)**

V18-21 - The small circle - Our family, close relationships

Goal: A Biblical Perspective on work
Recommended Tim Keller's great work in
his book entitled “Every Good Endeavor”.



God is a worker. Gen 1:1

There is Dignity in all work. Gen. 1:26



The Bible does not separate secular and sacred work. 1 Cor 7:17

1 Cor. 7:17 –

Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.

“Yes, some Christians in those fields would sometimes do well to do those things, but it is a mistake to think that the Christian worldview is operating only when we are doing such overtly Christian activities. Instead, think of the gospel as a set of glasses through which you “look” at everything else in the world. Christian artists, when they do this faithfully, will not be completely beholden either to profit or to naked self-expression; and they will tell the widest variety of stories. Christians in business will see...

profit as only one of several bottom lines; and they will work passionately for any kind of enterprise that serves the common good. The Christian writer can constantly be showing the destructiveness of making something besides God into the central thing, even without mentioning God directly.”

~ **Timothy Keller**

“The Church’s approach to an intelligent carpenter is usually confined to exhorting him not to be drunk and disorderly in his leisure hours, and to come to church on Sundays. What the Church should be telling him is this: that the very first demand that his religion makes upon him is that he should make good tables.”

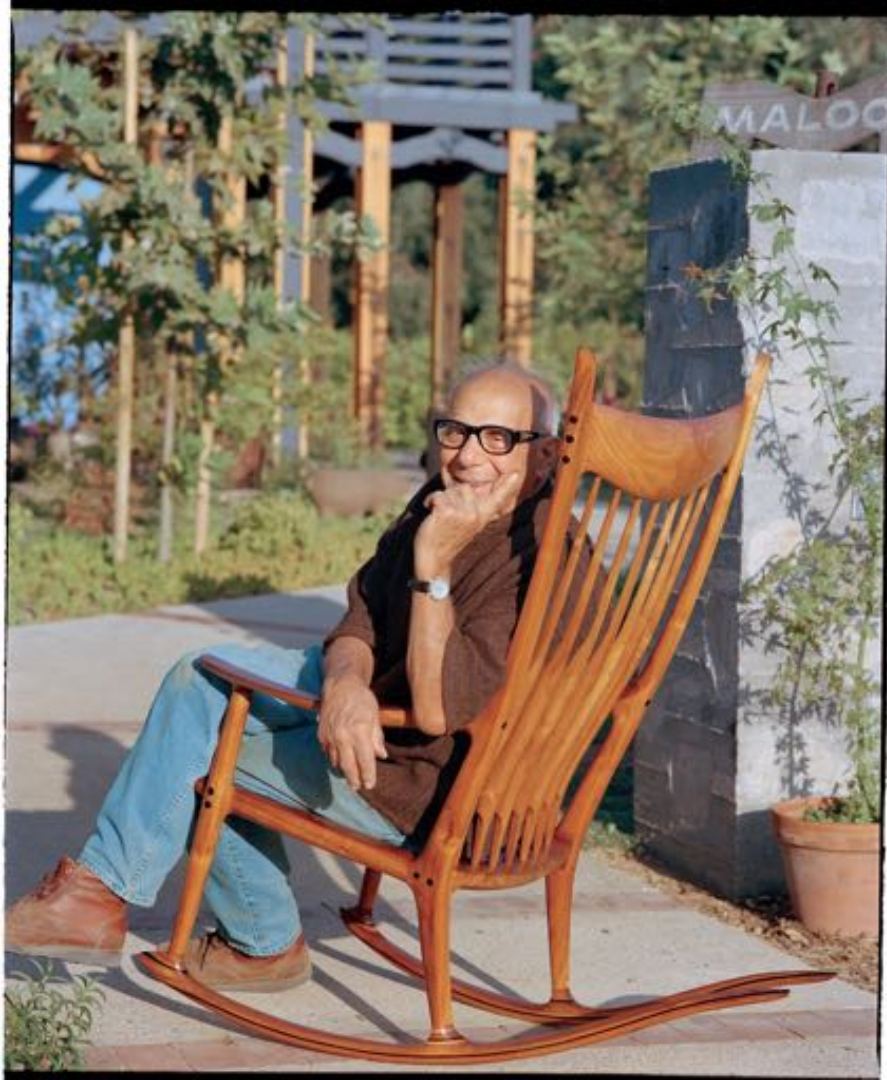
~**Dorothy Sayers**

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 –

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

"You can praise God by peeling a spud if you peel it to perfection. Don't compromise. Compromise is the language of the devil. Run in God's name and let the world stand back and in wonder."

~Rev. Liddell in 'Chariots of Fire'



“How much more meaningful it becomes if one wears a bit of humility that allows him to acknowledge that it is truly God who is the Master Craftsman. He uses us. Our hands are His instruments.”

~Sam Maloof

Our Faith Affects our Leadership

**Biblical authority is not the right to rule.
It is the responsibility to serve.**

Our vocation is not our primary calling.

"But these and other things are always the secondary, never the primary calling. They are 'callings' rather than 'the calling.' They are our personal answer to God's address, our response to God's summons. Secondary callings matter, but only because the primary calling matters most."

~ Os Guinness, Live Your Calling

Our Primary Calling Never Ends

Our primary calling is our true hope and our power.

I Cor 2:2 –

"For I determined to know nothing to know nothing among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified."