

part 4
Taking Christ to Work
But is This Really the Right Job for Me?



1. Analyze _____

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2. Assess _____

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3. Inquire _____

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Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. How much Bible study, prayer and godly counsel did you invest in the decision to pursue your current occupation?
2. What concerns do you have about thoroughly and honestly reevaluating your occupational placement?
3. If it became clear that God wanted you to engage in another kind of work, what would be involved in transitioning out of your present work?
4. To which of the nine questions posed in the sermon did you answer "no," "unsure," or a strained "yes"?

What action should you take as a result of the concerns raised by those questions?

5. Are you aware of another kind of work that would prompt you to answer a more confident "yes" in response to the nine questions posed in the sermon?

What specific steps can you take to investigate that line of work more thoroughly?

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Ezk.27-28 & Heb.5

Monday

Ezk.29-30 & Heb.6

Tuesday

Ezk.31-32 & Heb.7

Wednesday

Ezk.33-34 & Heb.8

Thursday

Ezk.35-36 & Heb.9

Friday

Ezk.37-38 & Heb.10

Saturday

Ezk.39-40 & Heb.11

Here are some resources that may help you think through your "vocation."

- Begg, Alistair. **Made for His Pleasure: Ten Benchmarks of a Vital Faith.** Chicago: Moody Press, 1996.
- Buford, Bob. **Halftime: Changing Your Game Plan from Success to Significance.** Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing, 1994. (Though not theologically tight, this book is provocative for those considering a midlife career transition.)
- Bernbaum, John and Simon Steer. **Why Work? Careers and Employment in Biblical Perspective.** Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1986.
- Guinness, Os. **The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life.** Nashville: Word Publishing, 1998.
- Hardy, Lee. **Fabric of This World: Inquiries into Calling, Career Choice, and the Design of Human Work.** Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990.
- Helm, Paul. **The Callings: The Gospel in the World.** Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth, 1988.
- Ryken, Leland. **Redeeming the Time: A Christian Approach to Work and Leisure.** Grand Rapids: Baker, 1995.
- Sherman, Doug and William Hendricks. **Your Work Matters to God.** Colorado Springs: NavPress, 1987.
- Swindoll, Charles. **Living Above the Level of Mediocrity.** Nashville: Word Publishing, 1987.