YOUR WORLD, YOUR WORK, YOUR DESTINY PART 4
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INTRODUCTION

- This is the 4th part of a four part series on our faith and our work.
- Last week we said God wants to give meaning to all our life, including work.
- We need to see our work as God sees it, having a Christian worldview.
- There are three things we can serve at work: Ourselves, Others, The Kingdom

I. WORKING WITH INTEGRITY

- As a believer, it is never about what is legal but what is Godly.
- Isaiah 58:3,6-7, "…6 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?…8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear…"
- Corruption crushes people.
- Personal dishonesty in the workplace feeds corruption.
- We are called as Christians to be honest, compassionate and generous because it is right.
- Our faith gives us a foundation to stand with integrity, even if it involves great sacrifice.
- Colossians 3:23, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."

II. THE COMPASS OF THE SPIRIT

- The Holy Spirit brings the Word to life in everyday situations.
- He reminds us that Jesus called us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute you.
- This was and is so foreign to the world we live in to do it sets us apart.
- Wisdom is the ability to make the right decision when the moral rules don't provide a clear answer.
- Ephesians 1:17 calls the Holy Spirit the spirit of wisdom and revelation.
- But this wisdom only comes when we seek the Spirit's presence in prayer - Acts 13:1-3

III. A WHOLE DIFFERENT VIEW

- Paul was faced with constant challenges in dealing with engrained bad thinking so he taught God's heart.
- Ephesians 6:5-9 - Paul tells slaves to obey their masters and masters to treat slaves with honor.
- Honor slaves? How much more should we honor employees?
- Vs. 7 - "…as if serving the Lord."
- "With sincerity of heart" = This is integrity
- This is between you and your Father from your heart.
- Vs. 9 - Employers treat your employees with honor and respect. Be known as generous, kind and loving.

IV. SEE YOUR WORK AS HIS WORK

- Colossians 3:23, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart."
- This erases any line between secular and sacred work.
- Paul continued to make tents - Acts 18:1-4
- Romans 12:11-13, "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord…"
- "Spiritual fervor" = keep your spirit boiling