

# WHEN WORK, ISN'T WORKING

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**No matter what we do, there will be days when work just isn't working.  
The blue-collar blues shouts as loudly as the white-collar whine.**



**What do we do when working isn't working?**



**1. We trade “do what you love”  
for “love who you do it for”**



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:23-24



## 2. We watch out for the worker not just the work



This book, being about work, is, by its very nature, about violence—to the spirit as well as to the body. It is about ulcers as well as accidents, about shouting matches as well as fistfights, about nervous breakdowns as well as kicking the dog around. It is, above all (or beneath all), about daily humiliations. To survive the day is triumph enough for the walking wounded among the great many of us.

Studs Terkel, Working

...neither I nor my brothers ate the food allotted to the governor. But the earlier governors—those preceding me—placed a heavy burden on the people and took forty shekels of silver from them in addition to food and wine. Their assistants also lorded it over the people. But out of reverence for God I did not act like that.

Nehemiah 5:14–15



# 3. We build a family not a church



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



**We get work working by opening  
our hearts, our homes, and our hands.**



May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.

Psalm 90:17

