

KEY THOUGHTS

- Work is a good gift from God. Our own work is a reflection of His work as seen in Creation. God designed us for work.
- The curse is not the act of work, but that work is much more difficult now.
- Several temptations arise in our work world, whether that be in the workforce, our labor at home, as a retired person, or as a teen at school.
- We're tempted to wrap our identities in our own work.
- We're tempted to invest the wrong amount (too little or too much) of energy and time in our work.
- We're tempted to only work for things "under the sun", earthly and temporary.
- The rock illustration teaches us that it's critical we place the big things of our lives in first!
- The safeguard of not living unbalanced in the wrong direction is to have Christ as my "eternal weight of glory."

SCRIPTURES

- Ecclesiastes 2:18-23
- John 5:17
- Genesis 2:15 and 3:17-19
- Isaiah 65:21
- 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Matthew 6:33
- 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

PRACTICAL & REFLECT

- 1. Do I have a Biblical view of work? Do I treat it as a gift or a curse?
- 2. In what ways am I working for eternal things, those which are not "under the sun?"
- 3. Do I tend to put my relationship with Christ in FIRST in my schedule and priorities, or does He get added later?
- 4. Is Jesus of infinite value to me, my "eternal weight of glory?"