

Some Meaningful Work, Part 2: Meaning in the Midst of the Mundane

Along the way on the quest for meaning, people discover it in the most unlikely place: work.

Ecclesiastes 5:18

¹⁸ Here is what I have seen to be good and fitting: to eat, to drink and enjoy oneself in all one's labor in which he toils under the sun *during* the few years of his life which God has given him; for this is his reward.

"The quickest way to destroy the human spirit is to ask someone to do mediocre work." -Ayn Rand

The quickest way to destroy your own spirit is to resign yourself to work, but to work well below your potential.

Matthew 5:14

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden

We exist in the world to bring light into dark places, and to draw weary people into a refuge of hope.

The kind of work we do tells everyone everything they need to know about our faith- if it is living, missing, dying or dead.
James- show me your works / Jesus- my Father is working

Genesis 1:1-3, 31a

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ³¹ God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good.

We bring heaven to earth and light into dark places when we work like God while we are in the world.

Attitude: God sees nothingness and does not get discouraged. Rather, He sees potential and makes something out of nothing.

John 10:10

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.

Outlook: God focuses on enriching others, unlocking untold potential by pouring into them!

Philippians 2:3-4

³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴ do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Jordan Peterson: (From the start through 5:09- "...It's an endless mystery")

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4f-Jg1Foghs>

Meaningless work becomes full of meaning when we consider: "How can I bring enrichment right where I am?"

"What's right in front of you is the majesty of Being...It's inexhaustibly complex...Who's to say that what's right in front of you isn't as good a starting place as anywhere else?"

"You can emerge forward heroically to confront the chaos that constantly threatens the structure in which you live and you can free something as a consequence of that....Why would you not do that, since you can do that?"

-You probably don't need a new job. Your job needs a new you.