



**November 23, 2025**

**United - Ephesians 6:5-10 - WORK**

**SUMMARY:** Today's sermon explored the biblical view of work, challenging the common divide between "sacred" and "secular" vocations. Drawing from Ephesians 6:4-10 and various biblical examples, we saw that God's Spirit fills people in all kinds of jobs—gardeners, politicians, construction workers—not just pastors or missionaries. The message emphasized that our daily work is a mission field, and how we work matters deeply to God. We are called to work sincerely, not just for eye service or to please people, but as if we are serving Jesus Himself. Both employees and employers are to model Christlike character: employees with integrity and diligence, employers with humility and fairness. Ultimately, our work is an act of worship, and we will give an account to our true Master, Jesus.

**SCRIPTURE:** Ephesians 6:5-10; Genesis 41:38-41; Exodus 31:1-5; Lamentations 3:27; 2 Corinthians 5:10

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. Pastor Matt said our daily work is a mission field. What would it look like for you to see your current job (or daily tasks) as a place where God's Spirit wants to work through you? Can you think of a specific situation this week where you could invite God's presence into your work?
2. Are there areas in your work or home life where you are tempted to only "look busy" when someone is watching? What would it mean for you to practice integrity and diligence even when no one sees?
3. The message challenged the idea that only "spiritual" jobs matter to God. Have you ever felt like your work was less important to God? How does knowing that God fills gardeners, politicians, and construction workers with His Spirit change your view of your own calling?
4. The sermon talked about balancing work and rest, and not letting work become an idol or a source of your worth. Are you more tempted toward workaholism or laziness? What is one practical step you could take this week to move toward a healthier balance?
5. For those who supervise or lead others: How can you model humility and fairness in your leadership? Is there a specific way you could "get in the trenches" with those you lead, as the sermon described?
6. Pastor Matt shared a story about praying for God's help with a difficult work problem. Is there a challenge at work or home where you need to invite Jesus in and ask for His wisdom?
7. Both employees and employers are called to remember they serve the same Master, Jesus. How might this truth change the way you treat coworkers, bosses, or those you supervise?