

Friday, September 30 – The Gift of God

BOTTOM LINE: Dedicate your work to be used for God's purposes. Whatever you want God to bless, give to Him first – dedicate it, consecrate it, hallow it, and then God will bless it.

What does the worker gain from his toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on men. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. Ecclesiastes 3:9-12

A theme throughout this series is that God is the One for whom we work. God is the One who will bless and empower you to do your work to honor Him. When we dedicate our work to God's purposes, He will bless it. This is where Solomon landed. He saw that everything we have is a gift from God for us to enjoy. Life itself is a blessing.

God has "set eternity in the hearts of men." Whether we acknowledge it or not, we have a longing for something more – for eternity. We have hope for a world to come. When God redeemed us through Jesus, He redeemed every part of us. We will not experience the fullness of redemption until we see eternity with our own eyes, but we still work for this day in light of the next.

The gift we have in work right now and the blessing we experience from it will be fully realized in heaven. This is why our work is satisfying. It is a gift, and it is one we will enjoy beyond this moment in time. We look forward to the day we will see the fruit of our labor in heaven. Until that day, we offer our work daily as a blessing to God for Him to use for His ultimate glory in all things.

- How is your work a source of blessing for you?
- What is one thing you will change about your heart and attitude toward work as a result of this series?
- Praise God for His eternal purposes in our life and work.