

TGIM: The Myths of Monday

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Questions: When you think about “work”, what comes to mind? How would you describe your perspective of work? Is it generally positive or negative?

Our lives are often defined by our jobs.

We think a lot about work, but we don’t think a lot about how we think about work.

The Myths of Monday:

- **Work is intrinsically bad.**

Question: Describe when you have viewed work this way or have known someone else who has described it this way?

The Bible has an entirely different take on work:

- some think that work started when Adam sinned and came under the curse.
- some think that work started when Adam was in garden and God told him to tend and care for it.
- the first time you find work mentioned is Genesis 2:2 (NLT)

Question: If the garden was paradise and God “worked” in creation, what different perspective does that give to work?

Read John 5:17

Work is one of God’s greatest gifts to humanity, part of being distinctively and fully human.

David Murray

If the drudgery of work comes from the curse, Jesus Christ came to reverse the curse.

- **Success in work equals success in life.**

Question: Where have you seen this and what does it look like in life?

Read Luke 12:15, Matthew 22:37–39

- **It’s just a job.**

Question: When have you said this or heard this?

A couple of thoughts on work:

- **My work is a place of spiritual formation**

“Sanctification”: the way we live and treat others is supposed to increasingly reflect who Jesus is and what He has done in us.

- **My work is a way God cares for this world.**

YouVersion Reading Plan: <https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/24546-ephesians-on-work>

Check out the Vanuatu Building Project video here: <https://youtu.be/qOgTBaiKfmE>