



One Step Further

@ Work

The Fundamental Principle



- People with **LEGALISTIC MINDS** look for the **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**
- Concentrating on **ACTIONS** does not transform us into the type of servants that God desires
- You transform your **THOUGHTS** by accepting that you are saved by **GRACE**
- Let **GRACE** motivate you to **ABOUND** in Good Works

A HIGHER Calling!

Ephesians 4:28

28) Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, **doing honest work with his own hands**, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.



Is Work a MORAL Issue?



- **WORK** consumes **MORE** of our waking hours than anything else we do
- You may not be doing anything **WRONG** at work, but are you doing anything **GOOD** at work?
- Let's go **ONE STEP FURTHER** at Work!

What about WORK?

- Is **EVERY** Job *less than ideal*?
- If we really want to go **ONE STEP FURTHER** in selecting a career, then the best choice would be to devote our lives to **GOD'S WORK**



Living Lives of Faith



- Any decision that we make in life that requires us to exercise our **FAITH** is pleasing to God, and will be **BLESSED** by Him
- Faith is like a **MUSCLE**, the more you use it, the more it grows!

Where do you draw the line?

- **EVERY** Job has **COMPLICATIONS**
- **WE LIVE WITH IT!**
- God has placed us in this trial of **COMPLICATED** Choices and Decisions...
- And He wants us to be **FAITHFUL**
- He wants us to be **GREAT** at what we do!



Legal Matters


Matthew 5:40

40) And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, **let him have your cloak as well.**



Legal Matters

Matthew 5:25-26

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- 25) Come to terms quickly with your accuser** while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.
- 26) Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.**

Preaching at Work

- This can be **TRICKY**
- Don't harass or discriminate
- Don't talk on your Employer's Time
- It's **TRICKY**, but it's **IMPORTANT**



OVERWORKING



- Your career takes **THIRD** Place, behind God, His Ecclesia and your Family
- Overworking **ROBS GOD** and steals from your Family
- God will bless you and protect you if you put work in it's proper perspective and **STEP OUT IN FAITH**

Retirement



- How do we apply the concept of **ONE STEP FURTHER** to Retirement?
- *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also...*
- **21)** So is the one who **lays up treasure for himself** and is not rich toward God
- Plan for the **FUTURE**, but live **TODAY!**

Retirement



- **When** do you retire?
- You don't retire simply because you **don't want to work anymore**
- To go **ONE STEP FURTHER** is to retire because there is so much that you **want to get done**, that you can't afford to spend any more time at work

ONE STEP FURTHER @ WORK



- God designed you to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** with your life
- God wants you to **GIVE SOMETHING BACK** to those around you
- Whenever you serve others in any way...

YOU ARE ACTUALLY SERVING GOD!