

# How to have a vision for your work and be fulfilled in doing it.



## Reaching Professionals

### Developing Leaders from the inside out

The Marketplace-Christian Professional Resources is a group of professionals seeking to make a difference in today's work place and view **Business as a Calling.**



The Marketplace-Christian Professional Resources is committed to reaching professional and developing leaders from the inside out.

Our vision is for changed lives and changed cities:

- Professional men & women becoming vital Christians with a sense of Destiny.
- Christians visibly applying their faith in the work place.
- Secular professionals exposed to the relevance of the Bible to their life.
- Christian Professionals making an impact in the corporate world and community.
- Raising up Intercessors who are prepared to stand in the gap for and within the work



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## Life Impact



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Most workplace professionals today are stuck in an “occupation” mindset. Work is something that “occupies” their time. They may or may not enjoy it, but at least it puts food on the table, gas in the car, and pays the bills until they can retire from it.

There needs to be a new mindset. That work is a “vocation” or calling. This is the view that my work has meaning, not only what I do, but in how I do it, in how I use my skills and abilities, and with whom I do it.

This mindset is the starting point to begin viewing **Business as a Calling**. The concepts that follow further amplify this core truth; **Business is a Calling**.

## Reflecting the Image of God

In the beginning of the Bible, there are three principles that should revolutionize every business professional's life. In Genesis 1, we learn three things,

- 1) God is a worker,
- 2) God is a creator
- 3) God does good work,

These concepts are revolutionary, when you further understand that people are made in the image of God.

This leads to a profound depth of meaning. When men and women work, create or do things with excellence, we reflect the image of God to the world.

- **Man as a worker**- When we work, we do something that God does. He works-we work. No matter what our work is, it has dignity in God's eyes.
- **Man as creative** - When we create we do something God does. When we design a building, a computer program, a marketing brochure, an insurance plan, a workflow improvement, or solve a problem, etc. we are bearing the image of God.
- **Man as a producer of quality work**- God looked at His creation and called it very good.

As His image bearer, we need to strive for the highest quality of work as well. We reflect His image when we do good work.



When we begin to work in this way, our work takes on a new dignity. It reflects God to the world around us. It makes us realize, that yes we work for our boss or company, but ultimately we are doing our work, “as unto the

Lord.”

## A Calling to Care for Others

The Bible tells us that the two greatest commands are to love God and to love others.

How is our sense of calling to love others in the marketplace revealed? Here are some items that

God has in mind for our calling.

- **Care for Family**- God has called parents to care for their families needs. Work is the mechanism with which we are able to live out that calling.
- **Care for the Church & Community** - business is the engine, that creates the finances that support the financial needs of Church and non-profit organizations and allows them to fulfill their calling and purposes.
- **Care for Co-workers** - Have you ever considered that God has called and equipped you to care for your co-workers? You are the pastor at your place of work. He has called you to care for and be available for those in your office or company.

When you realize that He has given you 10, 20, 50 or more people (both above you and below you) to care for in this way, your sense of calling grows even stronger. It is not your pastor that is assigned this responsibility, It Is You!



## Concluding Thoughts

Business is a calling. It can be equal or greater in impact than full-time ministry work, and just as sacred in God's eyes. There is no sacred or secular divide in God's mind. It is all sacred.

The Garden of Eden was created for man where his destiny could be revealed through his caring for God's creation and in it walk with God in the cool of the day.

God's long term direction for your life, might be in a different job or vacation. You may have gifts and abilities He is developing now in ways you do not realize or He may be leading you to a place where they will be more fully used.