



## Small Group Member Goal Ideas

This week Pastor Rick Warren observes these things when it comes to Vocational Health: *“What you become in your work is far more important than the actual work you do,”* and *“You should always be working on **you** while you are working on your job.”*

If you are currently working, consider these suggestions to do your work better for God:

- I will remember the following verses to allow me to work more enthusiastically – Colossians 3:22, Luke 16:10-12, 2 Timothy 2:15, Proverbs 12:24 and Romans 12:11.
- For the next 3 months, begin your week by praying for God to direct your steps and remind you that you are working for Him. At the end of the week thank God for the blessings you received throughout the week.
- At least once a week, for the next 3 months, care for the people you work with by acknowledging the work of a co-worker. Be sincere in that acknowledgement.
- Consider if there is an area of your vocation that could be improved by learning a new skill or improving an existing skill. Discover what needs to be done to obtain this new knowledge and find out if your employer has an education program to help pay for your training.
- Ministry is everywhere. Pray for God to give you an opportunity to share His Story. Often, the most powerful story He’s written is the one that transformed your life. Share that story with a co-worker who wants to hear it.

If you are currently out of work, dedicate the next 3 months to work on yourself as much as you work on your resume and job search. Many Job Search engines have skills assessments. Use them to enhance your resume and identify skills that you could improve. Take a personality assessment to discover how you fit into a workplace culture and what types of personalities allow you to thrive. Prayerfully consider where God is leading you and continually pray for His guidance.

You may be considering a change in career or are moving into a new phase of your life through retirement. Use the next three months to consider the following: Am I currently where God wants me to be? Does God want me to change careers or do I just want a new job? Will a new career allow me to more effectively serve God better by giving me more financial means to further His kingdom or will I have more time to be used by God for the things He calls me to, including leading my family better? Pray for wisdom and discernment and seek Godly council (Proverbs 12:15).



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## Message Notes & Small Group Discussion

*Transformed Vocationally*  
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**“Transformed Vocationally”**  
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**MESSAGE NOTES**

As Americans we have an \_\_\_\_\_ relationship to work.

Work (or the \_\_\_\_\_ of work) dominates the landscape of most of our lives.

Note Ecclesiastes 2:22

2 basic (and \_\_\_\_\_) responses to work that are common...

- Laziness/\_\_\_\_\_ (note Ecclesiastes 4:5)
- \_\_\_\_\_-a-\_\_\_\_\_ (note Ecclesiastes 4:8)

Which extreme do you \_\_\_\_\_ towards?

**1. Out With I \_\_\_\_\_**

- E \_\_\_\_\_ (note Ecclesiastes 9:10a; I Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:23-24)
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (note Ecclesiastes 7:1a) - *It's better to be good than to \_\_\_\_\_ good.*
- Life-long \_\_\_\_\_ (note Ecclesiastes 10:10) - to work \_\_\_\_\_...can give us a new perspective on our work (note Ecclesiastes 8:6a).
- T \_\_\_\_\_ (note Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)
- Perseverance (note Ecclesiastes 11:6) - “If at first you don't succeed, welcome to the \_\_\_\_\_.” Successful people fail...they just don't \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. In With U \_\_\_\_\_**

- Adjust my \_\_\_\_\_ (note Ecclesiastes 4:4) - I need to ask myself:
  - Why am I working so \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Is the \_\_\_\_\_ worth it? (note Ecclesiastes 5:15)
  - Why do I think this will \_\_\_\_\_ me?  
(note Mark 8:36-37)
- Be g \_\_\_\_\_ for what I have (note Ecclesiastes 3:13; 4:6) - there are many things more important than \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ work with relaxation (note Psalm 127:2; Mark 2:27) - there are 4 things we must schedule or they will get pushed out of our lives:
  - R \_\_\_\_\_
  - Re \_\_\_\_\_
  - Relationships
  - Romance (if \_\_\_\_\_)
- Believe God \_\_\_\_\_ (note Matthew 6:31-33).
- Trade my pressures for God's \_\_\_\_\_ (note Philippians 4:6-7) - we need Someone greater than ourselves at the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives. (note Romans 15:13).

We can be transformed by God:

- What God asks is that we put our trust in Him \_\_\_\_\_.

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As Americans we have an odd relationship to work.  
Work (or the lack of work) dominates the landscape of most of our lives.  
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2 basic (and extreme) responses to work that are common...

- Laziness/apathy (note Ecclesiastes 4:5)
- Work-a-holism (note Ecclesiastes 4:8)

Which extreme do you lean towards?

#### 1. Out With Indifference

- A. Enthusiasm (note Ecclesiastes 9:10a; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:23-24)
- B. Integrity (note Ecclesiastes 7:1a) – *It's better to be good than to smell good.*
- C. Life-long learner (note Ecclesiastes 10:10) – to work smarter...can give us a new perspective on our work (note Ecclesiastes 8:6a).
- D. Teamwork (note Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)
- E. Perseverance (note Ecclesiastes 11:6) – “If at first you don’t succeed, welcome to the human race.” Successful people fail...they just don’t quit.

#### 2. In With Unwinding

- A. Adjust my values (note Ecclesiastes 4:4) – I need to ask myself:
  - i. Why am I working so hard?
  - ii. Is the payoff worth it? (note Ecclesiastes 5:15)
  - iii. Why do I think this will satisfy me? (note Mark 8:36-37)
- B. Be grateful for what I have (note Ecclesiastes 3:13; 4:6) – there are many things more important than things.
- C. Balance work with relaxation (note Psalm 127:2; Mark 2:27) – there are 4 things we must schedule or they will get pushed out of our lives:
  - i. Rest
  - ii. Recreation
  - iii. Relationships
  - iv. Romance (if married)
- D. Believe God cares (note Matthew 6:31-33).
- E. Trade my pressures for God’s peace (note Philippians 4:6-7) – we need Someone greater than ourselves at the controls of our lives (note Romans 15:13).

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