

# Image *of* God

EXPRESSED IN WORK

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“Man, made in God’s image, should make things,  
as God makes them, for the sake of doing well a  
thing that is well worth doing.”

- **Dorothy Sayers**, *Why Work?*

No one on their death bed ever says...

**“I wish I had spent more time at the office.”**

## Genesis 2:7-9 <sup>NIV</sup>

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup> Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. <sup>9</sup> The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were **pleasing to the eye** and **good for food**. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

# Work as worship & calling

## Genesis 2:15 <sup>NIV</sup>

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to **work it** and **take care of it**.

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EXPRESSED IN WORK

God works through our work!

“The only Christian work is good work done well.”

- **Dorothy Sayers**, *Why Work?*

“The impact of this change in mindset is staggering. I no longer have a ‘job,’ or even that modern-day job replacement, a ‘career.’ I have a mission! My mission is to seek to introduce God into every aspect of my occupation. My calling is to make an impact on my work by fleshing out my Christianity in this profession, at this department, with these coworkers...

- **Tim Downs**, *Finding Common Ground*

...Instead of seeing leisure as the true source of fulfillment and Sunday as the place for God, my work can become a place for both. My work, no matter how inglorious, is no longer just about money—I have recovered the original meaning of work.”

- **Tim Downs**, *Finding Common Ground*

“Choose a job you love, and you will  
never work a day in your life.”

# Work under the Curse

## Genesis 3:17-19 <sup>NIV</sup>

To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “**Cursed is the ground** because of you; **through painful toil** you will eat food from it all the days of your life. <sup>18</sup> It will produce **thorns and thistles** for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the **sweat of your brow** you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

Our work will never fully work.

GENESIS 2

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GENESIS 3

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