

God's Is My Boss

“We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works”. —Ephesians 2:10



As a child, Hawaiian children learned the adult attitude that *hana* (work) was respected and laziness was shameful. The old Hawaiian saying, “*E ho’ohuli ka lima i lalo*” (the palms of the hands should be turned down) encouraged “working hands” (*laulima*) where many tasks were done with grasping fingers and downward palms. The opposite expression featured an upturned palm, of which, represented “idleness”. For Hawaiians, establishing a proper attitude towards *hana* was very important.

Someone once said, “I like work. I could sit and watch someone do it all day.” But, most of us don’t have that luxury. We can’t afford to spend our days lounging at the pool side, sipping a beverage and watching the world pass by. Besides, I don’t think many of us would find “fulltime inactivity” to be satisfying for a long period of time. In fact, our personal worth and satisfaction increases when we accomplish something purposeful with our lives. That’s why unless you can make a connection between what you do all day and what you think God wants you to be doing, you will never find ultimate meaning in your work or your relationship

In this devotional, I’d like to talk about your “career” and your calling. Notice, I did not say, your “job” and your “calling. I said, YOUR CAREER AND YOUR CALLING. A “job”

focuses upon a “paycheck”, but, a “career” is focused upon a divine purpose. A “career” uses the support and resources given in order to benefit the kingdom of God. In fact, your career is always something bigger than yourself. Its purpose is for His glory and the expansion of His Kingdom. I’ve discovered that one of the reasons Christians are confused with their “careers” is either they are in the wrong vocation or in the right vocation, but, servicing the wrong kingdom. As a chaplain, I believe that have the best “career” through the opportunity of sharing the gospel message with many ages. But, even, if my career was in another field, I want you to know that you are still God’s representative and in all that we do each day, we are called to “KINGDOM-IZE” that occupation.

In other words, seek ways in the workplace to serve the Kingdom of God in all you do. You may find someone that may come to you needing prayer. You may give an encouraging word or embrace someone that is going through some difficulty. Whatever it may be, you are God’s instrument to be used for His glory. Your career is more than a job because you can’t talk about a career, without talking about work; and you can’t talk about work, without talking about God. He is an “employer” who has our best interests at heart. He cares about our work because our actions on the job reflect our inner character and our level of devotion to Him.

Secondly, God's ability is also never limited by our inability. All we have to do is allow Him to have His way in us, so, we can faithfully work to care for what has been put under our control. A “job” is a “paycheck”, but, a “career” is a “passion”. In fact, when you work for God, your passion will never allow you to quit. Like the “Eveready Battery Bunny”, you’ll keep “banging” your drum for Him because you love

what you do and look forward each day to a blessing. That's why I believe that the best employees in the world are a Christians. Why? Because they don't work for an employer,....THEY WORK FOR GOD! God only operates in excellence and in the workplace, His standard is the focus of His children.

My friend, I've come to let you know that once you connect your career to the kingdom of God, you will be totally "filled" because you are tied to impacting His kingdom. It's bigger than us and we receive a blessing when we let Him work "in" and "through" us.

What does your heart long to serve? What gifting has God placed in you? GET ON THE PATH GOD HAS CALLED YOU! HANA NO IESU! (Work Then, For Jesus)