

## WORKING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

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#### AUDIO

#### VÍDEO

sc. **01**

Work was God's assignment to humanity before sin. He "took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it." (Genesis 2:15). Work was planned as a source of joy and satisfaction for mankind even before sin entered the world. After the fall, it remains a fundamental aspect of life that contributes to character development, health, spiritual growth, practical preparation, and economic stability.

sc. **02**

The average person spends 100,000 hours working during a fifty-year career. While some work for their own glory, God invites us to glorify Him in all we do, including our work. We may glorify Him by adopting virtues such as honesty, faithfulness, positive witnessing, and excellency.

sc. **03**

This was the standard for many biblical characters in their daily work. Daniel was known as a blameless public servant (Daniel 6:5), Joseph for his honesty and faithfulness (Genesis 39:21-23), and Jacob for doing twenty years of work for his father-in-law Laban, exceeding expectations (Genesis 31:38-40).

sc. **04**

German composer Johann Sebastian Bach wrote most of his music for church services. On top of each of his musical scores, he used to write the initials "J.J.," standing for "Jesu Juva" (Latin for "Jesus, help"). At the bottom, he added "S.D.G.," or Soli Deo Gloria (Latin for "To God alone be the glory"). These initials indicated Bach's dependence on God during the creative process, which resulted in some of human civilization's most significant and inspiring music.

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What would happen if, at the beginning of each day, we intentionally schedule time to spend in God's presence and make a covenant with Christ, asking Him to accompany us in our daily work? What would happen if we trusted in His direction to solve problems and overcome challenges related to the work environment? And what if, at the end of each day, we could say, "All the good I did today, I hope it's for the glory of God"?

sc. 06

God provides us with work and the ability to perform it for His glory. Another way to give Him glory through our work is by returning to Him the Tithe and the Promise offerings from the proceeds of this work. By doing so, we invest in advancing His kingdom and testify that we trust Him as our Divine Provider and Sustainer. As we return our tithe and Promise, may we put our desires last and God first.