

Redeeming Work
Don't Change Where You Work But How You Work, Part 1
Titus 2:9-14

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From **Titus 2:9-14**, we are going to see 4 reasons that knowing Jesus should change how you work without ever changing where you work.

I. Knowing Jesus Means You Work for a New Master

Look at **v. 9** and **10** again.

Look at who the focus is on at the end of **v. 10**. "God our Savior." That's who you work for. You work for King Jesus!

Abraham Kuyper declared, "There's not one square inch of the entire creation about which Jesus Christ does not cry out, 'This is mine!'"

II. Knowing Jesus Means You Have a New Assignment

Titus 2:10 "Not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things."

NIV "... so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive."

Paul is saying you should do your work in a way that causes employers to say, "Wow. If Christianity makes Christians work like this, it must be wonderful."

Christians should be doing their work with such excellence that it embellishes or adorns the doctrine of our God.

You can add color to the doctrine of God in a world that sees everything about God as grainy and black-n-white. But you, by the way you do your job, can add color and adornment to the doctrine of God.

Unbelievers judge the Gospel by the lives of those who claim to believe it. If you believe it, it should change everything, including how you work.

III. Knowing Jesus Means You've Been Given New Power

Look at how Paul connects your work to the grace of God in **v. 11**.

Titus 2:11 "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men."

It's not just that you get God's grace as you head into the workplace. You get Jesus Christ who goes with you, and He's full of grace and truth.

You are not going to find a lot of grace out there in the workplace, but you don't need to. You're taking overwhelming measures of grace with you in Jesus Christ. He said He'd never leave you or forsake you, and that includes the workplace where He goes with you full of grace and truth.

IV. Knowing Jesus Means You Live with a New Hope

Titus 2:13 "Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ"

Notice the verb tense of that first word in **v. 13**.

Looking... constantly. It's not an occasional glance. This looking is a settled posture that you have as a result of a perspective you maintain through reading God's Word continually.

Whenever Paul or John or Jesus touched on the second coming, it was to motivate us for passionate living right now. Christians should be the most engaged workers in the workplace.

That's why **v. 14** goes on to call us "... His own special people, zealous for good works." Christians are the ones that keep going when no one else wants to. When you live with a blessed hope fixed outside of this world, it motivates you to be zealous in everything you do, including your work.

You are working for King Jesus, empowered by His grace and filled with a hope that's fixed outside of this world.

Conclusion

Look at **v. 14** again.

Start connecting the reality of what God did for you, in Christ on the cross, to your job.

If you want to be transformed in the way you think about your job and the people around you on that job, then you need to meditate on how Christ served you by going to the cross.

Think of what Jesus did for you, because the Bible says Christ died for us while we were still His enemies. We weren't just fools. We were enemies. And yet He served us and worked for us by dying on the cross for His enemies. If He could serve us as His enemies, you can serve a fool in that workplace. He will help you do the same thing for them that He did for you.

Jesus loves you and accepts you as you are, apart from any achievements or accolades. You can rest in Him and start doing some of your best work, because proving your own self-worth is no longer tied up in the middle of it.

The Gospel changes everything about how you do your work. And it changes your attitude towards people over you, under you, and around you, because the Gospel changes you, the one person you can control.

Don't change where you work, change how you work on the basis of what Christ has done for you.