

Daily Reflection on Scripture
Week of September 3
When Faith Meets Life Week 1:
Work



Sunday September 3

Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, do it from the heart for the Lord and not for people.

Sacred Pause – When you change how you see things, the things you see begin to change. Instead of seeing yourself as one who does a job, see your work as a gift from God.

Monday September 4

James 3:17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure, then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

Sacred Pause – Godly wisdom reveals your most important work as compassion, forgiveness and service. Be wise and practice those things and you will be honored in your work.

Tuesday September 5

Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Sacred Pause – Think of others who have been kind, tenderhearted and forgiving to you. Those are gifts from God that you can share with others. Everyone needs kindness.

Wednesday September 6

Ecclesiastes 9:10a Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...

Sacred Pause – Whatever your work is, do it with dignity, for all good work is sacred. Thank God for your hands, mind and strength to help others by your good and sacred work.

Thursday September 7

Acts 20:35 We must work hard and help the weak. We must remember the words of the Lord Jesus. He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Sacred Pause – Seeing your work as sacred helps you to see your work as a gift from God, given to you so that you can help others. That's the real blessing of your work.

Friday September 8

Genesis 2:15 The LORD God put the man in the Garden of Eden. He put him there to farm its land and take care of it.

Sacred Pause - From the very beginning of time God has given humans work to do. We have always been co-creators with God. Through your good work, God continues to work.

Saturday September 9

Ephesians 6:6-7 Don't just do what you have to do to get by, but work heartily, as Christ's servants doing what God wants you to do. And work with a smile on your face, always keeping in mind that no matter who happens to be giving the orders, you're really serving God.

Sacred pause – Notice how much you smile during the day. Your smile changes things. Serve with a smile and watch others smile with you. By serving others you are serving God.