

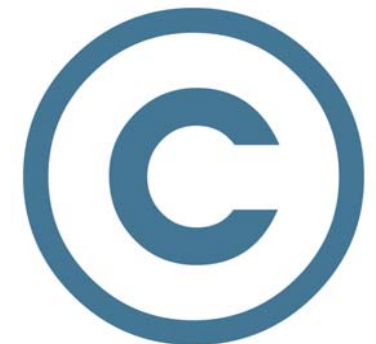
How the problems of work expose themselves in our culture:

- Those who think that work is a necessary evil
- Those who think that work is a means by which all problems are solved.
- *Read 1 Thess 3:6-12. What seems to be the problem regarding work in the church at Thessalonica? Why might this have arisen (a bit tricky – see 2:1ff)?*
- *Read Ephesians 4:28. Why should Christians work?*
- *Read Matthew 6:26-28 – according to Jesus what danger is there in work in a sinful world? What should we do to counteract this?*
- *Read Matthew 11:25-30; 25:14-30. Why do you think Jesus promises those who follow him both work and rest?*

Work is important and good for the Christian – but it is never defining.

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SESIÓN 1

Genesis 1:26-31

In both v26 and then again in v27/28 the man's being in the image of God is linked to the fact that he "has dominion".

- *What do you think is the connection between having dominion over the earth and being made in the image of God?*
- *What, practically, could it have meant for Adam (or for us!) to have dominion over the fish of the sea?!*

Genesis 2:18-24

- *Eve is given to the man because it is not good for him to be alone. In what way is this true of the man's work? In what way is Eve a help to him in his work?*

1 Work is that it is NOT a necessary evil.

The problem with the Romans and the Greeks!

2 The Bible's definition of our work is broader than ours often is.

3 We should not be aiming as human beings to do as little as possible.

The problem with the church...

Luther: work as a "calling".

The Christian hierarchy of work:

Most holy	Overseas missionary (3 rd world)
	Overseas missionary (somewhere nice)
	Pastor
	Other full-time Christian worker (UK)
	Tentmaker (abroad)
	Church elder (with "proper" job)
	Caring professions (as long as not well paid)
	Voluntary sector
Least Holy	Homemaker
	People working in commerce / industry
	People working in commerce / industry and getting well paid

- *Read Genesis 3:16-19. What problems will the man and the woman experience in their work as a result of their rebellion?*

- *Give an example of how the curse on work has affected you in the last week.*

- *Read Genesis 4:22-24. How does the author of Genesis imply here that work has been misused?*

- *Read Genesis 6:13-16 and 11:1-9. How is work used / misused in these passages?*