



August 10th 2008

Sermon Notes

“Our work- God’s Work”

A five-week sermon series looking at the redemptive purpose of work in our lives:

Week 1: Work- Good, Bad, or Neutral? (Genesis 1:26-2:3)

Week 2: When work seems Insignificant (Ecclesiastes 2)

Week 3: Working as an example to Others (2 Thess. 3:6-15)

Week 4: Working as unto the Lord (Colossians 3:18-4:1)

Week 5: Working for Heavenly Rewards (Luke 12:13-21)



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Pastor Jim Folk

Luke 12:13-21

Working for Eternal Rewards

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- Jesus answers a demand with a question, a warning, and a parable

Foolish Assumptions about Work and Wealth:

verses 13-15:

- It is foolish to assume that Jesus simply wants to fix our _____ and leave our hearts _____.

verses 16-21:

- It is foolish to assume that God blesses us materially in order to _____ our own wants.
- It is foolish to assume that we have _____ over our own work & destiny.

Summary:



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Sermon Application Questions



August 11-17, 2008
Daily Readings

For Starters:

1. What criteria would you use to say that someone is definitely “storing up treasures” for themselves? Is it tempting to think of ourselves as “not rich” because there are other people who have a lot more than we do? What standard of living do we have in America compared to the rest of the world?
2. One of the problems with the rich man Jesus talked about in Luke 12:13-21 was that he had no concern for anyone other than himself. What does the scripture say about caring for our neighbor? (See Luke 10:25-37) What about on an ongoing basis, not just if someone is injured? (See James 1:27)

For Further Study:

3. Ecclesiastes 5:10-15 gives a picture of people who pursue wealth, only to be disappointed once they achieve it. Notice the parallel between this passage and 1 Timothy 6:6-10. What other evils come along with the love of money?
4. James 4:13-17 is similar to Jesus’ teaching in Luke. How can you act this week knowing that each day comes to you “as the Lord wills”? What plans or hopes do you need to leave in God’s hands?

This Sunday Chuck Vadnais, one of our elders, will be teaching from Matthew 6:19-34. The Daily Readings are from Matthew chapters 5-7, known as the Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount.

Mon. Aug. 11	Matthew 4:23-5:16 In what ways do Jesus’ blessings, or beatitudes run counter to the way our culture operates?
Tues. Aug. 12	Matthew 5:17-30. Think about times when you have harbored anger in your heart. Remember that from the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks.
Wed. Aug. 13	Matthew 5:31-48 What are the ways we are tempted to get back at someone? (gossip, slander, ignoring them, criticizing) How can you overcome evil with good today?
Thurs. Aug. 14	Matthew 6:1-18. How do people practice righteousness with the wrong motives? Use Jesus’ prayer as a model for your own prayer today.
Fri. Aug. 15	Matthew 6:19-34. If we are to “seek first” the kingdom of God, how does that translate into everyday decisions? What do you need to focus on today instead of worrying?
Sat.- Sun. Aug. 16- 17	Matthew 7:1-29. What do you need to keep seeking God for? Trust that as you seek him today, you will find his goodness and love as your heavenly father.