

1 Corinthians 7:17-24 (ESV)

¹⁷ Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.

¹⁸ Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. ¹⁹ For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God. ²⁰ Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. ²¹ Were you a bondservant when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.) ²² For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ. ²³ You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men. ²⁴ So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

“VOCATION”

Confusion: Work only has value as a platform for _____.

Correction: Work has _____ value. (Genesis 1-4)

- God is a worker.
- We are God’s co-workers.
- We worship God through our work.

Confusion: _____ work is not as important as _____ work.

Correction: Work has _____ value.



God's Calling



_____ (life in Jesus)

_____ (verse 17)

_____ (intimacy with Jesus)

_____ (verse 20)

WHY Needed – Work as God's Calling

- Expressing _____ to God's commands. (vs. 19)
- Experiencing the _____ of God in our places of work. (vs. 24)

HOW it makes a Difference – Work as God's Calling

- We will not be given over to _____ or to _____. (vs. 22)
- We will embrace the value of _____ work (secular/sacred; paid/non-paid; people around/no one around, home/classroom/office; etc.), because God's call for _____ His Christ-followers is the same.

[A resource page has been set up for you: www.aabcdallas.org/work]