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Working for God – Spiritual Employment **Matthew 20: 1-16**

The sacredness of work and the dignity of labor are inherent in God’s creative purpose. However, because of human injustice and systemic exploitation, dignity and sacredness are tragic casualties in human communities.

In the 20th chapter of Matthew, Jesus affirms the dignity of labor, the sacredness of work, and the danger of idleness. The Scriptures are a constant witness to these self-evident truths.

The writer, poet, and artist of Lebanon, Kahlil Gibran, said this about work:
You work that you may keep pace with the earth and the soul of the earth.
For to be idle is to become a stranger unto the seasons, and to step out of life’s procession, that marches in majesty and proud submission towards the infinite...

All knowledge is vain save when there is work, And all work is empty save when there is love; And when you work with love you bind yourself to yourself, and to one another, and to God.

And what is it to work with love?...

It is to charge all things you fashion with a breath of your own spirit and to know that all the blessed dead are standing about you and watching.

Concerning work, Dr Benjamin E. Mays often said to us in his Tuesday morning chapel messages: “Whatever you do, do it so well that the living, dead, or unborn couldn’t do it any better. Never allow the world to dismiss you because of lazy, sloppy, or mediocre work.”

When we work with a sacred motive, a spiritual mission, and a Christ-centered commitment, we work for God. AMEN.

Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

