

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS... AT WORK?

Have you ever wondered what to prioritise in your Christian life?

Mark 12v28-31

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Luke 10v 25-37

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, he passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

How do the two greatest commands work out at Work?

1. Do you think God is interested in your work? Why or why not?
2. How does your work fit in with God's plans for the world?

God's plan for our work

3. What are God's plans for the world? Let's look at:
 - a. Creation – Genesis 1v28
 - b. Redemption – John 3v16-17, Matthew 28v18-20, 2 Peter 3v8,9
4. How does your job fit into God's plans to bring order to the world?
5. How does your job fit into God's plans that people hear about Jesus and are saved?
6. What do you think it means to LOVE GOD at work? How do these verses help us?
 - Colossians 3v22-23
 - 2 Thess 3v10-12
 - Proverbs 10v4, 13v4
 - Proverbs 11v4, 18; 1 Tim 6v9-10
7. Why is it hard to LOVE GOD at work?

8. What do you think it means to LOVE OTHERS at work? How do these verses help us?

- 1 Peter 2v12-18

- 1 Peter 3v13-16

9. Why is it hard to LOVE OTHERS at work?

What help is there as we seek to LOVE GOD and LOVE OTHERS at work?

PRAYER

EACH OTHER

10. How easy do you find it to pray about work? What sort of requests do you make to God about work and your colleagues?

11. How can we help each other LOVE GOD and LOVE OTHERS at work?