

Rhythm . . .

in work & vocation

Where do you spend your week days?

Do you work in an office, in a classroom, in retail, on a production line, in sales, in a warehouse, in a workshop, in trade, from home? Are you a stay at home parent, or a student? Are you unemployed or have you retired?

What does your faith look like in these settings? How is it practised?

Vocation

Vocation is a term for an occupation or lifestyle to which a person is specially drawn or called to, for which they are suited, trained or qualified.

God has given us all gifts and abilities. Just as God is creative, He has made us creative also. We have the abilities to make things, create things, grow and nurture things. When we use our God given abilities, we are affirming how God has made us. It is an act of worship.

Have you ever thought of your skills and abilities as something that pleases God?

Work hard, but not just to please your masters when they are watching. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Ephesians 6:6

Commit your work to the LORD, and then your plans will succeed.

Proverbs 16:3

The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labour. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:8-9

Our vocational settings are where we practice our gifts, and they are part of our mission field.

God calls us to be engaged with all parts of society. We need men and women of God in corporate settings, in classrooms, in retail, in trade, at home with children, stacking shelves, cleaning, collecting rubbish, working in churches, building houses, in sales, etc etc.

In these places we glorify God by practising and using our gifts and abilities.

In these places we identify with and serve others.

We make the presence of Jesus Christ known and felt.

We preach always, and if necessary use words.

We pray for our colleagues, friends, teachers, bosses, employees.

We make ourselves available to the needy and broken hearted.