

**The Office Sermon Series:
Part #3 – My Career vs. My Calling
Matthew 25:14-30**

Series Summary

Work. For most people, it's a necessity. For some, it's a passion. And for others, it's a four-letter word to be avoided as much as possible. But for all of us, only one perspective on work really matters: God's!

Series Passage

Colossians 3:23 – Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...

Big Question

What if you could be the same person at work as you are at church?

Sermon Summary: Employees want a person worth following. And as bosses or supervisors, we are responsible for the people God has entrusted to us. By bringing our Christian values into the workplace and living out our calling, we can create great environments that could change our employees' lives.

Big Idea – Your Calling = Use It or Lose It!

1 Peter 2:21 – To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

It's More than a Career...It's My Calling

- **We will study the parable of the talents throughout this message and will break it into four basic categories of understanding how we have been called to use our talents and gifts to glorify the Lord.**

Level #1 – Understand Your Responsibility

- **Jeremiah 1:5-8** – ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” ⁶“Ah, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am only a child.” ⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a child.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.
- **1 Peter 2:9-10** – ⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
- **Key Point** – The key point here comes to us as we reflect upon the first part of the parable. It is here where we see the master entrust his servants with his possessions and he gives them different degrees of responsibility according to their abilities. We draw the simple

parallel in this text to our Christian walk as we have been entrusted with the great privilege of being Christ's ambassadors on this earth. We are called to live out our faith in such a way that it expands God's Kingdom.

Level #2 – Your Reaction Tells All

- **Mt. 22:37** – Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."
- **Key Point** – The key point here comes to us as we reflect upon the response of the three servants. Two were faithful and responded accordingly. They went out, took the talents,

Level #3 – You Will Give an Account

- **Matthew 7:21** – "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."

Level #4 – You Will Be Given Your Reward

- **Mt. 13:12** – Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

Questions to Consider

What is the great calling God has asked you to live out in your life? How can you use your gifts & talents to glorify God in the workplace as well as the church?

Memory Verse

Colossians 3:23 – Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...

Big Challenge

This work week seek to live out your calling in several different ways in the workplace as well as the church. Examples: Pray for others, Encourage Others, Serve Others.

