



Session Four: Traded

INTRODUCTION

When we talk about God's will for us, does it always refer to our work or career? Does God's will encompass more than our job? What kind of connection is there a connection between our profession and our purpose?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your first job? Did you ever have a job that you hated but looking back were glad that you worked in that position?
2. Based on what you know about your current performance, would you trust you with more responsibility?
3. Are you *preparing* for the next opportunity or just *waiting* for it?
4. Read Colossians 3:23-24. Our jobs usually result in some type of profit. Does "working for the Lord" come with any rewards?
5. What can you begin doing where you are now to prepare for the next opportunity?
6. Is there an opportunity where you are now that you are ignoring because the income doesn't match the workload?

Moving Forward

The desire to combine purpose with profit is a natural one. The desire to engage in work that engages God's thumbprints on you is a good one. But more often than not, God guides through opportunities. Take full advantage of your current opportunity rather than passively waiting for the next one.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:23-24