



# Week 1: Doing a Good Job

We don't have to be in a particularly noble job for it to have value. God values our work, and we serve God and others by simply doing a good job at it. God asked us to be caretakers of the earth through our work. This is the starting point for embracing a spirituality of work.

The Gospel story this week is of the two sons who are asked by their father to work in the vineyard (one refuses but then goes, the other agrees and doesn't). Do we competently carry out the work we have committed to doing?

If we live the faith in our daily life, then our work too becomes a chance to spread the joy of being a Christian.



**Pope Francis**  
@pontifex

We all have the duty to do our work well. If we wish to realize ourselves properly, we may not avoid our duty or perform our work in a mediocre way, without interest, just to get it over with.



**Saint John Paul II**

Besides making a living, having a career, or answering a vocation, some people find meaning in doing a good, conscientious job or providing high-quality goods or services to others. Above and beyond (and sometimes despite) their pay, these people really care about the results and effect of their work. They do good work not because someone is watching, not to keep their jobs or get a raise, not even because they feel especially called to the particular work they are doing.

To them, it is a matter of pride—not the "I'm better than you are" kind of pride, but the pride that God must take in creation itself.

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Even if it falls on your lot to be a street sweeper go on out and sweep streets like Michelangelo painted pictures; sweep streets like Handel and Beethoven composed music; sweep streets like Shakespeare wrote poetry; sweep streets so well that all the host of heaven and earth will have to pause and say, "Here lived a great street sweeper who swept his job well."



**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

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### Short Videos

"Work as Worship" offers a thoughtful perspective on the faith-work connection. Acclaimed Superbowl ad "So God made a farmer" might just make you cry.



### You Had One Job

On the lighter side, it's frustrating when people are *not* competent in their work. The internet has that covered.

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