

# Work that Works

Matthew 25:14-30, Refresh Series #7 – Refresh your Career  
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## Q/ How can my work work?

Refresh from God:

### 1. We were created to work and to work is to create.

*Ge 2:2* By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.<sup>3</sup> And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

*cf. Ge2:15, Ex.31:1-11, Jn 5:17, Ro12:3-8*

### 2. But an overworked Christian is an oxymoron. *Mt 11:30*

“...pure bombardment: ...too much work relative to the time we have, too many demands from our work and personal lives, and too many decisions facing us and not enough time to deliberate about them... too much to deal with in a world which is too busy” – Douglas LaBier

*There's more to work than increasing it's speed.*

### 3. A lazy path isn't as refreshing as being faithful with my abilities.

*Mt 25:21* “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

### 4. The best career is to be a servant of God, not a lord of men.

*Eph 6:7* Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men,

*cf. Mk 10:42-45*

### 5. Be happy with the work God has given you.

*Ecc 5:19* ...to accept his lot and be happy in his work—this is a gift of God.<sup>20</sup> He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.

*cf. 1Co7:22*

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## A/ Turn my work over to the Master.

*Pr 25:13* Like the coolness of snow at harvest time is a trustworthy messenger to those who send him; he **refreshes** the spirit of his masters.