

LAW & GOSPEL
4th Commandment: Work
Exodus 20:8-11

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1. Man is called by God to _____.

- a. Man is called by God for the purpose of making all things _____ for His glory in their work.
- b. There will be many difficulties and frustrations associated with work because of _____.

2. The Reformation doctrine of vocation is helpful in understanding the importance of work.

“Instead of seeing vocation as a matter of what we should do —what we must do as a Christian worker or a Christian citizen or a Christian parent—Martin Luther emphasizes what God does in and through vocations.” - Gene Veith

- a. God providentially assigns to each person particular _____ in life. These stations fall under the general categories of church, state, and family (which includes work).
- b. It is God who graciously calls His people to salvation in Christ, and as Christians they _____ out their salvation within the stations in life to which God calls them.

- c. Honor the Lord by recognizing the multiple ways in which He is at work in everyday life through the multiplied callings of _____ people.

“Vocation is a _____ of God.” - Martin Luther

- d. Believers glorify God in their own work as He uses them to accomplish _____ work in the lives of others.
 - 1) Work that honors God will be characterized by diligence, honesty, and submission.
 - 2) It is important to plan but also recognize that God, in His Providence, _____ into the work best designed for us.
 - 3) Recognize that the work that is done for the service of another is done unto _____.

“God is hidden in our vocation. Christ is hidden in our _____.” - Gene Veith