

FUTURE CHURCH



A WAY OF LIFE FOR THE
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A Community of Contribution in a Culture of Careerism

Genesis 1:26-28

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A community of contribution in a culture of careerism through the practice of vocation.

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Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

The temptation of careerism.

“Work has always served as the great American barometer of worth and identity. Our occupation is the number one socially approved means of justifying our existence, and not just the type of occupation but performance there. When we talk about success or failure in life, it’s assumed that we’re talking about work, which means that a job is never just a job but an identity. It is where we locate our enoughness, and as such, the stream from which our strictest pieties flow.”

- David Zahl, *Seculosity*

Careerism: an idolatrous overemphasis on work, such that we look to a job as a core place for spiritual and emotional fulfillment.

Burnout during the pandemic:

- 89% said their work life was getting worse.
- 85% said their well-being had declined.
- 56% said their job demands had increased.
- 62% of the people who were struggling to manage their workloads had experienced burnout “often” or “extremely often” in the previous three months.

Vocation: the calling of God for your unique identity and mission.

God has called you:

1. To be yourself with God.
2. To steward the gifts and abilities God has given to you.
3. To have dominion over what God has entrusted to you.

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If we are stewards, then we are not the owners.

3. God calls you to have dominion over what He has entrusted to you.

To have dominion over a space means producing beauty, excellence, glory, peace, and all good things in it.

Kavana

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Be a contribution.