

“JOBS AND DOMINION”

Exo 5:6-9

Modern Problem: Men who don't realize how their job can/will affect ministry, spiritual life, fruitfulness – destiny. Somehow bought into idea that job is always & completely separate from walk/God, miss many important issues.

I. DEVIL WILL FIGHT YOU IN YOUR JOB

A. Our Scrip Shows an ancient strategy of the enemy

1. Trying to make their work harder to hinder their spiritual life
 - a. *You want to go worship? Too bad – try making bricks without straw*
 1. Devil likes to intervene in your work situation to set stumbling blocks before you
2. Why does he do this? It's an easy target: Everyone has to work – work consumes large part/life
 - a. So it becomes an easy way to target you/family/ministry/church

B. How does he target us in work?

1. **Target You in Time:** Keep you away from the things of God
 - a. *Not talking about having to work late one Wednesday – probably not the devil/don't rebuke your boss or quit over that*
 - b. Talking about a chronic inability to serve God completely because work is dominating your life
 1. **Unpredictable schedules:** Don't ever know if you'll be off, have time – thus you can't commit
 2. **Nights/weekends:** Strategically scheduled to keep you out of church/ministry
 3. **Extremely Long hours:** Always tired/beat down – no time/energy for family let alone church
2. **Target Your Finances:**
 - a. Targeting your money so you feel have to work more/longer/harder to survive – do it to yourself
 - b. Or take away job/try and frustrate us finding work

II. JOBS AND DOMINION

A. Your job is a dominion Issue

1. Many men fail to see that the spiritual runs all through life –
 - a. Not just at church – job such large % life, inevitably it involves spiritual issues
 1. If your entire life consumed/dominated by/revolves around job – has to play out in results
2. The issue in our scripture is **Who is God in your life?**
 - a. **Who provides for your family?** You, your boss, or God?
 - b. **Who gave you the job?** Your great resume or God's favor?
 - c. **If you desire ministry – WHEN** will you get dominion over your work? How will you make that change?
 1. POINT: We are called to have dominion in ALL of life

B. This is all about the future

1. They were wanting to have a good future in the Promised Land: Picture of entering destiny: Decided now!
 - a. Your ability to provide for yourself while not being consumed by work is part of succeeding as a pastor
 1. *As a pastor you can't miss church for work, need to get dominion in the present*

III. GETTING DOMINION IN WORK

A. Recognize the Problem: Spiritual problem - not a Physical one

1. Problem was Pharaoh (*type of Satan*): Answer was supernatural deliverance & faith in divine guidance/provision
 - a. If your job keeping out/church or ministry, otherwise impeding in your spiritual life – take it to God!

B. Recognize Your Provider:

1. Have to always keep in mind – God is the provider, not your boss, not even you
 - a. *Deut 8:18 “And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.*
 - b. *When we begin to ask for diff/sched, better hours, move to new job/position – remember God gave you the job, and He can help!*
2. You can have Dominion in your Job:
 - a. God of universe – don't think He's happy when we make decision to put Him before work?
 1. *JB working at Taco Bell: Asked for weds/sat/sun off – they said ‘It just doesn't work that way when you're 16. He insisted, took it to God. Says he has never worked through church, and ONLY ONCE through an outreach in his entire life.*
3. Like COI – you can be delivered from bondage, but need to trust in God's provision & guidance