

"Stressed Out About My Job" Stressed Out! Series Pastor Mark

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"Then Jesus said, 'Come to Me all of you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you <u>rest</u>. Take My yoke upon you, let Me teach you because I am humble and gentle and you will find <u>rest for your souls</u>."" Matthew 11:28-29

5 biggest job stressors we face in the workplace:

- 1) I don't know what to do with MY LIFE.
 - God's solution: **ASK GOD** what He wants me to do.
 - *"If you need wisdom and you want to know what God wants you to do, <u>ask Him</u>, and He will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking." James 1:5*
- 2) I feel like a FAILURE when I don't succeed at MY JOB.
 - God's solution: Separate my **IDENTITY** from my **JOB**.
 - "So I turned in <u>despair from hard work</u>. It was not the answer to my search for satisfaction in this life." Ecclesiastes 2:20
 - "For we are God's masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus to do <u>good works</u> which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10
- 3) I HATE my job.
 - There are 2 possible solutions to a job we hate:
 - a) Find a **<u>NEW JOB</u>**.
 - b) Learn to love the job I ALREADY HAVE.
 - God's solution: Do what <u>I LOVE</u> & love what <u>I DO</u>.
 - "Whatever presents itself for you to do, do it with <u>all your might</u>." Ecclesiastes 9:10
 - "His master replied, 'Good job. You are a good and faithful servant. You have proved that you could be trusted with a <u>small amount</u>. I will put you in charge of a <u>large amount</u>. Come and share in your master's happiness." Matthew 25:23

4) I'm <u>BURNT OUT</u>.

- 1) God's solution: Keep the **<u>SABBATH</u>** by taking <u>**1 DAY**</u> a week off.
 - "You have six days in which to do your work, but the seventh day is the <u>day of rest</u>, dedicated to Me." Exodus 20:9-10

My job <u>MATTERS</u>.

- God's solution: Look for opportunities to **SERVE GOD AT WORK**.
 - *"In all the work you are doing, work the best you can. Work as if you are doing it <u>for the Lord</u> and <u>not for people</u>." Colossians 3:23*
- If you go to work for God & not for your boss, 2 things will happen:
 - a) Stress at work will **DECREASE** because God is a pretty good boss.
 - b) Your work will become more meaningful because you're going to realize what **REALLY MATTERS**.