



SESSION 3 — Faith-Worklife Integration

Understanding God’s Word about “Work”:

- Hebrew word – _____
A key OT word for _____ and _____.
- Have you ever thought about the connection? Is worship work?
Is work worship?

_____:

- The root word means **to work** or **to serve**.
- An **oved** is a worker. An **evud** is a slave. **Avdut** is slavery. Thus, **avodah** involves the idea of serving someone.
- **Avodat Elohim** is the **service or worship** of the true God.

Avodah Applied to Understanding of Work:

- Work is the expenditure of energy (manual or mental or both) that:
 1. Serves others’ _____
 2. Brings fulfillment to the _____
 3. Produces benefit to the _____
 4. Results in _____ to God!
- Work is the service of **others** to the glory of God.
- Without grasping the meaning of **avodah** believers **don’t make the connection** between their faith and their worklife.

- This leads to not seeing the redeeming value and **divine purpose** of their jobs/work and thus Christian workers live _____ lives!

4 (-) Impacts of Compartmentalized Christian Living:

1. On the _____ and _____
 - No “salt and light”
 - Fail to infuse Biblical values, practices and views into business (“Spiritual Capital”) refer to Week 4
2. On the _____
 - Goal is to bring unbelievers to Christ and the church
 - Done by 1st bringing Christ to them in our lives
 - When we segregate our faith from workplace unbelievers see no reason to follow us to church
3. On our _____ and _____
 - Bought into the SSD – ministry/evangelism is “not my job”
 - “Spiritual muscles atrophy”
 - “Do it all” burn-out vs. compromising
 - “Balance” is not the answer!
4. On our _____
 - When we fail to utilize the spiritual resources available to affect excellence in our business dealings
 - **Satan’s lie**: must choose between excellence in business OR excellence in testimony for the Lord
 - Ref. Phil.2:12b-13; 1Pet.2:9,12; Eph.6:5-8; 1Cor.10:31