

NOTES



PRAYER

*“Heavenly Father,
Thank you for all the ways you’ve blessed me, specifically with this job that pays my bills and puts food on my table. Thank you that all work has significance because work is good. Help me bring you glory today, through my actions, my words, through the good work I do to bring order to my little corner of the world. Help me view my work as a blessing and not a curse. Give me grace and strength for the hardest aspects of my job.
In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.”*

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OPENING QUESTION (OPTIONAL)

In a short sentence can you answer this question: “What makes something beautiful?”



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WORD

The Lord said to Moses, 2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, 4 to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, 5 in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft. 6 And behold, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. And I have given to all able men ability, that they may make all that I have commanded you: 7 the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, 8 the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, 9 and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, 10 and the finely worked garments, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, for their service as priests, 11 and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense for the Holy Place. According to all that I have commanded you, they shall do."

[Exodus 31](#)

Two fellows (Bezel and Oholiab) called out by name by God, that He gave secular gifts to—these guys weren't preachers or choir leaders—that brought God glory through their skill in building. • Some of you have felt this. When you're doing something at work that you're good at, you feel something strange, almost supernatural. You may not have known how to put it into words, but it is God's glory in and through you.

God gave you that gift—to run, to do business! And here's something maybe even cooler: You'll probably be doing some form of that job in heaven. I love Tim Keller's thought on this: "When we get to heaven, ministers and doctors will have to have new job training, whereas architects and artists will not." Tim Keller

You're not going to need somebody healing your body or yelling at you each week to live right. How many people in here in the medical profession or ministry profession? Bad news: we're going to have to learn something new in heaven. I don't know what mine will be yet. I'm going to lobby for a management position of some kind or to be a stunt man for Vin Diesel. You're not going to need me up there preaching the word of God to you because you'll be in the presence of the Word of God Himself. • Some of you need to rethink your job, and think about it as a gift given to develop creation in a way that glorifies God and benefits other human beings. And you need to have the attitude of serving other people in that job, not just making money.

["What Makes Our Work 'Christian?'" - JD Greear](#)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

((NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE))

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 being never and 10 being always), how would you rate your ability to make beautiful things? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. Do you see the beauty in the work you do? Why/Why Not?
3. Proverbs 22:29 says "Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men." What do you think this means and how does it apply to you?
4. Exodus 31:6 "...in the hearts of all who are skillful I have put skill, that they may make all that I have commanded you." What does this tell us about "natural-born ability," about "talented" people?
5. Do you want to trust Jesus as the Creator and sole source of fulfillment of your life by accepting His call for you to enter into relationship with Him? Please take this moment to pray with your group. Will you enable him to have all authority as the one who calls the shots in your life? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your lifegroup leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to be the master of my life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour. I declare that I am Yours, and You are mine, In Jesus name, AMEN.