



Many of us spend over 30 percent of our lives at a job and, according to Gallup, almost 80 percent of us are dissatisfied when we're there. We'll spend almost a third of our lives on something that creates dissatisfaction. In *Dream Job*, we will hit the reset button and go back to the original purpose of work. And, hopefully, you'll move one step closer to finding your *dream job*.

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1. VIDEO: *Watch and Take Notes*

REASONS WE WORK

- 1. Pay the bills
- 2. Success
- 3. Identity
- 4. Money, money, money, money . . .

THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE

You'll never understand your purpose _____ until you understand the purpose _____.

“Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.” (Genesis 3:17-19, NIV)

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and _____ of it.” (Genesis 2:15, NIV)



THOUGHTS FROM A TENTMAKER

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” (Colossians 3:23-24, NIV)

CONCLUSION

The purpose of your life at work is to show that God is at work in your life. When we discover the purpose of work, we find that there is no such thing as a job without purpose. This means that all of us can experience something remarkable: a job with purpose, meaning, and satisfaction. In other words, a *dream job*.

Answer Key for Blanks

at work
of work
take care

2. DISCUSS: *Talk About It*

1. What was your first job? How old were you when you started that job?
2. Talk about one of your bad days or challenging seasons at work. What, if anything, did it teach you?
3. Which of the four purposes Jeff outlined in the message best represents the reason(s) you work?
 - Pay the bills
 - Success
 - Identity
 - Money
4. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being “not at all” and 10 being “completely,” circle how satisfied you are with your current work. If you are willing, share it with the group.

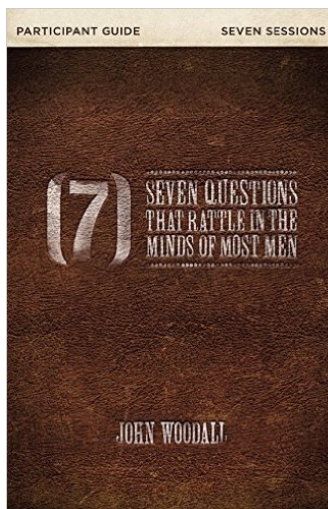
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5. Have you ever known anyone who approached his or her work as a blessing from God? What did that person do or say to demonstrate that attitude?
6. Read Colossians 3:23. For you personally, is it easy or hard to view your job as if you are working for God, not just your company or boss? Is there anything specific about your company or boss that makes it that way?

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7. Jeff stated, “The purpose of your life at work is to show that God is at work in your life.” What is one practical thing you can do this week to start working with this new purpose?



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