Destiny Center Discipleship **September 23, 2026**

Work as Worship: Don't Worship Work **Pastor Scott**

How do people "worship" their work? Do you think that's really a problem?

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If someone is worshipping their work do they need to quit their jobs, or cut back on hours? Or would it just take and attitude adjustment? _____

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How can you know when work becomes an idol? When does it "take the place of God"?

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BIBLE JOURNEY

Psalm 127:1-2 NIV

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.
2 In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves.

What's the main point here? _____

What's the value of work that is not directed by the Lord? _____

1 Timothy 6:9-10 NIV

9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

According to these verses, what happens when you "want to get rich"? _____

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What does "ruin and destruction" look like? Have you seen this happen to anyone?

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Why would a desire for money cause someone to "wander from the faith"?

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1 Timothy 6:17-19 NIV

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

What are rich people "commanded" to do? _____
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What does it mean to "put your hope in" wealth, or in God? How do we do that?
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What does it mean by "the life that is truly life"? _____
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Is money bad? Is it wrong to be rich? _____
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Then, is it wrong to have (or to seek) a high-paying job? _____
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Matthew 6:19-21 NIV
19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

What's the connection between "treasure" and "heart"? How does that work?
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How can you invest all of that "in heaven"? _____
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Matthew 6:24 NIV
24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

How does this connect with passages from 1 Timothy 6? Do they agree, add anything?
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Matthew 6:25-33 NIV
25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life[e]? 28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

How hard do flowers have to work to look so beautiful? _____

Who “runs after” material possessions? _____

What does verse 33 say about the priorities we should have? _____
What does Jesus mean by “His kingdom and His righteousness? How do we seek them?
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What things will be given to us as well? _____

How are you personally going to “seek first” God’s kingdom and righteousness in your work and in your life? _____
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