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Don't Waste Your Work
Where's your Identity?
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Big Idea: So much of our identity comes from what we do for a job. For a modern capitalist society, work and economic gain play an important role. We often judge others by their occupation. A Christian view of work places it in a proper place of using it to worship God but not forming the whole of our identity.

Intro: What do you ask someone when you meet for the first time? Where do you **WORK**?

1) While our work is important, our **identity** is found in Christ.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

When our work becomes our identity, we are slaves to our **PERFORMANCE**.

2) God works through the **difficulties** of our jobs to transform us to **reflect** him.

James 1:2–3 says, “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.”

Perhaps **work** is a constant trial and toil and filled with suffering. But in those moments, we can lean into God and see that in our weakness his **strength** can come through.

Closing - If work is the sum of life, then God calls us fools.

Really with all the work you give all that energy to... When you die, what good did it do?