

Work

Ready:

“God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it.’” – Genesis 1:28a

Set

As a coach or athlete, you probably feel like what you do is more than just a job. Maybe you feel like you were created for it. In fact, you were. Have you ever wondered why everyone works? Yes, we need food and shelter, meaning we must work to make money. But studies show that even when people don't need money, they still choose to work.

Did you know that work was created before the Fall – before sin? Work was part of God's plan even from the beginning. He created us to “fill the earth and govern it.” We were made to cultivate the earth with community, art, music, families, governments, and, dare I say...sports.

What we do as coaches and athletes matters and comes straight from the heart of God. It can be a clock in and out kind of work or something we see as a way to show God to others. We can use our influence to build others up and remind them of whom God says they are regardless of their performance.

Working together is the way of the Kingdom. Paul writes that we are co-laborers with Him. He not only created us to work, but He also wants us to work with Him. God wants to be in the details of our lives, in our coaching, and in our playing. Can we focus more on working with an eternal mindset and less with a temporal mindset?

Go

1. Why do you do your job?
2. How does knowing God created us for work change your view of what you do?
3. How can you not only work for God but also work with Him?

Workout

Matthew 11:28-30; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Overtime

“Lord, thank You for creating me to be who I am. Please help me to be rooted in Your perfect plan and remind me that You have a specific purpose for me. Help me to work in step with You.”



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