

***Work is the skin of practical living  
on the skeleton of Scripture.***

## ***Ephesians 4:11-12***

***11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets,  
the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,  
12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry,  
for building up the body of Christ.***

***Our responsibility as workers in a secular world is to live out this scripture of “being equipped for the work of the ministry”.***

## ***How did the curse affect work?***

- Genesis 3:16-19: thorns and thistles, eat by the sweat of your brow
- Romans 8:22: Earth groans awaiting freedom from the bondage of corruption that sin brought to the earth

**1 Corinthians 12:4-7,11:** <sup>4</sup> Now there are ***varieties*** of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are ***varieties*** of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are ***varieties*** of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup> ***To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*** <sup>11</sup> ***All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.***

***Romans 12:4-5:*** <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and ***the members do not all have the same function,*** <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

# ***1 Corinthians 12:14-26***

***“The kind of work God usually calls you to is the kind of work (a) that you need to do and (b) that the world needs to have done. The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s hunger meet.”***

***Frederick Buechner***

***4 Questions to ask as you think through  
your work and its fit for you.***

1. How has God designed me?
2. What life experiences have shaped me?
3. What circumstances surround me?
4. What do my wise counselors say?



# ***Choice and Un-choice***

## ***Law of choice***

1. Always have the right to choose
2. Don't have the right not to choose (by not choosing you are making a choice.)
3. Don't have the right to choose the consequences from your choice.

***“Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.”***

***J Calvin Coolidge (30th pres.)***