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HOLY WORK

**I am doing a great work
Nehemiah 6:3**

Honest, faithful, honorable work of any sort, done as best one can and as helpfully to others as possible, glorifies God. So a believer may see his or her work as hallowed, whether that work involves handing fast food out of a window, cleaning offices late at night, bartering at the stock market, caring for children, plowing a field, balancing accounts, repairing a car, or (even) composing a manuscript. God gives His people all kinds of skills and interests and opportunities, and He receives their praise not only in verbal form, but in the form of all kinds of work well done in His name. What turns work, which might otherwise become drudgery, into a vocation is not the nature of the work itself, but the fact that it is done for the Glory of the Lord.

Work means, precisely, useful, creative employment in the service of God and others – just that. Skills are involved in work, but salary may or may not accompany it. A lot of our work is unsalaried. Homemaking is a case in point, yet homemaking fulfills a crucially important calling from God at the most significant time of a child’s life. Homemaking parents serve God and others in a profound way by caring for their children and by creating a home in which the entire family receives physical, emotional, and spiritual nurture. Homemaking as a call from God is sometimes overlooked, as are the para-homemaking aspects, as we may call them of church life.

We need to get our minds off the equation that vocations and career equal profession and status and earnings. The reality of vocation extends far wider than that. All Christian voluntary work is vocational. AMEN.

~Dr. J.I. Packer

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

