



Re:Work



“Many said they had become more spiritual, whole and connected after working in tech. Their workplaces were communities where they found belonging, meaning and purpose. But as I discovered during my research, the gospel of work is thin gruel, an ethically empty solution to meet our essential need for belonging and meaning. And it is starving us as individuals and communities.”

Carolyn Chen, New York Times

When Your Job Fills in for Your Faith, That's a Problem

“What is workism? It is the belief that work is not only necessary to economic production, but also the centerpiece of one’s identity and life’s purpose...”

Derek Thomson, The Atlantic

Workism Is Making Americans Miserable

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar.

Genesis 11:1-3 (ESV)

⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.

Genesis 11:4 (ESV)



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"There are way easier places to work, but nobody ever changed the world on 40 hours a week."

Elon Musk

"Varies per person, but about 80 sustained,
peaking above 100 at times."

Elon Musk

When work is going well, everything else in my life feels ok; if work is going poorly, those around me know I'm pretty difficult to be around.

Work is allowed to interrupt everything else in my life. The idea of ceasing from work is scary, because I feel like I will lose momentum, or lose ground on others.

It's hard for me to feel happy about the success of others in work, because I feel like it should have been me, and they are taking away my opportunities.

I'm ashamed of my role at work and would prefer not to mention it because it might cause people to look down on me.

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:1-3 (NIV)



The reason why I play golf is because I am trying to glorify God and all that He has done in my life. And so for me, my identity isn't a golf score. Like Meredith told me this morning, she says, if you win this golf tournament today, if you lose this golf tournament by 10 shots, if you never win another golf tournament again...I'm still going to love you, you're still the same person, Jesus loves you. And nothing changes.

Scottie Scheffler

The best job with a misplaced identity will destroy you.

The worst job with your identity rooted in Christ can be deeply meaningful.

Every job has purpose when you know who you are.

⁵ ... you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:5,9 (NIV)

