

WHAT CONSTITUTES A BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN STUDENT?

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What is the Biblical view of work? For the Biblical Christian – and I like this – work is a form of worship. The English word **work** literally derives from the word **worship**. That is, work is *worth-ship* of and unto God. Indeed, as citizens of God’s kingdom, we worship God just as much when we are in the field, behind the desk, or behind the lectern, as we do when we are sitting in the pew. We should be aware that work is a tremendous privilege.

Moreover, each person, as created by God, is unique and created for a purpose and, through the leadership of God-the-Spirit and the covenant of calling, has a work to do. Such work is, indeed, worship. This is tremendous. Once again, we refer to the basic presupposition that man is king, called upon by God to take dominion over creation. Every occupation, under God, is highly significant.

If we work of and unto God, we will be successful; we will be productive. This is true, for example, of students, who are called of God to study as a means to His end in and through their lives. You show me a Biblical Christian student, and I will show you a successful student, not necessarily a straight-A student, though perhaps that, but certainly a successful student. Why? Because a Biblical Christian student is working, not of and unto himself, not of and unto any professor, not of and unto any goal such as a major or a degree or, even, employment, but of and unto God as a form of worship, and any person who works of and unto God will be successful. As a general rule, if a student is not academically successful, that student is not worshipping God. Work is a form of worship; it is a privilege.