



WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?

Today's message will center around Ephesians 4:1, *I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.* It may be interesting and, hopefully, beneficial, to see what professions God's servants have been in.

First, we have *And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.* Matthew 4:18

They were fishermen when Jesus Called them to be "fishers of men." It appears they continued to fish afterwards, *Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.* John 21:7

I hate to mention the next, but, *As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.* Matthew 9:9

There is no indication that Matthew continued in this line of work! Now, of course, we know about Paul. *So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers.* Acts 18:3

Of course, everyone who has Christ as their Lord is a servant, as was Moses, *My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house.* Numbers 12:7

We should all be faithful in this calling as Moses was. *And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward,* Hebrews 3:5

The one occupation that one should, apparently, avoid is working with various kinds of metal. *Alexander the*

coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works. II Timothy 4:14

Alexander wasn't the only one who caused Paul trouble, *For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no small profit to the craftsmen. . . . Acts 19:24 . . . and great pain to Paul. So, in general, Every metalsmith is put to shame by an image; For his molded image is falsehood, And there is no breath in them.* Jeremiah 10:14

We shouldn't forget the professional people in the Bible, such as, *Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you.* Colossians 4:14

There were even Christians who were in high places . . . *Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon.* Daniel 2:48

And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Genesis 41:41

and there have been those who were slaves (literally). . . . *I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains. . . . I am sending him back. You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart, . . . no longer as a slave but more than a slave--a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.* Philemon 10, 12, and 16

There have even been prostitutes who have become part of the Family of God, *By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.* Hebrews 11:31 Of course, that is worse than being a tax collector and when one becomes a Christian, the profession would change.

No matter what occupation the Lord has called you to, you need to work as unto the Lord. You need to *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* II Timothy 2:15

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