



Foundation of Work

1 Corinthians 4:2 says, *"Moreover, it is required in a steward that a man be found faithful."* **Stewardship** is the wise and prudent management of resources that have been entrusted to us.

The Career Direct® *Guidance System* is based on six foundational principles.

Principle 1. The Origin of Work is God. *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"* (Genesis 1:1 NIV). Part of being "in His image" means that we are *workers*, like God Himself. Most major figures mentioned in the Bible were known for their work and vocations.

Principle 2. All work has meaning and dignity. Colossians 3:17 says, *"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him"* (NIV). Socially, the Reformation struck at society's dualistic view of work. Just as they saw the church comprised of all people, not just the clergy, so the reformer saw all work -- sacred and secular -- both intellectual and manual as a way of serving God.

Principle 3. God has a plan for each person's life. *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope for a future"* (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV). The entire Career Direct® *Guidance System* is rooted in the belief that we are not created randomly. *"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"* (Ephesians 2:10 NIV).

Principle 4. Our work is a stage for ministry and witness. We need to understand the vital fact that our work is a platform for *ministry*. Matthew 28:19 says, *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"* (NIV). Matthew 5:16 says, *"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven"* (NIV).



Principle 5. Christians are to be excellent in their work in order to glorify God. God wants us to rise above mediocrity in our vocation. Excellence comes from development of our God given talents. Psalms 16:3 refers *"to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight"* (KJV). God will use our excellence to His glory. Proverbs 22:29 says, *"Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men"* (NIV). No matter what we are doing, we want to learn and train ourselves to be the best that we can be for God and His kingdom.

Principle 6. God is the final authority on our work so we need to dedicate our work to God and depend on Him to give us the strength and resources to do each job. Matthew 6:19-21 warns us, *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"* (NIV).

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