

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS
Doorways to Ultimate Christian Living – Part 11
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Genesis 2:15

How to Make the Most of Your 9 to 5 Work-Life

1. Realize that your work is a _____.

*"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."
– 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)*

*"Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering."
– Romans 12:1b (MSG)*

2. When you clock in, give your _____.

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."
– Colossians 3:23 (NIV)*

*"Don't just do what you have to do to get by, but work heartily, as Christ's servants doing what God wants you to do. And work with a smile on your face, always keeping in mind that no matter who happens to be giving the orders, you're really serving God."
– Ephesians 6:6-7 (MSG)*

3. Take the _____ to do _____ than you are asked to do.

*"If anyone requires you to go one mile, go two miles with him."
– Matthew 5:41 (NJB)*

4. Assume the _____, not the _____ in others.

*"Treat others as you would like people to treat you."
– Luke 6:31 (NJB)*

*"Do not think of yourself more highly than you should. Instead, be modest in your thinking."
– Romans 12:3b (TEV)*

5. Be _____ with those who are _____.

*"Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody."
– Romans 12:18 (TEV)*

6. Look for ways to _____.

*"Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand."
– Philippians 2:3-4 (MSG)*

*"Be generous, and you will be prosperous. Help others, and you will be helped."
– Proverbs 11:25 (TEV)*

7. Respond to challenges with _____.

*"Don't leave your job just because your boss is angry with you. Remaining calm solves great problems."
– Ecclesiastes 10:4 (NCV)*

*"You who are slaves must accept the authority of your masters. Do whatever they tell you – not only if they are kind and reasonable, but even if they are harsh. For God is pleased with you when, for the sake of your conscience, you patiently endure unfair treatment."
– 1 Peter 2:18-19 (NLT)*

8. Don't just identify _____, discover _____.

*"A gift opens doors for the one who gives it and brings him into the presence of great people."
– Proverbs 18:16 (GW)*

9. Continually invest in _____.

*"A dull axe requires great strength; be wise and sharpen the blade."
– Ecclesiastes 10:10 (LB)*

*"Wise men and women are always learning, always listening for fresh insights."
– Proverbs 18:15 (MSG)*

10. Make a _____ impact.

*"You are the light of the world. ... let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."
– Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)*

*"Live wisely among those who are not Christians, and make the most of every opportunity."
– Colossians 4:5 (NLT)*

**THE BOTTOM LINE: _____!
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