

I. ME

- A. Welcome/Online/So what about...
- B. Adulting- **expectations v. reality**
 - 1. Tweets
- C. It's hard... you get skills to accomplish your job, sometimes, but we don't get a lot of training on what it really means to be an adult.
 - 1. And we just kinda make it up as we go and never end up where we hoped we would
 - 2. To have a better life we need to be better at life
 - 3. Why we are doing the series.
 - 4. How to achieve goals, relationships, money...
- D. **Work**
 - 1. I hate work... I love my job but I hate work (talk about that later)
 - 2. Work and jobs aren't necessarily the same thing (can be)... **work is whatever you HAVE to do that you don't WANT to do.**
 - 3. There's a lot I don't want to do- Laziness of planning my trip to the fridge and the bathroom by what requires the fewest amount of steps.
 - 4. Always try to do the minimum required.
 - 5. School- 300 word essay... always 298 words and then finished with... THE END. (Spent more time counting words than writing words)
 - 6. Just do enough to get it done and move on to what I really WANT to do.

II. WE

- A. You?
 - 1. Get the stuff you HAVE to do done as quickly as possible...
 - 2. Get it done "good enough" so the house doesn't fall apart or your boss doesn't notice...
 - 3. So that you have more time for what you really WANT to do.
- B. It starts as a kid with school or chores
 - 1. Get through the boring stuff to get to do recess or go to the creative corner
 - 2. Clean your room as fast as you can so you can go out and play
 - 3. Vacuuming- never actually moving stuff just going around.
- C. How we think... **Work is hard so we work hard to avoid working too hard.**
 - 1. Problem is most of life is some type of work... so most of our life we are either
 - a. Dreading what we're going to HAVE to do
 - b. OR... Hating what we are HAVING to do
 - c. We end trying to avoid most of our life.
 - 2. Work becomes something that we just HAVE to do. In order to get to do the things we WANT to do.
 - 3. But it's even worse than that

D. It's not just what you HAVE to do but WHO you have to do it with/for.

1. Ungrateful little brats/angels
2. Demanding boss who is never satisfied but never clear of their expectations... or micromanages everything to death
3. Co-workers who seem to care even less than you do... or seem to care WAY more than they should and are scratching to get to the top.
4. No wonder people don't want to work.

5. Work often forces us to do what we don't want to do with people we don't want to be with.

E. But it wasn't always like this...

1. In fact, work is not bad. It's part of our original perfect design...
2. Adam and Eve and Jesus
- 3. Genesis 2:15**
 - a. **We are designed to work.**

F. And Adam didn't hate it/didn't complain... everything was perfect... He wanted to do it.

1. So what's the difference?
- 2. Purpose**
3. Adam knew why he was doing what he was doing
- 4. We want purpose to our work.**

G. Examples...

1. HS physical fitness test v. basic training.
2. MATH test in 8th grade or NASA engineers moon landing
3. What's the difference?... One is something you just have to do... the other you have a reason or purpose behind it
4. Purpose makes the difference... and when you know your purpose it creates passion
- 5. Purpose produces passion.**

H. Proof

1. You are told to move a pile of bricks from this side of the room to the other... that's it... passionate about it?
 2. You are told to do the same task because the bricks are **suffocating a puppy** and the bricks are gold
 3. Purpose produces passion
 4. It's why people stay in low-paying yet rewarding careers when they could be making more money somewhere else...
 5. When we have a purpose we believe in, we are passionate about fulfilling it.
- I. "Hard to be passionate about laundry/IT/or whatever, Jon."
1. I agree. But what if there was a deeper purpose than just having clean clothes or getting a paycheck?
- J. So how do we find purpose in work that seems pointless/life-sucking/ the stuff we just have to do... how do we find purpose in our work?

III. GOD (Colossians 3:23-24)

- A. Paul writing to ancient Jesus-followers in Colossae... basically what it means to be a Jesus-follower
1. **Not follower**- Again, totally off the hook... but still useful.
 2. **Long-time follower**- Maybe you've heard this before... don't just write it off as something you've heard 1000 times... evaluate your work with this passage in mind.

B. "Whatever you do..."

1. So what does Paul mean by whatever?
2. Whatever you do.
3. The stuff you like to do/the stuff you don't like to do/the stuff you get paid fairly to do/the stuff you aren't appreciated for

4. Everything you do...

C. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart..."

1. With everything you have.
2. "Do your best"
3. The client that pays \$15 and the client that pays \$1500

4. Our experience at the dealers.

5. "Ok sounds like a nice sentiment... but in reality that sounds exhausting..."
6. I haven't gotten to the purpose yet... purpose produces passion...

D. 3:23-24

1. In whatever you do, Jesus-follower, you are doing it for the One who loves you enough to die for you.
2. You are motivated by the fact that, whatever you are doing, you are working for the King of the universe.
3. But how does that work... how do you wash the dishes for Jesus or write that speeding ticket for Jesus?
4. What does Jesus care about? Profits? Clean houses?
5. What WORK does Jesus really want you to be doing?
 - a. Love.
 - b. Are we loving those that He loves?

6. The purpose of your work is to show Jesus' love.

7. You aren't just selling a product... you are showing Jesus love by going above and beyond to serve them.
8. You aren't just vacuuming... you are doing the job no one wants to do b/c that's what Jesus did for us.

9. You aren't working for THEM... you are working for JESUS.

10. If they don't appreciate it, or reciprocate... that's ok... it's not about them.

11. When you have the view/perspective that whatever you are doing you are showing others Jesus' love... you develop a passion to get up and work!

12. Perspective produces purpose

13. Purpose produces passion.

14. In your work... is your purpose to get it done/get paid/ or to, in some way, show someone how much Jesus loves them through the way you love them (being committed to their best)?

E. Do you hate work?

1. Change your perspective.

2. Are you doing it to get ahead, to get paid, or to simply GET IT DONE?

3. Or is it about loving your family by providing for them,

4. Showing that customer how Jesus loves and serves by going above and beyond for them,

5. Is it showing how God takes care of your needs by taking care of the needs of those littles... and bigs?

F. Jesus-followers should be the most sought after bosses and employees in the world... not b/c they are the most skilled or produce the greatest profits... but b/c being around them is to be loved.

1. They strive to make your life better.

G. AND the more you put into it... the more you get out of it.

1. Work like this with this purpose... and you might just get that promotion or better job offer b/c they notice the difference- You did great with the little bit they gave you so now they will give you more.
2. The harder you work at it the more enjoyable it can be for you as well
3. Do yourself a favor and work hard

IV. YOU

A. So how do we practically do this?

B. In whatever you do ask...

1. Who am I working for?

- a. Am I appreciated? You are by the One who really matters
- b. Does anyone see what I do? The One who will ultimately reward you does.

2. What is my purpose?

- a. Paycheck?
- b. Better Office?
- c. Not have to hear complaining?
- d. Or is it to display the love of Jesus?

3. How can I fulfill that purpose today?

- a. And ask for opportunities to do it.
- b. And keep your eyes open.

C. And you will find that you will develop a passion to do jobs/work that you used to dread.

1. You now have a **perspective** that gives you **purpose** and a **purpose** that makes you **passionate**.

D. My story...

1. Natural bent is not people... ironic that this is my job
 - a. First on stage to avoid people.
2. As a teacher- "I like History not kids."
3. But as I started to change my perspective... I got bored with history and passionate about kids...
4. Became what I said I'd never be... a youth pastor
5. Said I'd never want to be a pastor for adults... kids are more fun
6. But my perspective was Jesus
7. And my purpose was to show his love and if I really wanted kids to experience Jesus' love then their parent's needed to experience it too...
8. Now I have a job that I would have never wanted and I absolutely love it and am truly passionate about it...
9. My perspective changed and it gave me a deeper purpose and a new passion.

V. WE

A. What if...

1. You didn't have to dread waking up and getting to work?
2. What if everyday you had passion to do what you HAD to do?
3. What if everything you HAD to do had a true purpose behind it?
4. Be better at life by changing your perspective, fulfilling your purpose and developing a passion for work.

B. Work to love and you'll love to work.