

Podcast Episode Notes

Season 2 Episode 5 God Loves Your Job

For a complete list of scriptural references that connect vocational fields to God's character, please download Lionshare's free e-book "Does God Care About My Job" at Lionshare.org. Verses below are mentioned in this podcast but there are others.

Specific Example: God as Builder

- Details of Noah's ark (Genesis 6:14-16)
- God was the one behind the building of the Ark of the Covenant and although functional, it was also very beautiful (Exodus 25:10-22)

The Character of God Expressed in Arts, Entertainment & Sports

- This vocation often reveals the beauty of the Lord (Exodus 28:1-3, 39-41; Psalms 27:4; Isaiah 62:2-4)
- Craftsmanship (Exodus 35:31-34)
- He was the designer of the first garments (Genesis 1:21)
- The greatness of God is often revealed, causing us to worship (1 Chronicles 29:10-13; Psalms 145)
- Scripture reveals God's joy (Zephaniah 3:17), something we experience through this vocation
- Hospitality and culinary expressions of entertaining are rooted in God. He was the first to provide a place to stay and is our source of food (Genesis 1-3; Matthew 6:28-33)
- He is ultimately an athlete's source of strength (Isaiah 40:29-31; Philippians 4:13)
- His discipline is like that of a coach training athletes for the prize (1 Corinthians 9:25-27; Hebrews 12:11-13) and playing by the rules (2 Timothy 2:5-7)
- The performance of the artist, entertainer and athlete is to reflect the glory of God to the world (1 Corinthians 10:31)

The Character of God Expressed in Business

- He owns it all (Deuteronomy 10:14; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Psalms 50:10,12; Habakkuk 2:8)
- God flexed his entrepreneurial muscle in creation (Genesis 1-3)
- He is the landowner (Matthew 21:33-46); the wise builder (Matthew 7:24-27) and the owner of the vineyard (John 15)
- He expects a return on His investment (Matthew 25:14-30)
- God's "business model" is rooted in fruitfulness and multiplication (Genesis 1-3)
- His central focus is the Kingdom, not money (Matthew 6:24,33)

The Character of God Expressed in Education

- According to the English Standard Version (ESV) Bible, the words "teach," "teaching" and "teacher" are mentioned in 266 verses in the Scriptures

- All knowledge and wisdom are rooted in God (Colossians 2:3)
- Jesus was referred to throughout the Gospels as “Teacher” (Matthew 8:18-20, 22:15-17). God as Teacher is one of the most significant and repeated roles we see throughout the Scriptures.
- Ezra taught God’s people His ways (Ezekiel 7:10). He recognized that teaching with authority was not just grounded in what he studied but also in living it out first in his own life.
- We are to teach the next generation (Psalms 78:1-8; 70-72)

The Character of God Expressed in Environment, Agriculture & Zoology

- He’s the Creator of the Earth and everything in it (Psalms 104:25, 30; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17)
 - Plants (Genesis 1:11-12)
 - Fish and birds (Genesis 1:20-21)
 - Animals (Genesis 1:24-25)
- He relates to all of His creation
 - The heavens, earth, the seas, fields, trees (Psalms 96:10-13)
 - Wild animals (Isaiah 43:20-21)
 - Clouds and lightning (Job 37:14-18)
- His creation expresses worship to Him
 - The heavens tell of the glory of God and the work of His hands (Psalms 19:1)
 - The mountains and hills burst into song, and all the trees of the field clap their hands (Isaiah 55:12-13)
 - Every creature in heaven and on earth, under the sea and on the sea, and all that is in them (Revelation 5:13)
- He protects and preserves animals (Genesis 6:19-21)

The Character of God Expressed in Family

- God started with a family in a garden – a husband and wife who together bore children (Genesis 2-4)
- He chose a people to belong to Him who were called by His name (Deuteronomy 28:9-10; 2 Chronicles 7:14)
- He identified Himself with the “children” of Israel (Exodus 3:10; 1 Kings 6:12-13) in a generational, familial way as “the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob” (Exodus 3:5-7; Acts 3:12-13)
- One of His favorite names to be identified with in the Scriptures is “Father” (Psalms 89:26; Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 6:9-14), also expressed in the more informal term “Abba” (Mark 14:36; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6)
- The Church is affectionately known as “His bride” (Ephesians 5:25-33; Revelation 19:7, 21:9)

The Character of God Expressed in Government, Law & Nation Security

- One who leads with justice (Psalms 103:6-8; Isaiah 61:8; Revelation 15:1-4)
- He is the lawgiver (Isaiah 33:21-23; James 4:11-13)
- The Righteous Judge (Psalms 58:11, 96:11-13; 2 Corinthians 5:8-10)
- He is the Commander of the Lord's Army (Joshua 5:13-15)
- Our Fortress and Deliverer (2 Samuel 22:1-3; Psalms 18:1-3)

The Character of God Expressed in Health, Medicine & Wholeness

- Our maker (Psalms 96:6-7)
- Our source of care (Psalms 27:10; 1 Peter 5:6-7)
- The giver of life (Job 33:4)
- The physician (Luke 8:43-48)
- The healer (Exodus 15:26)
- Our consoler and comforter (Psalms 23:4, 94:19; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
- Our physical trainer (Psalms 18:34; 1 Corinthians 9:24-25; 1 Timothy 4:8)
- Our body soul and spirit, God sees us as a whole person (1 John 3)
- Our body is His temple (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

The Character of God Expressed in Media

- Jesus is referred to in the Scriptures as the Word of God (John 1:1; Revelation 19:11-16)
- All truth is rooted in Him (John 8:30-32, 14:6)

The Character of God Expressed in Nonprofits and Service Organizations

- He is merciful (Psalms 69:16; Psalms 103:2-5,8; Ephesians 2:4-7)
- He is just (Deuteronomy 10:17-18; Psalms 103:6)
- He is hope (Psalms 62:5; Psalms 42)
- He is present for the poor and needy (Psalms 12:5; 34:6; Luke 4:18)
- He is the defender of the widow and Father to the orphan (Psalms 68:5; Psalms 146:9)
- He is the companion of the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, the stranger, and the prisoner (Matthew 25:31-46)
- God the giver/donor (Luke 12:32; Acts 17:25; Romans 12:6-8)

The Character of God Expressed in Science & Technology

- It is for Him, by Him and through Him that all things exist (Romans 11:36; Hebrews 2:10)
- He is the beginning and end (Revelation 21:6, 22:13)
- He was and is and is to come (Revelation 4:8)
- He's unsearchable (Psalms 145:3; Isaiah 40:28)
- He's our source of wonder (Exodus 15:11; Job 5:8-9; Psalms 77:14)

For more on this subject, check out Chapter 4 in *The Great Opportunity: Making Disciples of Jesus in Every Vocation* [here](#).

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