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CAREER

A virtuous woman is concerned about her family and takes good care of it. She doesn't ignore her household and neglect her children in order to advance her **career**.

- **Proverbs 31:27:** "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness."

Paul was given his vision of Heaven more than 14 years before he wrote his second letter to the Corinthian church. That means it happened very early in his **career**.

- **2 Corinthians 12:2:** "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven."

EMPLOY, EMPLOYED, EMPLOYMENT, EMPLOYER

There are times when God blesses an **employer** for the sake of someone who's working for them.

- **Genesis 39:5:** "And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field."

The Levite supported robbing Micah (who was his **employer**) of his idols.

- **Judges 18:20:** "And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people."

The singers of the tabernacle were **employed** in their work day and night.

- **1 Chronicles 9:33:** "And these are the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, who remaining in the chambers were free: for they were employed in that work day and night."

Jonathan and Jahaziah were **employed** to help people divorce their pagan wives. (It seems two other people provided them with some assistance.)

- **Ezra 10:15:** "Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and

Jahaziah the son of Tikvah were employed about this matter: and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them."

Job referred to the fathers of those who derided him as people who were useless for work, and unable to profit those who **employed** them. (In other words, he was being mocked by the lowest members of society.)

- **Job 30:1-2**: "But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock. Yea, whereto might the strength of their hands profit me, in whom old age was perished?"

After God saves Israel from being invaded by Gog, the Israelites will spend seven months burying the dead bodies of the invaders. Once those seven months are over, the Jews will hire people who are continually **employed** with looking for more dead bodies to bury.

- **Ezekiel 39:14**: "And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search."

The church must *never* **employ** deception. God hasn't called us to lie on His behalf.

- **1 Thessalonians 2:3**: "For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:"

OCCUPATION, JOBS, PROFESSION, STATION, STATIONED, VOCATION

The first **occupation** of mankind was gardening. (Specifically, Adam was commanded to take care of the garden of Eden.)

- **Genesis 2:15:** "And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."

One of the **jobs** Joseph was given while he was in prison was monitoring the other prisoners.

- **Genesis 40:6:** "And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad."

One of the **jobs** of Pharaoh's chief butler was giving the king his cup.

- **Genesis 40:13:** "Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler."

When Joseph met Jacob in Goshen, he told his father's household that when Pharaoh called them, he would ask them what their **occupation** was.

- **Genesis 46:33:** "And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation?"

When Pharaoh asked Joseph's brothers what their **occupation** was, they told him that their fathers were shepherds (which was what Joseph told them to say).

- **Genesis 47:3:** "And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and also our fathers."

God commanded the Kohathites to maintain the vessels of the tabernacle, which the priests used to do their **jobs**.

- **Numbers 3:31:** "And their charge shall be the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith they minister, and the hanging, and all the service thereof."

The watchman of the city (where David remained behind while his servants fought Absalom) was **stationed** on the roof that was over the gate on the wall.

- **2 Samuel 18:24:** "And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone."

There was a time during David's life when the Philistines conquered Bethlehem (his hometown) and **stationed** a garrison of soldiers there.

- **2 Samuel 23:14:** "And David was then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem."

The reason Jehu was **stationed** in Ramothgilead was because

Jehu kept a garrison there because of the conflict with Hazael.

- **2 Kings 9:14:** "So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept Ramothgilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria."

When Jehoiada overthrew Athaliah to make Josiah the king of Judah, he divided his team into three groups and **stationed** them in different places.

- **2 Kings 11:4-6:** "And the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the Lord, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the Lord, and shewed them the king's son. And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you that enter in on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of the king's house; And a third part shall be at the gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep the watch of the house, that it be not broken down."
- **2 Chronicles 23:4-5:** "This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be porters of the doors; And a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD."

Rabshakeh told the Jews said that the message from the king of Assyria was also intended for the Jews who were **stationed** on the wall of Jerusalem. (He wanted all of them to be afraid,

so they would surrender without a fight.)

- **2 Kings 18:27:** "But Rabshakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?"

During the reign of Josiah, the people who worked in the temple did their **jobs** faithfully.

- **2 Chronicles 34:12:** "And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set it forward; and other of the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of musick."

King Ahasuerus had officers (servants) **stationed** in his house.

- **Esther 1:8:** "And the drinking was according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure."

Even though ants lack a ruler, they still do their **jobs**.

- **Proverbs 6:6-8:** "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest."

God doesn't command the church to feed people who are too lazy to work and who refuse to have **jobs**. Instead He says that people have a responsibility to work, and if they're not willing to work then they should suffer the consequences of their laziness.

- **Proverbs 6:10-11:** "Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man."

Solomon had 60 guards **stationed** in his bedroom, who protected him while he slept.

- **Song of Solomon 3:7-8:** "Behold his bed, which is Solomon's; threescore valiant men are about it, of the valiant of Israel. They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night."

The ruler is supposed to be a healer. One of his **jobs** is bringing healing to the nation.

- **Isaiah 3:7:** "In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people."

God holds people accountable for doing their **jobs**.

- **Ezekiel 33:6:** "But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand."

The priests of Israel were worthless. They were well paid and fattened themselves but did nothing to watch over the people. Because they utterly failed to do their **jobs**, the people were greatly harmed.

- **Ezekiel 34:3-6:** "Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them."

Nebuchadnezzar provided great rewards for the people who did well at their **jobs** and pleased him.

- **Daniel 2:6:** "But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof."

The sailors asked Jonah what his **occupation** was.

- **Jonah 1:8:** "Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; What is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy

country? and of what people art thou?"

Jobs are a gift from God. There are times when He punishes nations for their sin by destroying opportunities for employment.

- **Zechariah 8:10:** "For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbour."

Before the Jews started rebuilding the temple, there were no **jobs** available for anyone (man or animal).

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The priests openly despised the Lord. They only did their **jobs** because they were getting paid to do them. They didn't love God and had no desire to serve Him.

- **Malachi 1:10:** "Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand."

It's important for us to faithfully do the **jobs** that Jesus has

given for us to do.

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There's a great reward in store for those who are faithfully working at the **jobs** Jesus has given them when He returns.

- **Matthew 24:46-47:** "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods."

Mary recognized that God helped Israel and was merciful to them. She said this even though Israel was under Roman **occupation** at the time.

- **Luke 1:54:** "He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;"

The apostles had **jobs**. They worked with their hands outside of their apostolic work to earn a very meager living.

- **1 Corinthians 4:12:** "And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:"

Christianity is a **vocation** (a calling).

- **Ephesians 4:1:** "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,"

The **profession** of coppersmith existed in the time of Paul.

- **2 Timothy 4:14:** "Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:"

Those who serve others must carry out their **jobs** faithfully, and strive to please those who have authority over them.

- **Titus 2:9:** "Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again;"

We must submit to those who are in authority over the church so they can do their **jobs** with joy instead of grief.

- **Hebrews 13:17:** "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

In the New Jerusalem, there's an angel **stationed** at each one of the city's twelve gates.

- **Revelation 21:12:** "And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:"