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Walking in Wisdom  
Pt 3: Wisdom at Work

4 Corners Church  
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## Understanding Work as Worship

**1. God works :: work is godly.**

**Genesis 2:2** *On the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.*

**2. Work is now cursed** - the curse of sin has turned work into toil.

**Genesis 3:17-19** *...cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread...*

**3. Work is not sacred and secular, but workers can be sacred and secular.**

**Colossians 3:23-24** *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

*"Your work is a very sacred matter. God delights in it, and through it He wants to bestow His blessings on you. This praise of work should be inscribed on all tools, on the forehead and faces that sweat from toiling."* Martin Luther

## IDEAL TEAM MEMBER (Patrick Lencioni)

### A Humble Team Player

- Under authority or flexing authority?

**Proverbs 3:7** *Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil.*

- Admits need for help / grace or hides/avoids?

**Proverbs 3:34** *Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.*

- Publicly respectful? (Public loyalty yields private influence).  
**Proverbs 27:18** *He who tends a fig tree will eat its fruit, and he who looks after his master will be honored.*
- People and not just profit?  
**Proverbs 11:16b-17** *...ruthless men gain only wealth. A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings trouble on himself.*
- Actively seeks input and advice?  
**Proverbs 15:22** *Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.*

### A Relationally Smart Team Player

- Centered: God first or lower priority?  
**Proverbs 14:16-17** *A wise man fears the Lord and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless. A quick-tempered man does foolish things, and a crafty man is hated.*
- Family Health or Dysfunction?  
**Proverbs 19:26** *He who robs his father and drives out his mother is a son who brings shame and disgrace.*
- God's Kingdom or the animal kingdom?  
**Proverbs 28:15** *Like a roaring lion or a charging bear is a wicked man ruling over a helpless people.*
- Trust: Bank vault or ATM?  
**Proverbs 11:13** *A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.*
- Clean mirror or carnival mirror?  
**Proverbs 28:23** *In the end, people appreciate honest criticism far more than flattery.*
- Thermometer or Thermostat?  
**Proverbs 15:18** *A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.*
- Bucket of water or jug of gasoline?  
**Proverbs 17:14** *Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.*

## A Hungry Team Player

- Self-starter or externally motivated?  
**Proverbs 16:26** *The laborer's appetite works for him; his hunger drives him on.*
- Engaged or idle?  
**Proverbs 10:4** *Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.*
- Bias for action or bias to be heard?
- Hungry people know that when all is said and done more is said than done  
**Proverbs 14:23** *All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.*
- Grasps reality or aloof?  
**Proverbs 28:19-22** *He who works his land will have abundant food, but the one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty.*
- Quality work or thrown together?  
**Proverbs 22:29** *Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.*