# Work/Vocation Inventory



How often do we really consider our work? What we do, what *it* does, and how it reflects the character and concerns of

God? Below you will find a list of simple questions meant to guide you as you reflect on the nature of your work—and how it relates to the Kingdom of God. The point is to actually think about *your work*, not just about 'how Christian you act' (or not) while at work or when dealing with others. That kind of reflection, of course, has a place too, but this is an exercise meant to help you think specifically about your work, not your witness. Remember: good work, well done has its own kind of witness. This does not have to be completed in one sitting: you may choose to answer a few questions each day during your lunch hour.

# Who:

- ... do I work for? (employer, clients/customers, dependents, etc.)
- ... do I work with? (coworkers, bosses, employees, etc.)
- ... benefits/is served/helped by my work and its products/services?
- ... might be harmed/exploited by my work?

## What:

- ... do I do? (the practical tasks, skills, activities, responsibilities)
- ... does my work do to me, good or bad?
- ... does my work create or produce?
- ... does my work require or use? (resources, people, time, etc.)

#### Where:

- ... do I work? (office, home, in the field, etc.)
- ... do I struggle while working?
- ... am I most energized while working?
- ... is God while I am at work?

# When:

- ... do I experience joy while working?
- ... does my work stress me out?
- ... is my work finished/complete?
- ... do I need God's help with my work?

### How:

- ... do I feel while at work/working?
- ... do others experience me while working?
- ... do I experience God at work?
- ... might God be using my work?

## Why:

- ... do I work?
- ... do I sometimes procrastinate or waste time while working?
- ... is my work important/meaningful/good?
- ... might God care about my particular kind of work?