

Theme: Our entire lives matter to God and are to be lived in service to Him and with a view toward eternity.

I. Intro - Secular vs. Sacred

- A. Christians in politics – secular and sacred?
- B. Most Christians understand this is false now
- C. But many think of service to God in terms S&S
- D. What parts of our lives is God looking at?
- E. In what areas of life may we serve Him?

II. Serving God in All of Life

- A. All of life is to be lived for God – text
 - 1. Everything for God's glory – 1Co 10:31
 - a. Everything done for God's glory
 - b. Includes both the big and the small
 - c. Eat & drink – thanks; amount; concern for others
 - 2. All of life as service to God – Col 3:23-24
 - a. Whatever you do – everything included (not sin)
 - b. Do it with whole heart – it is important
 - c. Do it all for God
 - d. Remember God is watching to reward

e. This is true even when slaves have to serve master

B. All of life is for God – and will be judged

- 1. Every deed judged – not just “religious” (Ecc 12:14)
- 2. Context of texts – food, family, work – life!!!

III. A Deadly Path – Sacred vs. Spiritual

- A. Many have a false idea of “spiritual” & “secular”
 - 1. We split life into spiritual & secular categories
 - 2. Charts from Wolters
- B. CFRC – God's entire work
 - 1. God is Creator of whole created order
 - 2. The fall has affected whole created order
 - 3. Redemption affects whole created order
 - 4. Consummation will affect whole created order
- C. The temptations: libertine or legalistic living
 - 1. Too broad vs. too narrow
 - 2. Apply Scripture, but don't legislate beyond it
 - 3. Get involved in life!
- D. Our call - apply Kingdom to whole created order

1. All of life is related to the Kingdom
2. All of life is service to God & Kingdom
3. All of life has potential for reward – or loss

IV. Applying the Word

A. Do we have a proper view of serving God?

1. Do we know that all of life can be service to God?
2. Do we know that God is watching all of life?

B. Are we living a life for God's glory?

1. Have I trusted Christ for salvation?
2. Do I consciously view everything I do as service to God?
3. Do I consciously try to align my life with Biblical principles?
4. Do I try to serve others with my gifts and talents?
5. Do I do these things in all areas of the created order?

C. Communion

A Life for God's Glory
1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:23-24
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1 Thessalonians 5:23-24