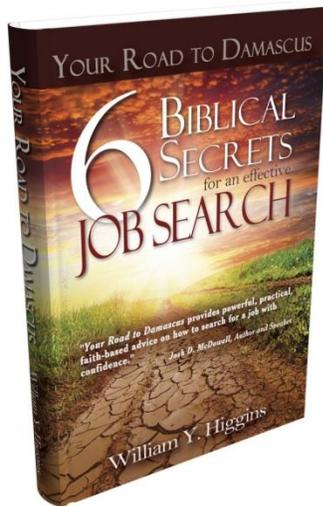


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6 BIBLICAL SECRETS FOR AN EFFECTIVE JOB SEARCH



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- **School literary night:**
 - Sponsor a literary night for authors in the school.
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 - Have authors offer their books for sale at tables after the panel.
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Unemployed: “*Your Road to Damascus: 6 Biblical Secrets for an Effective Job Search* dynamically demonstrates how a Christian can make a job change and see God at work in the process. Powerful, practical, faith-based advice on how to search for a job with confidence.” So says Josh McDowell, speaker and author of *Evidence that Demands a Verdict*. Check out *Your Road to Damascus* at www.MindWarePublishing.com.

Job Loss: “*Your Road to Damascus; 6 Secrets for an Effective Job Search* is a splendid, biblically grounded tool to help guide anyone through the difficult and sometimes demoralizing job search process.,” write Christ Hogstad, pastor of Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Bothell WA. This book will bring hope, encouragement, renewal, and revival in the midst of your loss. See more at MindWarePublishing.com.

Hope for the Unemployed: “When it comes to helping people search for a job only God knows more than Bill Higgins....and that’s why I love this book. When you read *Your Road to Damascus: 6 Biblical Secrets for an Effective Job Search* you’ll receive God’s guidance and Bill’s practical advice to find the job that is meant for you. A powerful and essential book for anyone looking for a job.” According to Jon Gordon, best-selling author. Learn more about *Your Road to Damascus* at MindWarePublishing.com.

New Resource: “*Your Road to Damascus; 6 Secrets for an Effective Job Search* is a wonderful book and gives you both the inspiration and the guidance you need to get the job you really want. When you trust in God, all things become possible.” So says Brian Tracy, the well-know, best selling author. Read more about *Your Road to Damascus* at MindWarePublihsing.com.

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Job Search: A new resources is now available. This book integrates biblical principles and strategies with cutting-edge techniques for contemporary job seekers. Check out <http://youtu.be/LULi5srSf80>.

Job Seekers: Frustrated? Discouraged? Needing hope and encouragement? *Your Road to Damascus: 6 Biblical Secrets for an Effective Job Search* may be just what you are looking for. Go to <http://youtu.be/LULi5srSf80>.

Job Search Support: Support from one who has been there. Author William Higgins has lost numerous jobs, and struggled with the part faith plays in that whole scenario. His book is moving and insightful; *Your Road to Damascus: 6 Biblical Secrets for an Effective Job Search*. See more at <http://youtu.be/LULi5srSf80>.

Job Loss: You can recover from the trauma and discouragement of a job loss. *Your Road to Damascus: 6 Biblical Secrets for an Effective Job Search* can help. See more at <http://youtu.be/LULi5srSf80>.

Author Interview Questions; Sample Questions pulled from several interviews

Can you tell us a little about yourself and how long you've been writing?

I am a consultant and have been consulting with large and small organizations for over 20 years. I have consulted with many Fortune 500 organizations, as well as much smaller for-profit and non-profit organizations. My areas of specialization include instructional design, technical writing, and career coaching. As a career coach I have worked with over 5,000 clients in their career transition process.

As far as writing, I have been writing for as long as I can remember. I love the written word and think there is power in print. When a friend showed me a thank-you note she had saved from 10 years earlier, I knew there was a special kind of force in words.

Can you tell us why you wrote your book?

Your Road to Damascus is a response to the need for a faith-based resource that relates the biblical perspective of how God works through a job loss. In dealing with career coaching clients I have assisted numerous individuals whose faith was an important part of their lives. Yet, there was no resource available that provided insight on how God may use this kind of situation in their lives, and presented principles from scripture on how to make the most of this situation.

I realized while working with a pastor who had left the ministry and was searching for a new position that our program was the same for him as it was for anyone else, believer or not. And that just didn't seem right.

To check and see what was available I looked at Google and Amazon to see what we could use when working with Christian clients. And I found nothing, zilch, nada, zero. There were a few that dealt with career decisions from a higher level, but nothing at the level I required.

Then as I reflected on my own experiences with losing a job, I realized that I had been taught the actions I needed to take to put a resume together, prepare for interviewing, and all the rest, but never how God may be using that situation.

Thus the need was identified, and the adventure began.

Can you tell us briefly what your book is about?

Your Road to Damascus is about finding hope and encouragement in the midst of a life crisis, in this case the loss of a job. While the specifics of the book focus on how God works in a job loss and job search, in the bigger picture it is about how God works in any crisis we face.

While we seek to be heavenly minded, we have to admit that we are firmly rooted in the soil of everyday life on this planet. With that comes the struggles and challenges we all face; death of a loved one, terminal illness, broken relationships, financial hardship and so many more. The good news is that God doesn't desert us in those times, but walks that road with us.

As we walk the road to Damascus in our vocational lives, God is there to bless and have a personal encounter with us when we are doing well on the job and when we are terminated. That is what this book is about.

Who is your intended audience? Have you been able to crossover into other audiences as well?

The primary audience is the Christian community. They will appreciate the biblical orientation more than the average Joe. However, I have had reviewers tell me that they hope the book will be available outside the church as well because of the message of hope and encouragement.

Author Interview Questions, continued

In targeting the Christian community I want to get information to:

- Pastors.
- The unemployed.
- College and seminary seniors about to graduate.
- Financial planners working with people at making sense of their finances.
- Career coaches and counselors.
- Military personnel and chaplains.
- Prisoners in jail and chaplains.
- Entrepreneurs.
- CEOs and HR Directors of Christian organizations.

What kind of research did you have to do during the writing process?

There are two aspects to *Your Road to Damascus*; the biblical and theological aspect, and the practical and action aspect.

The practical and action aspect is something I have been using for 20 years in guiding clients in a job search. These have been proven beneficial and effective practices to use to give a job search feet and move it on down the road to a new position. Examining these in the light of scripture however was another story.

Since this book is an integration of biblical and practical guidelines, I had to make sure what principles the Bible spoke of for those making a job change. This is where the challenge came in. Nowhere is there a passage that refers to how individuals made a job change. Oh, there are plenty of principles there, but they are woven into the lives of people. This was where my research came in. What people could I find in the Bible that make 'job changes,' and what could I learn about how God brought those about.

There are plenty of people in the Bible that made huge job changes; David went from being a shepherd to being a king. Moses, Abraham, Noah and others in the Old Testament went from being one thing to being another as God directed the adventure of their lives. In the New Testament, the 12 apostles were not theologians, priests, or rabbis. They were regular people; you don't get any more regular than being a fisherman. But God directed them to change jobs, change careers, and they started new lives with a new purpose.

For purposes of this book, I chose to follow the lives of two people and how God moved them from one job to another. Joseph, of coat-of-many-colors fame in the Old Testament, went from being a spoiled son who worked in the fields helping to shepherd sheep to being the Prime Minister of Egypt. And Saul of Tarsus went from being a persecutor of Christians to a leader in the Christian movement and writer of many of the New Testament books.

My research focused on how God accomplished this in the lives of these two men.

What is your favorite quote, by whom, and why?

I have several favorite quotes, but will only include a couple here.

"The church can't resurrect what the home puts to death," by Chuck Swindoll is one of my favorites because it stresses the need for the church and the home to work together.

Author Interview Questions, continued

“God whispers in our pleasure, but shouts in our pain,” by C.S. Lewis is another. This one talks about how God is always communicating, even when we don’t want to hear from Him. He whispers in our pleasures because we are so caught up in ourselves that we have to force ourselves to stop and listen, and shouts in our pain because we are so overwhelmed by the emotional trauma that we can’t even hear when He shouts. Notice, both of these are self-centered and that is too much the way we are.

What inspires you to write and why?

The bottom line of this book, which really expresses my desire, is to solve problems. I realized some time ago that almost all that I did was to speak to a problem, or provide resources to help solve a problem. *Your Road to Damascus* does both of those; it helps people understand how their faith intersects with their job hunt, and it provides practical resources to enable readers to look for a job more effectively.

It’s not a sit-down-and-read- it-through kind of book. It’s really two books in one; a theological presentation on how the Bible views a job search, and a technical workbook on the various aspects of a job search.

Thank you so much for this interview, Bill. Do you have any final words?

I appreciate the opportunity to share some of my life, experience, and thoughts with your readers.

While *Your Road to Damascus: 6 Biblical Secrets for an Effective Job Search* is primarily about how to find meaning and renewal in a job search, it is about far more than that. It is really about how to find meaning in life. It is about what you do in a time of crisis. It is about Who you rely on when your own resources have dried up.

Even if you aren’t looking for a job right now, you can pass along news of this book to friends and family that are, and you can also find that it will bring meaning to other areas in your life where you may be struggling.

As you travel down your own road to Damascus, may God open roadside vistas that reveal Him for all that He is and open your eyes to the adventure He wants to have with you.

Book Reviews



Book Review: “Your Road to Damascus” by William Y. Higgins

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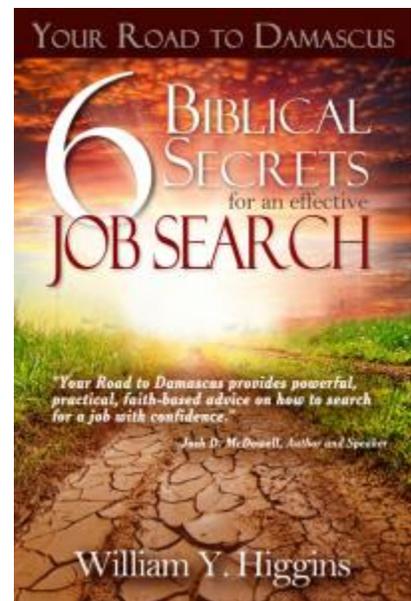
William Y. Higgins in his new book, “Your Road to Damascus” published by Mindware Publishing gives us 6 Biblical Secrets for an Effective Job Search.

From the back cover: The crisis of a job loss is the story of struggling souls hidden behind the walls of the Christian faith. They valiantly forge forward with little in the way of biblical or faith-based instruction. No one talks much about it. No pastor dedicates a sermon to it. Good luck finding a book about it written from the Christian perspective. For most it’s a difficult time, for many it’s a crisis of faith and life. With nearly 20 million people out of work that claim a Christian affiliation, this is a national crisis of faith.

Your Road to Damascus addresses this issue by presenting biblical strategies and principles, and practical guidelines, on how to conduct an effective job search. It examines in detail biblical strategies and provide pragmatic guidelines for all aspects of a job search. The message of Your Road to Damascus is one of hope, encouragement, renewal, and revival in the midst of the job loss. It boldly proclaims that God is at work and isn’t finished yet, and He wants to have a new encounter with the believer through their job search.

Your Road to Damascus will capture your imagination and transform the way you view a job loss. From identifying your GPS (God’s Positioning System), to weaving your resume, to seeing God’s hand in job opportunities and offers, it will revolutionize the way you see God’s involvement in this aspect of your life, as well as how He touches many other crisis points.

Some of us may think that God does not care about the job we have. And if we lose our job then, certainly, God must be mad at us. It is time for really new thinking in this area and William Y. Higgins is here to help us. Mr. Higgins feels that God wants to use the crisis of a job search to renew, revive and bring hope and encouragement to our spiritual lives. Considering



Book Reviews, continued

that on the road to Damascus Saul, the persecutor of the Christians, became Paul the Apostle it is time for our own personal Damascus road. Six secrets: 1) God's Vocational GPS Provides Direction, 2) God's Vocational Threads Weave Your Story, 3) God's Vocational Roadmap Plots Your Path, 4) God's Vocational Signposts Point The Way, 5) God's Vocational Gold Nuggets Narrow Your Destination, 6) God's Vocational Vision Paints Your Future. "Your Road to Damascus" is a great book. It will transform the way you look at your work and how you look at how God looks at your work. This is also a great book to give as gifts to family and friends. They will think of you every time they put it to use. I recommend it highly.

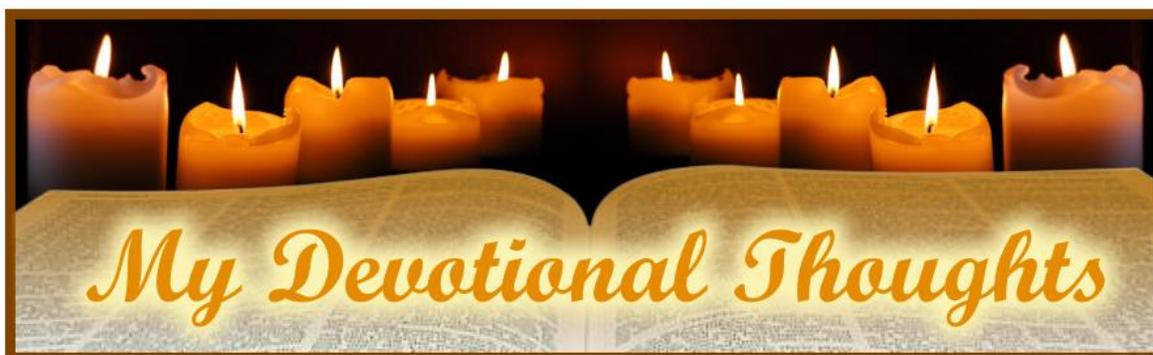
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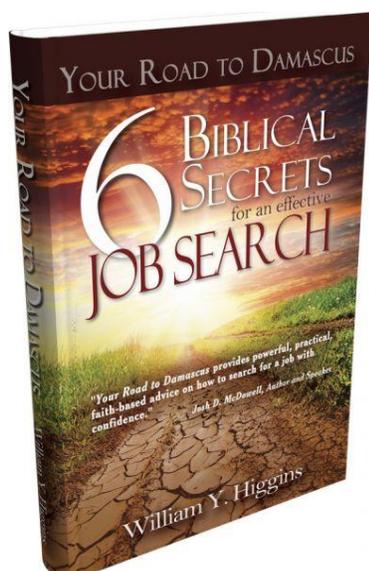
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Book Reviews, continued



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Your Road to Damascus: 6 Biblical Secrets for an Effective Job Search by William Y. Higgins



My rating: **5 of 5 stars**

In my lifetime, I have read books that talk about finding your perfect job, creating resumes, and more. They all have come from a secular viewpoint. This book fills a niche that has been missing for far too long. This book tackles the issues of finding a job based on Biblical models.

I appreciated all of the worksheets, inventories, and examples in this book. I took some of the inventories, and I found that they were much better than multiple choice ones that try to tell you what your work style or personality is. The author really makes you think through each part of the job search, and his examples are some of the best ones I have ever seen.

I love the fact that the author continues to refer the Scripture (mainly Paul and Joseph) at practically every step of the way. He also quotes well-known Christian authors. He has compiled a book that I think I'm going to hold onto for the next time I find myself going to a job interview.

I was sent a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. I was not financially compensated, and all opinions are 100 percent mine.

Blessings, Ruth

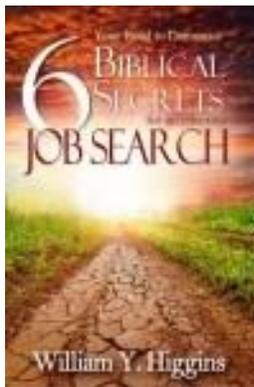
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BOOK REVIEW: YOUR ROAD TO DAMASCUS: 6 Biblical Secrets for An Effective Job Search by William Y. Higgins

by Marsha Randolph



WOW! I am so impressed with “Your Road to Damascus: 6 Biblical Secrets for An Effective Job Search” by William Y Higgins. Generally speaking I give my recommendation at the end, why wait, I recommend this book and would definitely purchase it.

“Your Road to Damascus” is not about a how to find a job outline but a book on the journey a person takes on the road to finding purpose as it relates to career.

If you are familiar with the Apostle Paul’s Damascus road experience (Acts 9) you know that Paul’s career change was that of lead persecutor of Christians to being one of the great leaders of Christianity. This was not an easy transition for Paul yet it is because he did things God’s way that he was so successful despite the bumpy roads, pit stops and so on.

The author, William Y Higgins, incorporates many Bible verses to guide the reader into making the appropriate decisions on the road to the correct job choice. I hesitate to use such terms as ‘job’ ‘career’ or even employment because I believe this is the book that will help the reader discover what his or her God given purpose is. The six secrets are six biblical principles that will help the individual understand how life experiences and current opportunities can be used to discover the correct path on the road to his or her destiny.

As the author stresses, the road to the right career is a process that will take time however I believe if these principles are followed it will lead to a purposeful life in a satisfactory career. As I read the book I realized these are the very principles I inadvertently followed to get to discover my purpose and current career. Thus for me and for others who read “Your Road to Damascus” by William Y Higgins this book will validate decisions made that others may have thought were bad ideas.

I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for a fair review.

Marsha Randolph

No Wayz Tired

Web site Review: <http://wp.me/p11WGO-MC>

Endorsements from Christian Leaders

Your Road to Damascus: 6 Biblical Secrets for an Effective Job Search

by William Y. Higgins
Publisher: MindWare Publishing

Your Road to Damascus is a book I will share with those in my church and community experiencing unemployment or under-employment. It is biblically based, profoundly practical, and resolutely encouraging. As a comprehensive resource it is sure to help those in the wilderness of job searching find the light of God's truth and hope.

JAMES AMADON, SENIOR PASTOR
HIGHLAND COVENANT CHURCH, BELLEVUE, WA

Trusting God and His Scriptures to guide our lives is always good. To use them to guide our search for employment is yet another way to honor God and to submit to His will, trusting always, He will lead us to the path of His choice, not ours. *Your Road to Damascus* is an excellent guide to help make God's directions clear and easy.

WARREN BERGER, LIFE LONG ELDER
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BELLEVUE, WA

Mr. Higgins has written a tour de force. *Your Road to Damascus* is destined to be a benchmark to help believers understand that God is at work guiding them on their career change journey as He wills for them. I know of no other scripturally based source that provides the Lord's guidance through opportunities to grow in faith, and discover God's direction in their career choice.

DAVID W. COLE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (RETIRED)
COINSTAR, INC.

Your Road to Damascus, is an indispensable resource—the only one I know of—to help people find biblically grounded, spiritually insightful, and practically useful answers to their questions. It will become an important resource I will use in my ministry to help people find answers to both their spiritual and vocational questions.

DR. SCOTT DUDLEY, SENIOR PASTOR
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BELLEVUE, WA

Bill Higgins' *Your Road to Damascus* is a seminal work for anyone looking for a job. He deftly guides the reader through the challenges of a modern day career evaluation and job search based on biblical principles that will make that search insightful and successful. If you are looking for a Christian-based book that will provide you with the inside track on how to get the job you are dreaming of, read this book.

DRS. ROBERT AND JULIE FRANCIS
VITREORETINAL ASSOCIATES AND EASTSIDE DERMATOLOGY

Book Endorsements, continued

Your Road to Damascus presents the entire job search process as a journey where spiritual principles are the foundation for optimal results. This book shows great mastery of current issues and challenges facing job seekers. The many explanations, solutions, analyses, and illustrations are comprehensive to the extent that the book can serve as a valuable resource, not only for job seekers, but also for career counselors, recruiters, job trainers, and HR professionals.

DR. GENE A. GETZ, PRESIDENT
CENTER FOR CHURCH RENEWAL

When it comes to helping people search for a job only God knows more than Bill Higgins....and that's why I love this book. When you read *Your Road to Damascus* you'll receive God's guidance and Bill's practical advice to find the job that is meant for you. A powerful and essential book for anyone looking for a job.

JON GORDON, BEST SELLING AUTHOR OF
THE ENERGY BUS AND *THE SEED*

Your Road to Damascus is a splendid, biblically grounded tool to help guide anyone through the difficult and sometimes demoralizing job search process. Bill Higgins has faithfully noted that God is in the process—guiding and shaping us into what we will become—and our career is a part of that process! This book provides inspiration and practical help to anyone who is searching, unhappy, or even contented in their job and just looking for a reality check. It will awaken an exhilarating new perspective on God who is at work in our lives.

REV. CHRIS HOGSTAD, LIGHT OF THE CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
BOTHELL, WA

Your Road to Damascus dynamically demonstrates how a Christian can make a job change and see God at work in the process. Powerful, practical, faith-based advice on how to search for a job with confidence.

JOSH D. MCDOWELL
AUTHOR AND SPEAKER

Bill Higgins has created an exciting new tool for the job seeker in *Your Road to Damascus*. In addition to clearly explained processes, he has added the essential element of hope. Now, along with the tools of preparation and experience, the seeker can add the encouragement of biblical guidance, and proceed with confidence. Well done!

DR. NORMAN O'BANYON
AUTHOR AND RETIRED CLERGY

Finding God while trying to maneuver through the pitfalls of a career change and job search is not an easy task. *Your Road to Damascus* is a stimulating guide full of practical advice and tips. More importantly, it's an invaluable resource for the reader to discover the will of God and hope along the way. Having the privilege to journey alongside Bill in my own time of transition, I can attest that the principles and strategies found in *Your Road to Damascus* are incredibly practical and challenging. Bill, thank you for caring enough to walk with me on my road to Damascus.

STEVE QUINN, EXECUTIVE PASTOR
LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, GRANBURY, TX

Book Endorsements, continued

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MARSHA RANDOLPH

NO WAYZ TIRED BOOK REVIEWS

What a great book! It really got me engaged! *Your Road to Damascus* is both an inspirational and practical book for career and job decision-making. People of faith will value the systematic tools for inviting God into the job search. This book is also a major resource for full-time and lay ministers who are called to help in times of job, and job loss, stress. This book is timely with so many individuals and family members unemployed. Read and be led...

DR. DENNIS A. ROMIG, AUTHOR OF BEST SELLER

SIDE BY SIDE LEADERSHIP

Your Road to Damascus is a book I readily identified with. Your message in the forward captivated me. I am so elated by what you say. The Scripture, the personal and practical experiences, and the heart. Having been in career crisis on occasion and becoming unemployed at 38 with two children, a mortgage, etc. this captured my attention. Others will find the author's descriptive style and easy-to-read message inspiring and informative.

MAJOR JACK L. SKIDMORE

UNITED STATES ARMY (RETIRED)

This wonderful book gives you both the inspiration and the guidance you need to get the job you really want. When you trust in God, all things become possible.

BRIAN TRACY, AUTHOR

THE POWER OF SELF-CONFIDENCE

When I was introduced to *Your Road to Damascus*, I felt the author really nailed the subject! His emphasis of God being involved in every step of the process of finding a new job removed the feeling of hopelessness for me. If I am in the position of looking for work in the future, I will have confidence that by using this book and putting my trust in God I can't fail. I would definitely encourage all those in search of a new job to use this book as a tool in finding employment.

JERRY VERNON, SENIOR SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR

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National Celebrate Work Month

A Celebration of Work as a Gift from God

Rationale: Work is what keeps our country, communities, and church going. God endorses and ordains work and commissions workers in His kingdom. An individual's meaning in life in part comes from an understanding of where they fit in God's kingdom and family, and that's about work.

- **Date:**

A date in the Spring since this is a time of new beginnings. The month of May is suggested as an appropriate time for this focus.

- **Chapel bulletin and verbal announcements:**

Focus announcements for the week on school events and programs dealing with unemployment, employee support, employee resources, et al. (See suggestions on preceding pages.)

- **Chapel sermon:**

A few suggested topics for a celebrate work message include:

- God's view of work.
- God's view of a job loss / job search (See *Your Road to Damascus* for content.)
- God's view of retirement and volunteers.
- God's invitation to join His adventure.
- Joseph's life and vocational path as seen in Genesis 39ff and in *Your Road to Damascus*.

- **Devotional:**

Produce a devotional to be distributed to students to use during this month focusing on passages of scripture dealing with work. (See following list for ideas.)

- **Prayer:**

Focus prayer during the chapel service on individual, corporate, and national employment needs:

- As individuals face challenges on the job.
- As individuals are searching for work.
- As individuals use their time and talents in retirement.
- As volunteers in hospitals, the church, schools, and with other faith-based organizations.
- Organize a month of dedicated prayer with student sign-ups to pray for specific needs at a specific time, trying to cover the entire month.
- For your school ministry needs and the opportunities you have.
- For the country and needs of the unemployed and their loved ones.

- **Music:**

Here are only a few hymns and choruses that have an aspect of commitment to work focus. You can do an Internet search for a list of others.

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| ○ Here Am I Lord | ○ Rescue the Perishing |
| ○ From the Rising of the Sun | ○ Send the Light |
| ○ Go Labor On | ○ So Send I You |
| ○ Go Tell it on the Mountain | ○ Take My Life and Let it Be |
| ○ I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go | ○ The Light of the World is Jesus |
| ○ In Christ There is No East or West | ○ We've a Story to Tell to the Nations |
| ○ Jesus Saves! | ○ Where He Leads Me |
| ○ Lead on O King Eternal | ○ Work for the Night is Coming |

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- **Scripture:**

Here are few passages that have an aspect of commitment to work focus:

- **Deuteronomy 15:10:** Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. (NIV)
- **Deuteronomy 24:14:** Do not take advantage of a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether that worker is a fellow Israelite or a foreigner residing in one of your towns. (NIV)
- **Exodus:18:18:** The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone.
- **II Chronicles 15:7:** But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.
- **Nehemiah 4:6:** For the people worked with all their heart.
- **Nehemiah 6:16:** When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.
- **Psalms 90:17:** May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us-yes, establish the work of our hands. (NIV)
- **Psalms 128:2:** You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. (NIV)
- **Proverbs 12:11:** Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no sense. (NIV)
- **Proverbs 14:23:** All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty. (NIV)
- **Proverbs 16:3, 11:** Commit your work to the LORD, and then your plans will succeed... The LORD demands fairness in every business deal; he sets the standard.
- **Proverbs 18:9:** One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys. (NIV)
- **Ecclesiastes 3:13, 22:** And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it is the gift of God...So I saw that there is nothing better for a person than to enjoy their work, because that is their lot. For who can bring them to see what will happen after them? (NIV)
- **Ecclesiastes 4:9:** Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: (NIV) **Isaiah 64:8:** Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. (NIV)
- **Luke 10:40 :** But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" (NIV)
- **John 5:17:** In his defense Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." (NIV)
- **John 6:27:** Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval. (NIV)
- **John 17:4:** I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.
- **Acts 20:35:** In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' (NIV)
- **I Corinthians 3:8, 9:** The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.
- **1 Corinthians 4:12:** We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; (NIV)

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- **1 Corinthians 15:58**; Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (NIV)
- **Ephesians 4:28**: He must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.
- **Ephesians 6:6**: Work hard, but not just to please your masters when they are watching. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.
- **Colossians 3:23**: Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, (NIV)
- **1 Thessalonians 4:11**; ...and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, (NIV)
- **2 Thessalonians 3:10**: For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." (NIV)
- **Hebrews 6:10**: God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. (NIV)
- **1 Timothy 4:10**: That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe. (NIV)