

QUOTATIONS ON WORKPLACE MINISTRY

1. "There is a distinction between church work and the work of the church. Church work is what you do for the organized institution of the church. The work of the church is what is done between Sundays when the church is scattered all over the metropolitan area where it is located - in homes, schools, offices, on construction jobs, in market places." - Dick Halverson
2. "Workplace ministry will be one of the core future innovations in church ministry."
George Barna, Boiling Point, Regal Publishing
3. "We reviewed 52 movements in the body of Christ. We narrowed it down to 28, then 12, then 4 to invest our resources in the coming years. The workplace is one of those because this is an area where we see God working." Chad Hammond, Director, New Ventures (division of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Assoc.)
4. "Our surveys reveal that 90-97% of Christians have never heard a sermon relating biblical principles to their work life." Doug Sherman, author, Your Work Matters to God.
5. San Francisco radio station survey revealed an 80% dissatisfaction rate for a person's work.
Wall Street Journal survey reveal 50% dissatisfaction rate among executives and 80% dissatisfaction rate among general workplace population. 500 surveys among Christians reveal 50% dissatisfaction rate.
6. "Societal transformation is high on God's agenda and the chief catalytic force to bring it about will be Christians ministering in the marketplace." C. Peter Wagner, Chancellor, Wagner Leadership Institute
7. "The church in the workplace is the purest form of the body of Christ today due to its diversity. Workplace believers are less prone to denominational differences because they have a common goal of representing Christ in their workplaces. The movement will break down denominational barriers that have been held in the past." Os Hillman, International Coalition of Workplace Ministries
8. "The most common self-inflicted put-down is 'I am not a pastor—I am just a layperson.' This is all part of a clever satanic scheme to neutralize apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers along with the entire army of disciples, already positioned in the marketplace." Ed Silvano, Anointed for Business, Harvest Evangelism

9. "Indeed, as with first-century Christianity, it all begins in the marketplace, where the disciples of Jesus daily rub shoulders with the lost." – Bill McCartney, Promise Keepers, Anointed for Business, Regal Publishing
10. "In today's global community, the greatest channel of distribution for 'salt and light' is the business community... the marketplace." Bill Pollard, Chairman, ServiceMaster
11. "There is truly is no division between sacred and secular except what we have created. And that is why the division of the legitimate roles and functions of human life into the sacred and secular does incalculable damage to our individual lives and the cause of Christ. Holy people must stop going into "church work" as their natural course of action and take up holy orders in farming, industry, law, education, banking, and journalism with the same zeal previously given to evangelism or to pastoral and missionary work." Dallas Willard, The Spirit of Discipline, pg 214
12. "Someone recently said that the "First" Reformation took the Word of God to the common man and woman; the "Second" Reformation is taking the work of God to the common man and woman. That time is now. The greatest potential ministry in the world today is the marketplace. Christ's greatest labor force is those men and women already in that environment." Tom Phillips, VP of Training, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association
13. "Much of our culture has a distinctly Greek view of work: We work out of necessity. But, you see, we are made in the image of God, and as such we are made to work—to create, to shape, to bring order out of disorder." Chuck Colson, BreakPoint, Sept 1, 2003
14. "The workplace is where a majority of a church congregation, spends a majority of their time, interacting with a majority of the unchurched world. The Church on Monday is evidence that the Church on Sunday is real!" Doug Spada, His Church at Work.org
15. "The last 12 to 24 months I have personally noticed a surge of interest. I see an openness from pastors that is very new that I have not seen before. I see a Kingdom mentality. I promise you we are within months of a major move of God." Kent Humphreys, President, Fellowship of Companies for Christ.