

MINISTERING TO THE SAINTS

SERVICES	10 JUNE	17 JUNE
CHILDREN'S CLASSES	Ai Fong, Linda, Shirley, Ai Cheng, Katherine & Audrey	Ai Fong, Linda, Shirley, Ai Cheng, Katherine & Audrey
USHERS	BENJAMIN, STEPHANIE & POI CHING	PENNY & JOSEPHINE
SERMONETTE	<u>BENJAMIN</u> Solomon's Completion of The Juerusalem Temple	<u>DANIEL LIM</u> The Division Of Kingdom
BIBLE STUDY	YEOW The Regulative Principle in the Old Testament	YEOW The Regulative Principle in the New Testament
SERMON	ENG Solomon's Completion of The Jerusalem Temple (1 King 6)	CHARLIE The Division Of Kingdom (2 Kings 17)
SONG LEADING	CHARLIE	ENG
OPENING PRAYER	FRANCIS	MAHIBAN
SCRIPTURE READING	BENJAMIN	YONG ENG LIM
LORD'S SUPPER	CHRIS & LIM YEW BOO	JOVIN & ALVIN
COLLECTION	RENGA	CHRIS
ANNOUNCER	RICHARD	YEOW
CLOSING PRAYER	EDWARD	RICHARD
CHORES	JOSEPHINE	JOSEPHINE

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STATISTICS FOR 3 JUNE 2007

CONTRIBUTION	RM2,763
MISSION FUND	RM1,037.60
BIBLE STUDY	30
VISITORS CLASS	7
WORSHIP ASSEMBLY	52
FRI - PRAYER MEET (1 JUNE)	22
MANDARIN WORSHIP	14
MANDARIN CONTRIBUTION	RM145

Then the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying: "Concerning this temple which you are building, if you walk in My statutes, execute My judgments, keep all My commandments, and walk in them, then I will perform My word with you, which I spoke to your father David. And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel."

1 Kings 6:11-13 (NKJV)

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SUNDAYS:
9.30 AM
BIBLE STUDY
SUNDAY SCHOOL
10.30 AM
WORSHIP
2.30PM
MANDARIN WORSHIP

FRIDAYS:
8.00 PM
BIBLE STUDY

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that



CHALLENGING QUERY #447 What does the Bible say about jobs and careers? Yeow Chin Kiong

Every generation needs to be taught about the necessity, purpose and value of work. Work sustains individuals, families, nations and civilization,- and it sustains the church of our Lord. Not surprisingly, God's Word has much to say about it.

The first thing we learn about God is that He worked to bring about all that exists,- and then He rested (Gen.1:1 to 2:3). Before the creation of man, the first mention of him establishes his role as one who was created for work: "...there was not a man *to till the ground*" (Gen.2:5). After man's creation, the first words communicated by the Creator to him was the command (accompanied by a blessing) to work: "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and *subdue it*, and *have dominion* over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth" (Gen.1:28). The first punishment pronounced upon man for his disobedience in the Garden of Eden was heavy work before death: "Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in *toil* shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground.." (Gen.3:17-19).

Work, labour, jobs and career, then, is the Divinely-determined lot, and hence chief concern,- of all of mankind,- and it is important to turn to the inspired

scriptures to learn how to equip ourselves to face this aspect of human existence as God would want us to (II Tim.3:16-17). The scriptures instruct us on what constitutes not mere work but "good work",- the kind that will bring glory to God (Matt.5:16; I Pet.2:12; 4:11) and which will put us in good stead at the Judgment (Eccles.12:13-14 see also II Cor.5:10; John 5:28-29). Philipians 2:12-18, complemented by I Peter 3:13-17, summarizes how our salvation is related to our work, how we work and God working in us. Equally important, the scriptures teach us what to do with the fruits of our labour.

John Wesley (1703-1791), one of the founders of Methodism and the Methodist Church, summarized the Christian work ethic as, "**Work** as hard as you can, **save** as much as you can, **give** as much as you can,- all for the glory of God".

Firstly, the scriptures require Christians to show **diligence**, working as hard as they can to generate capital formation. Colossians 3:22-25 explains the heart of the Christian's attitude to hard work; he welcomes it because when he labours diligently for his earthly masters, he is serving God Who will reward (or punish) him. Following the principle of the Sermon on the Mount (Matt.6:1-4), he does not work hard (and heartily!) for earthly wages or man's attention and praise but for God's enduring rewards in heaven (Matt.6:19-2). We must not be content with forming schemes in our heart and plans in our heads. Rather, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" for, as they say, we pass this way but once (Eccles.9:10). Seeking God with heart and soul requires working in this world for Him (I Chron.22:19). We are to be diligent and not sluggish in our work and ministry "that accompany salvation" (Heb.6:9-12). Diligence in temporal matters promises sustenance and praise even among men (Prov.27:23-27; 31:27,31) and lack of it guarantees doom (Prov.6:6-11; 13:4; 26:13-16). We must not be weary in well-doing, for our labour in the Lord,- which includes all our earthly work which brings Him glory,- is not in vain (Gal.6:9; I Cor.15:58)

Secondly, Christians are to show **frugality**, saving as much as they can, to promote capital savings. Frugality or thrift is careful spending of money or use of resources, the opposite of extravagance (see Prov.11:16; 21:17,20; 23:20-21). Frugality is exemplified in the Egyptians storing up in anticipation of famine (Gen.41:14-57) and the Israelites storing up manna (Exo.16:13-30). Ephesians 4:28 encapsulates the Christian work ethic: "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have whereof to give to him that had need." Having something for others can only come about by putting aside from what we have, and we can only put aside what we save (see I Cor.16:1-2).

Thirdly, Christians are to show **charity**, giving as much as they can, for the purpose of capital sharing. The whole purpose of work is to provide for others as we provide for ourselves (II Thess.3:7-13) and our immediate family (I

Tim.5:8),- the faithful working-out of the second of the greatest commandments, loving our neighbour as we love ourselves (Matt.22:39-40). Our neighbour includes all men, not just the brethren (Luke 10:25-37; Gal.6:10).

To summarize the Christian (i.e. Biblical) work ethic: It is the Christian's duty to are to labour diligently with our God-given talents and wisely manage the fruits of such labour so that we have enough to meet our needs and the needs of those who require our aid (Matt.25:14-46) and bring glory to God.

SJ NEWS UPDATE

OUR GUESTS LAST WEEK

Sun - Mr Gopi, Priya, Mr & Mrs Khoo & daughters (SJ's guests) * Tee Ming & Nerrine (Ai Mei's guests) * William (Sui Lin's husband) * Terrance (Pow Chin's guest) * James Kuah Mandarin : Terrance (Pow Chin's guest) * Mr & Mrs Kwan (Jason's parents)

OUR VISITORS LAST WEEK

Sun - Amelin & children, Sister Wong & Caroline (Klang) * Kelly (Skudai) * Sheerlin (LAP) Sun Mandarin - Pow Chin (Klang) * Ee Ren, Joanna & Lily (Klang)

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the health of: Doris Chan (KL), Francis, Katherine, JC Choate, Mahiban, Sarojini, Gary, Mdm Pang (Bessie's mother), Mr Chiah Tee Sang (Sis Tee's brother-in-law), Ah Ngen (Han's brother), Steven How (*Daybreak* printer) * Santhi and family * **Continue to pray for Charlie DiPalma's sight and Leela's & Sarojini's health**

AWAY THIS MORNING: Andrew & Eunice on work assignment in China

CONDOLENCES: Our deepest sympathy to Bessie and Mary Yeow on the demise of Bessie's father on Friday 8 June due to old age. Nightly wake at PJ Modern Caskets Funeral Parlor, Room 5 until the funeral at 2pm, Tuesday, 12 June 2007. Our prayers for Bessie and Mary as they mourn their loss.

CHURCH WORK DAY 17 JUNE 2007

In preparation for our Sunday School Open Day on Saturday, 23 June we need workers to spruce up our assembly premises. All are encouraged to get involved.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK: Chans' home fellowship at 8pm, Wednesday, 13 June

PROGRAMMES COMING UP

1. Sunday School Open Day, 23 June 2007
2. **18th** Restoration Seminar & **8th** Restoration Roundtable (both on elders and deacons) Friday, 31 August 2007. *Sample issues: What happens when an elder realizes that he cannot any longer agree with the other elders on a point of Bible doctrine? How are elders "removed"? What happens when an elder's child falls away from the Faith?*