

5. Ambitious To Work Well

Transcript

Hi there, I'm Luke from Trinity Church Golden Grove and each week I want to help you be a more confident christian at work, all in 60 seconds.

Let me tell you 3 true stories:

First is Daniel from the Old Testament.

He was taken far from his home and culture, and then afforded the unique chance to learn a new way of life in Babylon.

Pretty exciting stuff.

Except, this new place is so far from God's intent, it makes your head spin.

Daniel was given new clothes, a new name, a new purpose, language, literature, job and priorities.

Do you know Daniel happily adopted all this?

Daniel said yes to 99% of the Babylon culture.

Except, he drew his line at eating food that would show solidarity with the wrong God.

Next is Justin Martyr.

He wrote to emperor Titus around AD 155, to explain why Christians acted the way they did.

He says this:

It is, "God alone we render worship, but in other things we gladly serve you, acknowledging you as kings and rulers of men, and praying that with your kingly power you be found to possess also sound judgment. More than all other men are we your helpers and allies in promoting peace."

Justin argued that Christians were the best citizens, had the kings best interest in mind because we serve God, our true and eternal king and prayed that their culture would flourish.

Third,

Listen to the words of 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12:

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, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

In light of these 3 stories,

Let's make it our ambition, to work well, quietly, getting on with our job,

For the glory of God,

For the sake of the gospel.

Ready to share the reason for our hope.