

CrossWalk notes

God's Calling for My Life

Work As My Witness

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How can my time at work be a compelling witness?

⁹ Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. **1 Thessalonians 4:9, NIV**

¹ It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. . .

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:1-5, 34-35.

Jesus' love and work were a compelling witness.

- Jesus loves you to the _____.
- Jesus loves you _____.
- Jesus loves because he knows _____.
- Jesus showed love as a _____.
- Jesus' love is shown through me to _____.

¹⁰ And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, 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, ¹² so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody. **1 Thessalonians 4:10-12, NIV**

"Preach the _____ every day, when necessary, use _____." Ascribed to Saint Francis of Assisi

¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. **1 Peter 3:15-16, NIV**

My _____ as a witness will turn into my _____ as a witness. Be ready with your answer.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: Jesus has served me with actions and with words. I will use my service and ministry to others as a conversation starter to share Jesus.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your connection card.