"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

#### Philippians 4:8







God's Good Gifts



Praiseworthy Virtues



#### THE GIFT OF CREATION

"And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"

**Matthew 6:28-30** 



When we don't take in the natural world, we miss a window into the wonder of God's goodness and greatness.



#### Wonder at God's Work in Nature

Psalm 148 • Rom. 1:19-20 • Acts 14:15-17

#### How has God's creation impacted how you view him?

"Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."

Colossians 3:22-24



# The chance to do good work and appreciate the work of others is worth celebrating.



## Embrace the Opportunity to Do Good Work

Gen. 1 • Eccl. 9:9-10 • Prov. 13:4; 16:3; 18:9; 22:29

### How does your work change when you see it as a gift from God?

"The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves."

Mark 6:30-32



# Work is good, but God also created us to enjoy the sweetness of rest.



### Stop and Enjoy Rest

Gen. 2:1-3 • Psalm 127:2 • Heb. 4:9-10

#### What do you learn from God's desire to give us rest?



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