**The Idol of Profession & Work**

Selected Scriptures

**Introduction**

⦿ “Work has become the defining activity of man.” ~ Luc Ferry

**I. Defining the Idol of Profession**

🕮 Psa 18:1; Prov 1:33; Psa 3:5-6; 2 Cor 5:16; Gen 1:31; Heb 1:3; John 5:17; Gen 1:26, 28 2:15; 2 Thess 3:10

**II. Detecting the Idol of Profession**

**A. Pride**

🕮 Psa 104:31; Matt 23:5-7; Prov 18:2; 1 Cor 15:9-10; James 1:17; 1 Cor 4:7

**B. Despair**

🕮 Col 3:17; John 3:27-30; Phil 2:5-7

⦿“When work is your identity, success goes to your head, and failure goes to your heart.” ~ Tim Keller

* Despair over lack of success
* Despair over lack of status

⦿“Wherever you are, be all there! Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God.” ~ Jim Elliot

**C. Anxiety**

🕮 Eccl 2:18-20, 22-23; Psalm 127:1-2; 1 Cor 3:6-7; Matthew 6:27, 32-33

* Working more than you should
* Working even when you’re not

**III. Defeating the Idol of Profession**

1. **Our True Identity**

🕮 Col 3:3-4; Titus 2:14

**B. Our True Calling**

🕮 Eph 6:5-8; Titus 2:10; Mark 10:45