

12 practical tips to working from an undivided heart

1. Let's not think that our work as a Church is indispensable to God. Churches can be driven by the desire to prove themselves out of competitive ambition.

2. And pray too for Christian workers – pray for church leaders – that they would model a godly attitude towards work.

3. Let's consider carefully who's work we value and why? Let's not judge one another on the basis of titles or earnings. Honour all who work to glorify God.

4. Let's help each other. Tim Chester cites an evangelist who said this:
'I'm really busy' is a phrase I hear a lot from Christians. It annoys me. I used to say it myself because I wanted to think I was busy. It makes you look good. It makes you feel like you're a worthy Christian, that people will admire you.'

So next time someone says to you they're busy maybe it's time to ask them why and what they intend to do about it?

5. To go to work with an undivided heart will require us to spend time with God before work.

6. Seize the opportunities working from a pure heart will bring.
If your attitudes and your motivations really are different from your colleagues it will show. Be ready to answer.

7. To quieten your soul when it is wrongly motivated, and look to meet the needs of others at work. The work of Jesus was never self-seeking – show yourself to be his disciple by seeking opportunity to serve.

8. Work less at paid work to give more time to work at home, church. Have a finishing time and stick to it. Make family time and church time a priority.

There are people here who have taken early-retirement or dropped a day at work or go part-time

9. Work less at paid work to enjoy more rest – time with God, time with his people,...time to enjoy his creation

10. Set up a CU at work to support each other.

11. Don't accept more responsibility at work or promotion as a matter of course. Think through why you want it?

12. Don't over borrow so that you are trapped by debt and locked into a particular job that you cannot change.