



I AM GOD'S CO-WORKER!

At the very outset of creation, God placed humanity in a privileged relationship to **be** with him and to **reign** with him. Work was not intended to be a bad four letter word but a calling of honor and great purpose. Though God could do everything better on his own, he delighted in giving us the ability and authority to work alongside him in ruling over creation. We reigned in Eden. We lost our way through sin for a long time, but at the cross, Jesus changed *everything*. Now, God again extends the unspeakable privilege of being a *co-worker* with him. He gives us the ability and authority to reign in his Kingdom and to see **love** re-established in the bodies, souls and spirits of mankind. As agents of change, he entrusts us to hear from him, speak for him, heal in his name and set the captives free from the snares of the enemy. We have a much higher calling than we've ever dared to dream. Every place we set our feet, we can show up and be about our Father's business!

“As God's *co-workers*, we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain” 2 Corinthians 6:1 – Emphasis added.

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a *worker* who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth” 2 Timothy 2:15 – Emphasis added.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. *So many people report frustration and lack of vision at their job, but God established work to be a gift for us. What is God's vision for work? What is your current view of your job? Why?*
2. *What areas has God gifted you in? Think about talents, skills, interests, strengths and what brings you joy. Are you using these to work “with” God to share his love and advance his Kingdom? Ask God to reveal how you could be more intentional about this and write down what he says.*

PRAYER:

Father, what an awesome privilege it is to participate with you in advancing your Kingdom! Thank you for giving me a unique personality and specific gifts. Help me see how to use these gifts to share your love with others. Make me aware of where you are at work in even the mundane moments. Show me the doors you are opening for me to manifest your love today and how I can work with you!

LISTENING TIME:

Stop for a few minutes and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you. He might bring to mind a picture, a word, a song, an encouragement, a Scripture or an answer to a burden in your heart. Don't rush or feel pressure to figure

out the meaning of your impressions. Just invite him to speak and draw or write down what you sense. Afterward, ask God to help you discern and understand what he is saying to you. You might want to ask other trusted friends in the Kingdom for their input as well.

USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE TO RECORD WHAT GOD IS SAYING



TOOLS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS:

Ask “What does it mean to be a co-worker?” “Where is God calling our family to work alongside him?”
Pray together for a greater awareness to see opportunities where God invites us to work with him.

TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:

Pray for specific direction, a word or an encouragement for a co-worker. If God gives you a word of encouragement or direction for them, share it!