



# BIG *Little* LIES

## YOU ARE WHAT YOU DO

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Have you ever felt like your identity is wrapped up in “what you do” or “what you have” or “what others say about you”? If we are not careful, we can let these little lies creep into our lives and define us. This week we look at the lie “You Are What You Do.”

***BIG IDEA: We are not defined by what we do, we are defined by what God did for us!***

### **1. God changes *why* we work.**

- a. READ Genesis 2:2 & 7. What kind of work did God do?
- b. READ Genesis 2:3. If God, Himself, rested from His work, then it should not cause us to feel shame when we rest. Do you ever feel like people will think you are lazy if you stop to rest? Why?
- c. READ Genesis 2:15. God gave Adam responsibility for the garden. Why do you think God wanted man to work?

### **2. Sin distorts our work.**

- a. READ Genesis 3:17-19. Adam and Eve learned a painful lesson because sin must be punished. How did this curse distort the original work that was given to Adam and Eve?

### **3. Jesus redeems us through HIS work.**

- a. READ Ephesians 2:8-10. No action or work we can do can help us obtain salvation. Although God’s intention is that our gift of salvation will result in us doing good work. Do you ever feel like you have to earn your salvation through your good works?

### **4. Jesus’ work gives our work meaning.**

- a. READ 1 Corinthians 10:31. God’s love is meant to permeate our motives that everything we do will be for His glory. What are some ways we can give glory to God in our everyday life?

**TAKEAWAYS:**

- God did good work and he created mankind to do good work.
- The source of the desire to work comes from a good God.
- God brings dignity to our good work.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. In what ways do you feel “defined” by your work?
2. Have you ever felt like if you worked harder, then you would be more valuable? Explain.
3. What are some differences between finding your identity in what you do rather than finding your identity in Christ?

**COMMIT TO MEMORY**—*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord”* Colossians 3:23a

**RECOMMENDED READING:**

[\*Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work\*](#)

by Timothy Keller