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Of the 52 parables Jesus told, 45 had a workplace context.  
Different forms of the word “work” are mentioned more than 800 times in the Bible.

Of the 132 public appearances of Jesus, 122 were in the workplace.

Of the 40 miracles in Acts, 39 were in the workplace.

—Os Hillman, *International Coalition of Workplace Ministries*

#### Four Lethal Misbeliefs (Ed Silvano, *Anointed for Business*, page 23)

1. There is a God-ordained division between clergy and laity.
2. The Church is called to operate primarily inside a building often referred to as the temple.
3. People involved in business cannot be as spiritual as those serving in traditional Church ministry.
4. The primary role of marketplace Christians is to make money to support the vision of those “in the ministry.”

#### Shining Bright in the Marketplace

1) You have an \_\_\_\_\_ in the marketplace.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” (Colossians 3:23-24)

2) I offer my work as part of \_\_\_\_\_.

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:17)

Excellence  
Enthusiasm

3) I reach out to co-workers with \_\_\_\_\_.

“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

4) I witness to co-workers with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s love.

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.” (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

#### WHAT NOW:

- Eyes on HIM, not on them. (Matthew 6:33)
- Honor all people as made in the image of God. (Genesis 1:26-27)
- Treat people with kindness and civility. (Colossians 4:6-7)
- Love people that Jesus puts in front of you. (John 13:34)
- Pray for people whenever you can...I mean really! (1 Timothy 2:1-5)
- Share your testimony and why you believe, with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15-16)

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#### CHAIR TIME TOOLS

- 1) Read the passages from Dr Jackson’s notes and meditate on the main ideas in the passages.
- 2) Have you believed any of the Four Lethal Misbeliefs regarding being bright in the marketplace?
- 3) In honor of Thanksgiving this past Thursday, take a moment to reflect on the things that God has given you as provision.