

YOU CAN DO BOTH

From Work/Life Blog

A powerful scene in the movie "Amazing Grace" drives home a point that many misunderstand. William Wilberforce, the 19th century abolitionist, struggles with what to do with his new found faith.

As he wrestles with this critical issue he has several visitors who have been told of Mr. Wilberforce's dilemma. These avid abolitionists know of Mr. Wilberforce's political passion and skill, especially in the battle against slavery.

"We understand that you are having difficulty deciding whether to do the work of God or the work of a political activist," one of them shares with him. The woman in the group then drives home the point, "We humbly suggest you can do both."

Many Christians believe value in God's eyes comes only from entering "full time ministry." This is such a tragedy. God has made each of us with unique talents and skills. When we mistakenly believe that only missionaries or pastors have a high calling, we miss God's best for our life and we under-utilize the gifts we have been given.

The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 7:17 wrote, "Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches."

Imagine a world with all Christians serving only as pastors and missionaries. Who would reach the people in the workplaces of the world? Who would provide the food, shelter, clothing, etc. that we need to carry out God's plan? Who would start businesses or lead our government? It would be disastrous, but worse yet it isn't God's plan.

If you are questioning whether or not you should leave your current job to go into vocational ministry, you should remember that we are all called to be in ministry regardless of where we work. Consider the sage advice of Wilberforce's friends: you can do both.



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We welcome you to all our services!

Sunday:	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:00 AM	Kids Church
Wednesday:	5:30 PM	Fellowship & Devotion

Announcements

Tonight: Youth Switch Tournament beginning at 6:00 PM.

Next Sunday: Life Group beginning at 5:00 PM.

January 19: Annual Business Meeting immediately following Morning Service.

January 19: No Evening Service.

January 26: No Evening Service.

Hope Kitchen is seeking volunteers to help with their Happy Homes ministry. One Saturday, each month, Happy Homes provides a Bible study class and a home skills class.

If you are interested in teaching a class, please see Lana Henry or contact Desiree Bridges at 417-658-9208.

Life Skill Options/Possibilities:

- Hygiene
- Home Cleaning (each item could represent one class)
 - Bathroom
 - Kitchen
 - Whole House
- Meal Planning
- Time Management
- Building a Resume, Online Job Application Assistance, Interview Assistance
- Money Management
- Vehicle Maintenance
- First Aid

These skills are not an exhaustive list. If you have a particular skill on your heart to teach, please contact Lana or Desiree.

Thought of the Week

"Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm."

~ Abraham Lincoln

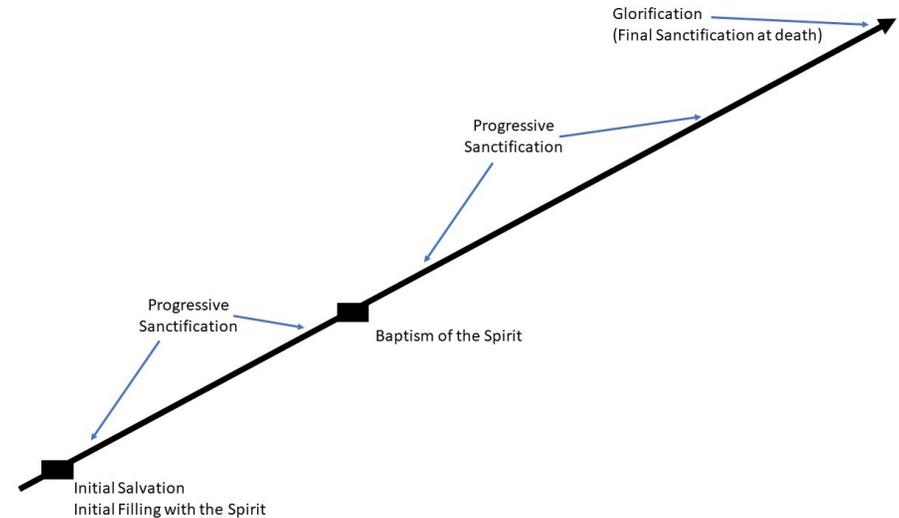
For Today's Sermon

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Myth #3 _____

Myth #4 _____



Truth #1 _____

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