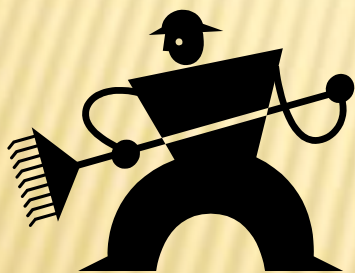




Earthen Vessels Family Retreat

What's your work?



Genesis 1:26-28,31

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said to them, “**Be fruitful and multiply**, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth....

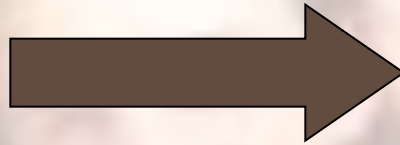
³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was **very good**. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.”

Unique Creation

- ✦ Human creation is vastly different from the rest of creation
- ✦ Man was a deliberate creation
- ✦ Created in the image and likeness of God
- ✦ We are spirit and not just flesh
- ✦ Given the ability to reason, having a conscience and acquiring knowledge
- ✦ Given free will
- ✦ Human life have dignity!

Marriage & Family

Man & Woman
are social
beings



meant for one
another in
marriage, family,
community

‘Fostering the nobility of marriage
and family’ (Gaudium Et Spes)

Called to Work

Dominion

Lordship

Stewards of
creation



Subdue

Make it beautiful

Laborem Exercens

"Work is a good thing for man - a good thing for his humanity - because through work man not only transforms nature, adapting it to his own needs, but he also **achieves fulfillment as a human being** and indeed, in a sense, becomes 'more a human being'."

"the knowledge that by means of work **man shares in the work of creation** constitutes the most profound motive for undertaking it in various sectors."

Laborem Exercens – “On Human Work” Pope JP II Encyclical 1981

The 4 Principles of Stewardship

Ownership

God owns, we work
on His behalf

Accountability

Parable of the Talents

Responsibility

taking care of his vineyard

Reward

Mt 25:21 Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness

Stewardship Reflections

- ✚ What are my priorities? Work? Family? My dignity as a child of God?
- ✚ Do I see myself as a co-creator?
- ✚ Do I treat others with dignity?
- ✚ Looking at the 4 principles of stewardship, am I a good steward?

Joy In the Journey

Michael Card

**There Is A Joy In The Journey
There's A Light We Can Love On The Way
There Is A Wonder And Wildness To Life
And Freedom For Those Who Obey**

**And All Those Who Seek It Shall Find It
A Pardon For All Who Believe
Hope For The Hopeless And Sight For The Blind**

**To All Who've Been Born Of The Spirit
And Who Share Incarnation With Him
Who Belong To Eternity Stranded In Time
And Weary Of Struggling With Sin**

**Forget Not The Hope That's Before You
And Never Stop Counting The Cost
Remember The Hopelessness When You Were Lost**