

This week Dr. Baucom continues his 8-week sermon series, *In and Out*, with his sermon, “*In the Workplace, But Not Of It*,” based on **Colossians 3:15 to 4:1**. Dr. Baucom will use the praxis process of action and reflection as we explore living in the workplace.

1. How was your week at work last week? What was the best part about being there? What was the most difficult? Was there a time last week that you were able to show genuine Christian love in your work environment? Could they see Jesus in you? If not, what might you change next week?
2. **Read and reflect on Colossians 3:15 to 4:1.** Sit with this passage for a few minutes. Listen for what God might be highlighting for you. Is there a word or phrase that stands out to you? Sit with it. Now read this passage again, aloud.
 - By what should our hearts be ruled? How might this influence our being equipped for our workplace?
 - Re-read **verses 17 & 23**; also reference **1 Corinthians 10:31**. What do they say about our motivation and attitude in our work environment?
 - If your workplace is your home, what does this passage say to you, especially **verses 18-21**?
 - What might **4:1** say to you, especially if you are a supervisor or a boss?
 - Think about developing a practice of praxis for your work place. How might this passage begin to shape your thought process?
3. **Read and reflect on Ephesians 6:5-8.** Spend several minutes meditating on this passage. Rest here for a moment.
 - What similarities have you discovered?
 - How can your discoveries influence the development of a practice of praxis?
4. Read **Matthew 25:14-30**, the Parable of the Talents.

- Reflect on this parable, and ask God to reveal to you what it might say to you and your living within your work environment.
- Be ready to share with your IG what God has shown you.

5. **Read Matthew 22:37-39.** What does this verse say to you?
6. **Read Micah 6:8.**
 - What does this verse say God asks of us?
 - How can you live that out at work?
 - If you lived this out daily, what difference might it make in the relationship you have with your colleagues? Your clients?
7. After reading **Matthew 16:24-28** reflect on the following questions:
 - How might employers look differently from others around them?
 - Were their workers dealt with honestly and with integrity?
 - How might this be a model *to live in the workplace, but not of it*?
8. Read **1 Corinthians 3:10-15**. Think about the way you plan your influence in your workplace. How might this passage encourage you?

Share with your IG what you have learned about the praxis process and how you might use it to make changes in the way you serve God in your workplace.