

- B. Your workplace is your _____.
“19...hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ...”
II Corinthians 5:19b-20a

V. WORK _____ (2:20)

- A. The shepherds returned to their duties with a _____ attitude.

“2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:
2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of
God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and
perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the
world;
2:16 Holding forth the word of life...”
Philippians 2:14-16a

- B. Your _____, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude in life.

“9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own
masters, and to please them well in all things; not
answering again;
10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that
they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all
things.”
Titus 2:9-10

CONCLUSION: Don't stop believing!!

“Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.”
Mark 9:23

DON'T STOP BELIEVING~FIND HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

Don't Stop Believing When Working

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INTRODUCTION

- A. One of the most popular messages of Christmas is captured in a single word: believe. Many people are believing in the arrival of gifts and family, however few are focused on believing in Jesus Christ. He is the reason for the season and hope is found in Him so don't stop believing!!!

Elizabeth said to Mary, “And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.”
Luke 1:45

- B. Join me as we unwrap four Christmas messages on believing. Come and discover hope this Christmas!

Dec 5 Don't Stop Believing When Doubting
Dec 12 Don't Stop Believing When Stressing
TODAY Don't Stop Believing When Working
Dec 26 Don't Stop Believing When Waiting

This series is based on Luke chapters one and two.

- C. **TEXT:** Luke 2:1-20 (Pew Bible Page 59/New Testament)

The word “believe” is used _____ times in the New Testament.

This passage focuses on the Shepherds and how they believed when _____.

HOW TO BELIEVE WHEN WORKING

- I.** WORK _____ (2:1-8)
- A.** The shepherds were _____ to their work.
- “10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.
11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.
12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.”* II Thessalonians 3:10-12

- B.** God requires you to be a _____ not a slacker.
- “Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;”* Romans 12:11

- II.** WORK _____ (2:9-11)
- A.** The shepherds were told to _____ be afraid.
- “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”* II Timothy 1:7

- B.** Fear is...
- F** _____
- E** _____
- A** _____
- R** _____

*“31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?
32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”* Romans 8:31-32

- III.** WORK _____ (2:12-16)
- A.** The shepherds received the message and _____ immediately.
- “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.”* I Thessalonians 2:13
- B.** You obey _____ when you obey your _____.
- “22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:
23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.”* Colossians 3:22-25

- IV.** WORK _____ (2:17-19)
- A.** The shepherds shared the _____.
- “11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.
12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;
13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.
14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.
15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.”* I Timothy 1:11-15