

THE COMMERCE OF MERCY: HESED AND WORK

Ruth 2:1-23; Genesis 1:26-28; Titus 2:9-14

The maid who sweeps her kitchen is doing the will of God just as much as the monk who prays —not because she may sing a Christian hymn as she sweeps but because God loves clean floors. The Christian shoemaker does his Christian duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes, because God is interested in good craftsmanship.

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I. ABUSE OF WORK

II. PURPOSE OF WORK (4, 12; TITUS 2:10)

III. ORIGIN OF WORK (4-7; GENESIS 1:26-28)

IV. RESULT OF WORK (8-16; TITUS 2:14)