



WORK AS WORSHIP

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

An aerial, high-angle photograph of a city at night. The image is in grayscale, with the city lights providing the only source of illumination. In the foreground, there are several large, multi-story apartment buildings with many windows. Some windows are lit up, while others are dark. The buildings are arranged in a grid-like pattern. In the middle ground, there are more buildings, some of which are taller and more modern. There are also some trees and green spaces visible. In the background, the city extends to the horizon, with more buildings and lights visible. The overall atmosphere is quiet and somewhat somber due to the lack of color.

5 Ways to Approach Work as Worship

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

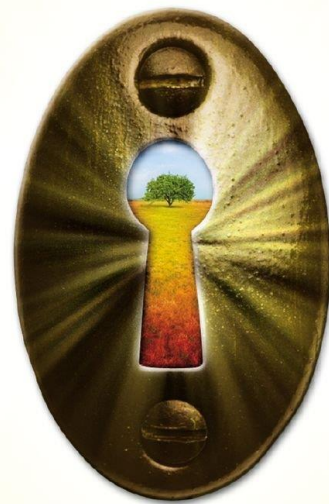


**#1 Work according to
your Divine Design.**

A PURPOSE DRIVEN® RESOURCE

SHAPE.

FINDING & FULFILLING YOUR UNIQUE
PURPOSE FOR LIFE



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Spiritual Gifts

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experience



Your SHAPE shouts
“Purpose!”

An aerial night photograph of a city, likely Los Angeles, showing several large, multi-story apartment buildings with many lit windows. The buildings are surrounded by trees and some lower-level structures. The sky is dark, and the overall scene is illuminated by the city lights.

**#2 Pursue work that
is beneficial.**



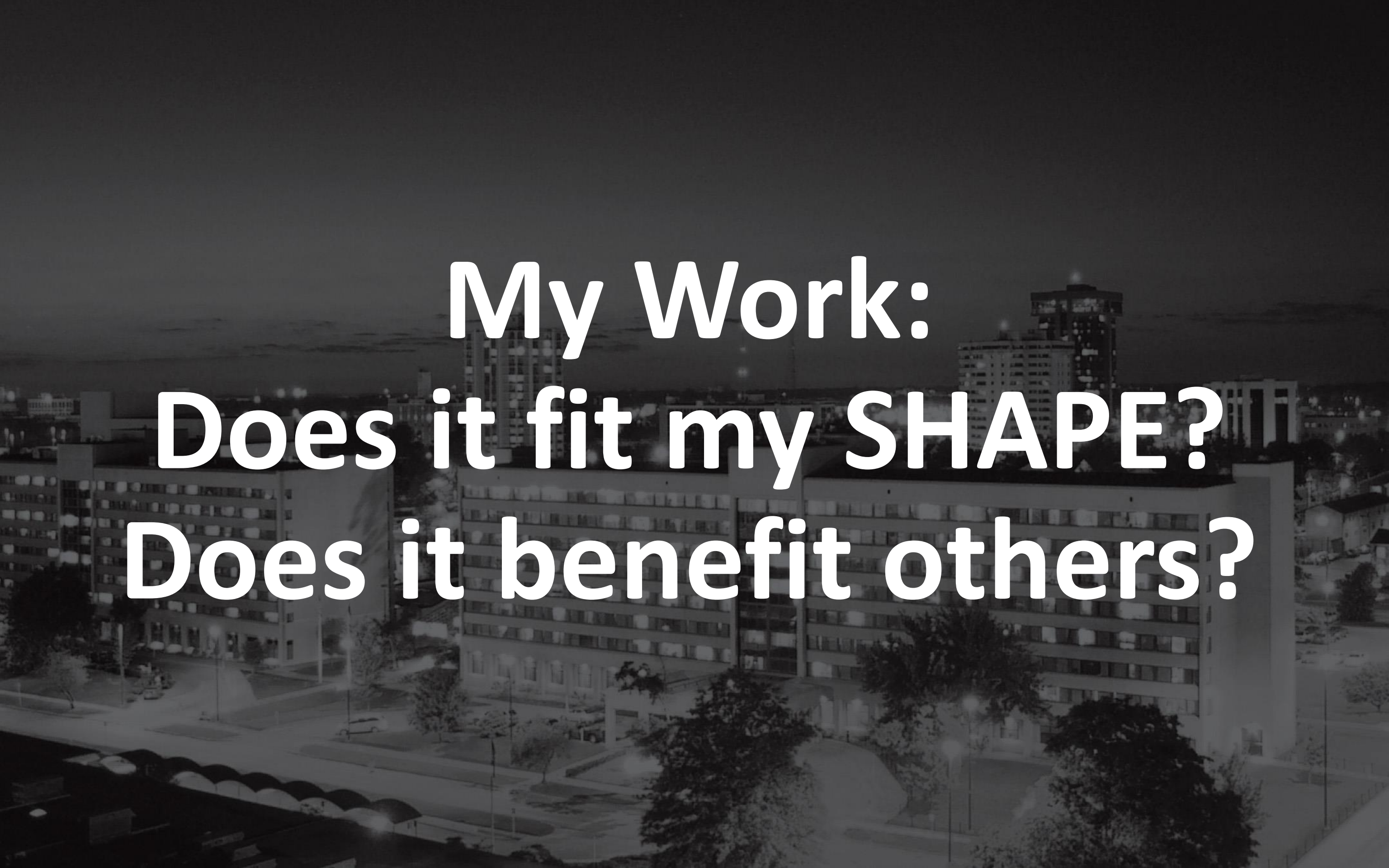
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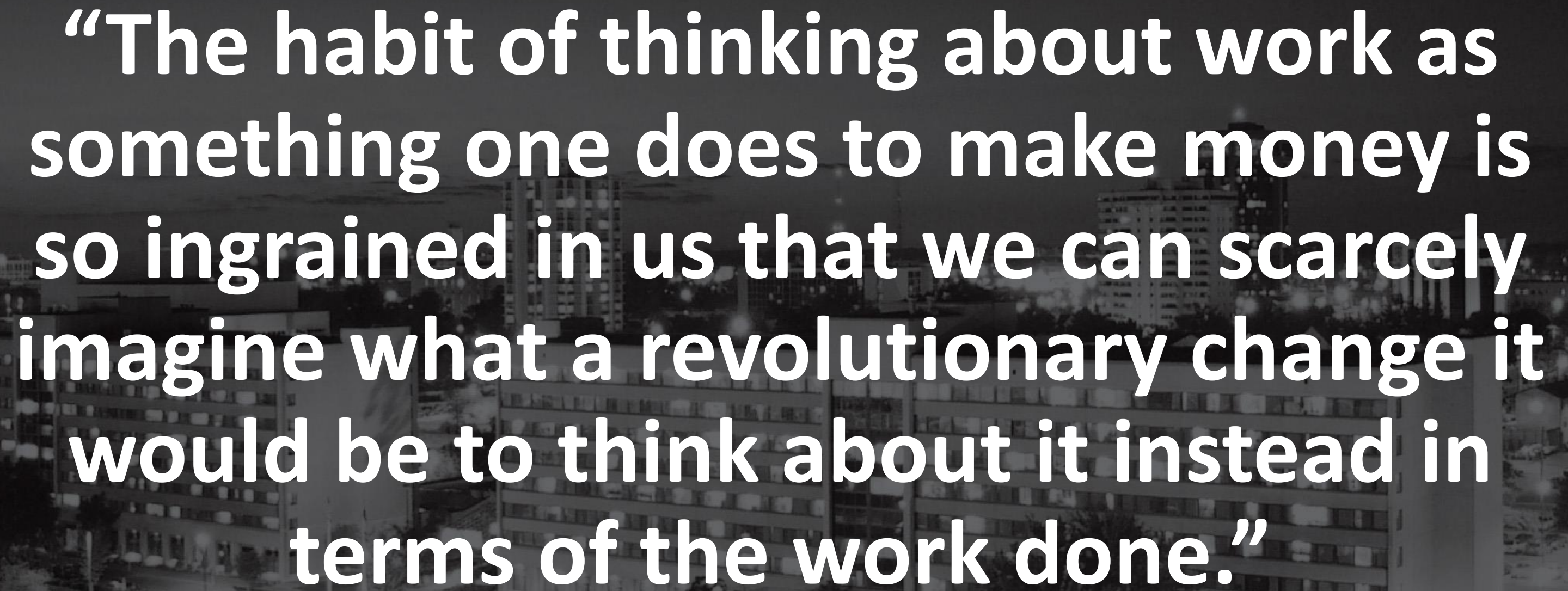


Matthew 7:12

*Do unto others as you would
have done to you, for this sums
up the law and the prophets.*



My Work:
Does it fit my SHAPE?
Does it benefit others?



“The habit of thinking about work as something one does to make money is so ingrained in us that we can scarcely imagine what a revolutionary change it would be to think about it instead in terms of the work done.”

“We should ask of an enterprise, not ‘will it pay?’ but ‘is it good?'; of a man, not ‘what does he make?’ but ‘what is his work worth?'; of goods, not ‘Can we induce people to buy them?’ but ‘are they useful things well made?'; of employment, not ‘how much a week?’ but ‘will it exercise my faculties to the utmost?’” —Dorothy Sayers

Colossians 3:22-25

²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.

Colossians 3:22-25

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#3 Consider all work as worthy of dignity.

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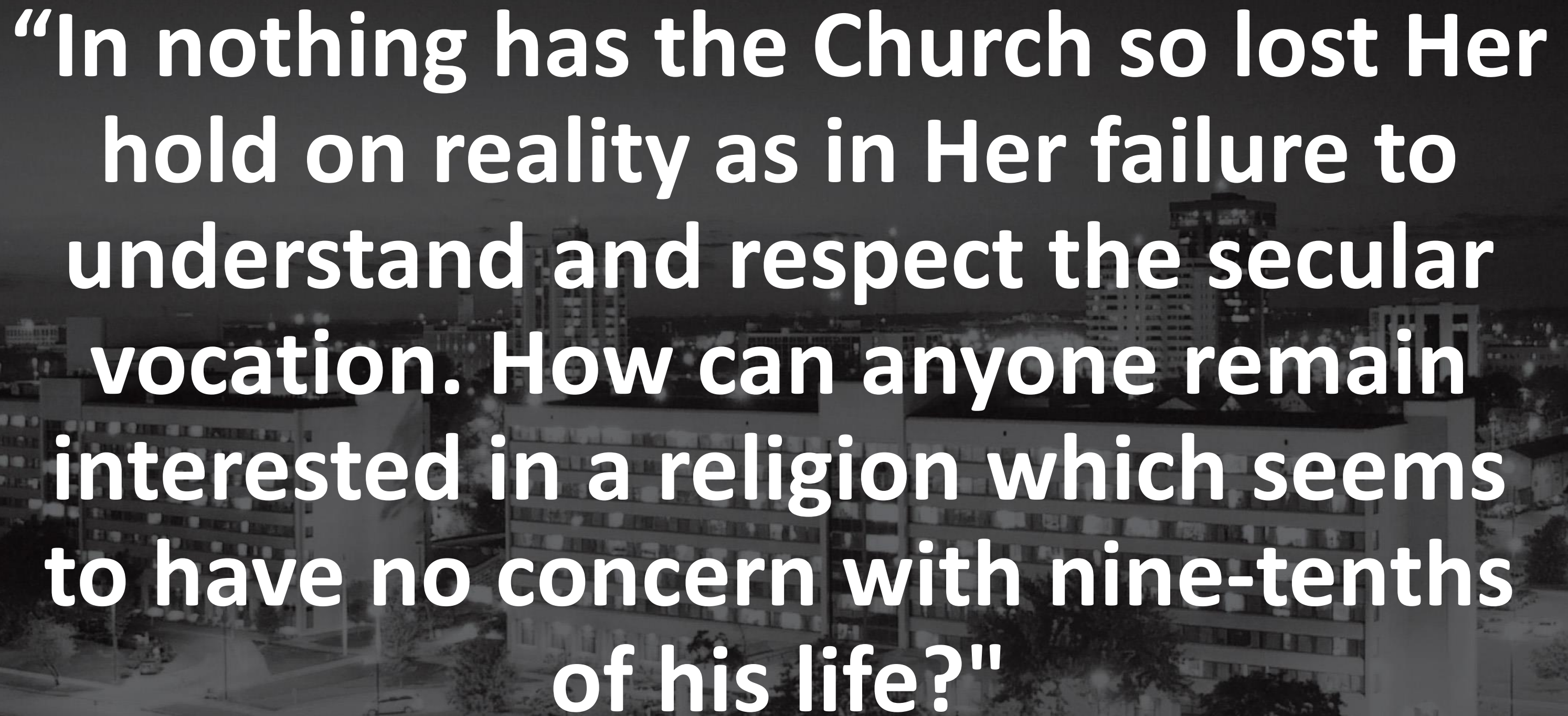
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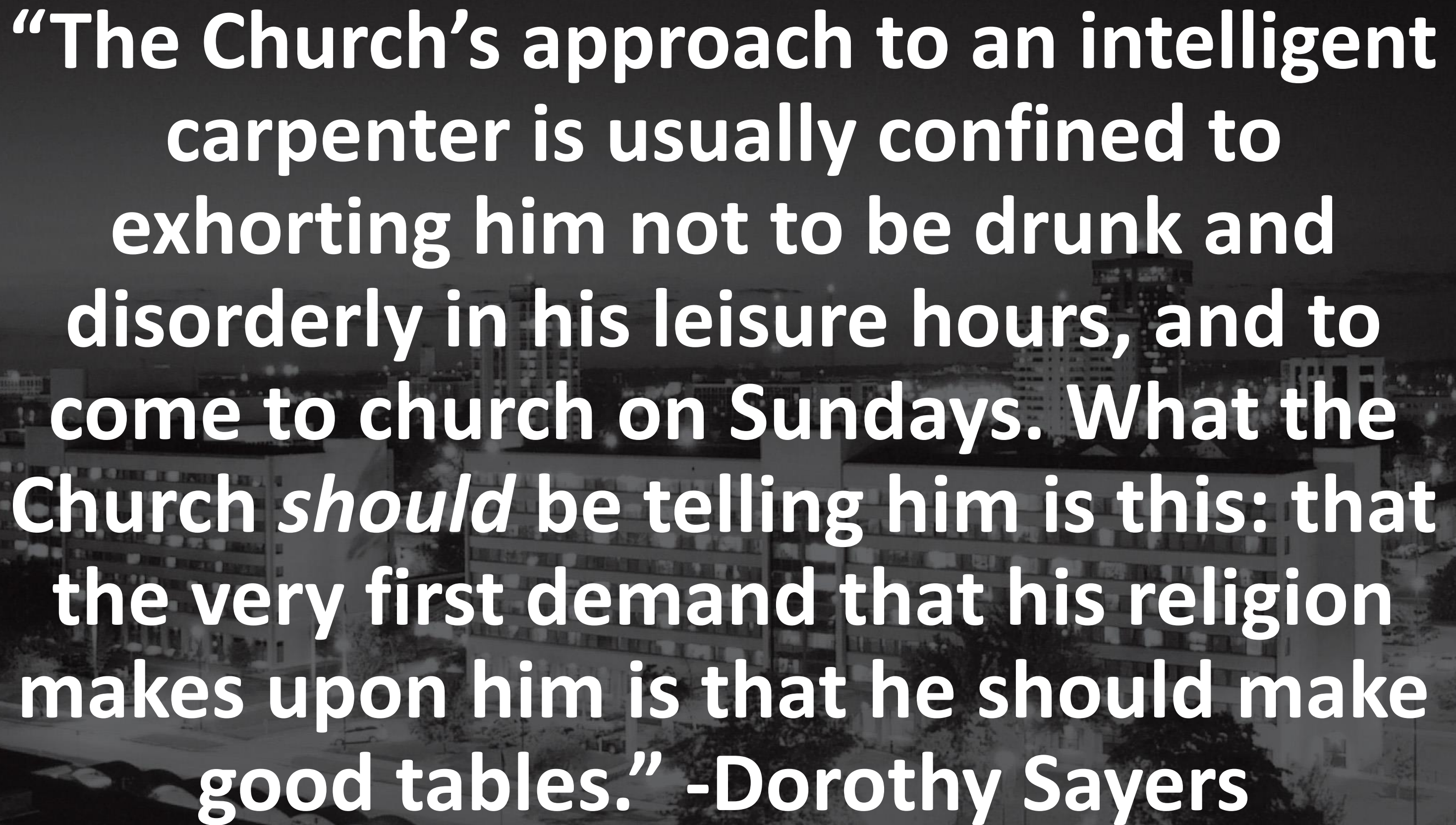
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true master not your
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“In nothing has the Church so lost Her hold on reality as in Her failure to understand and respect the secular vocation. How can anyone remain interested in a religion which seems to have no concern with nine-tenths of his life?”



“The Church’s approach to an intelligent carpenter is usually confined to exhorting him not to be drunk and disorderly in his leisure hours, and to come to church on Sundays. What the Church *should* be telling him is this: that the very first demand that his religion makes upon him is that he should make good tables.” -Dorothy Sayers

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