



A new series from the book of James begins next  
Sunday. But today,

With Labor Day in our rearview mirror and a county  
fair which celebrates the culmination of months of  
hard work, it seems appropriate to take a look at a  
biblical work ethic.



BY THE SWEAT OF YOUR  
BROW...

Genesis 3:17-19



# SO, WAIT. IS WORK A CURSE?

Absolutely not. Consider Genesis 2:15

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”

Pre-Fall, God's plan for mankind included labor.



WORK IS TO BE DONE...

As an offering to the Lord

Col. 3:22-24



WORK IS TO BE DONE...

With forethought

Prov. 6:6-8



WORK IS TO BE DONE...

With passion

2 Thess. 3:6-15



WORK IS TO BE DONE...

With an eye for others

Eph. 4:28



WORK IS TO BE SEEN...

As a witness and as a safeguard

1 Thess. 4:11-12





# WORK ETHIC'S DARK SIDE

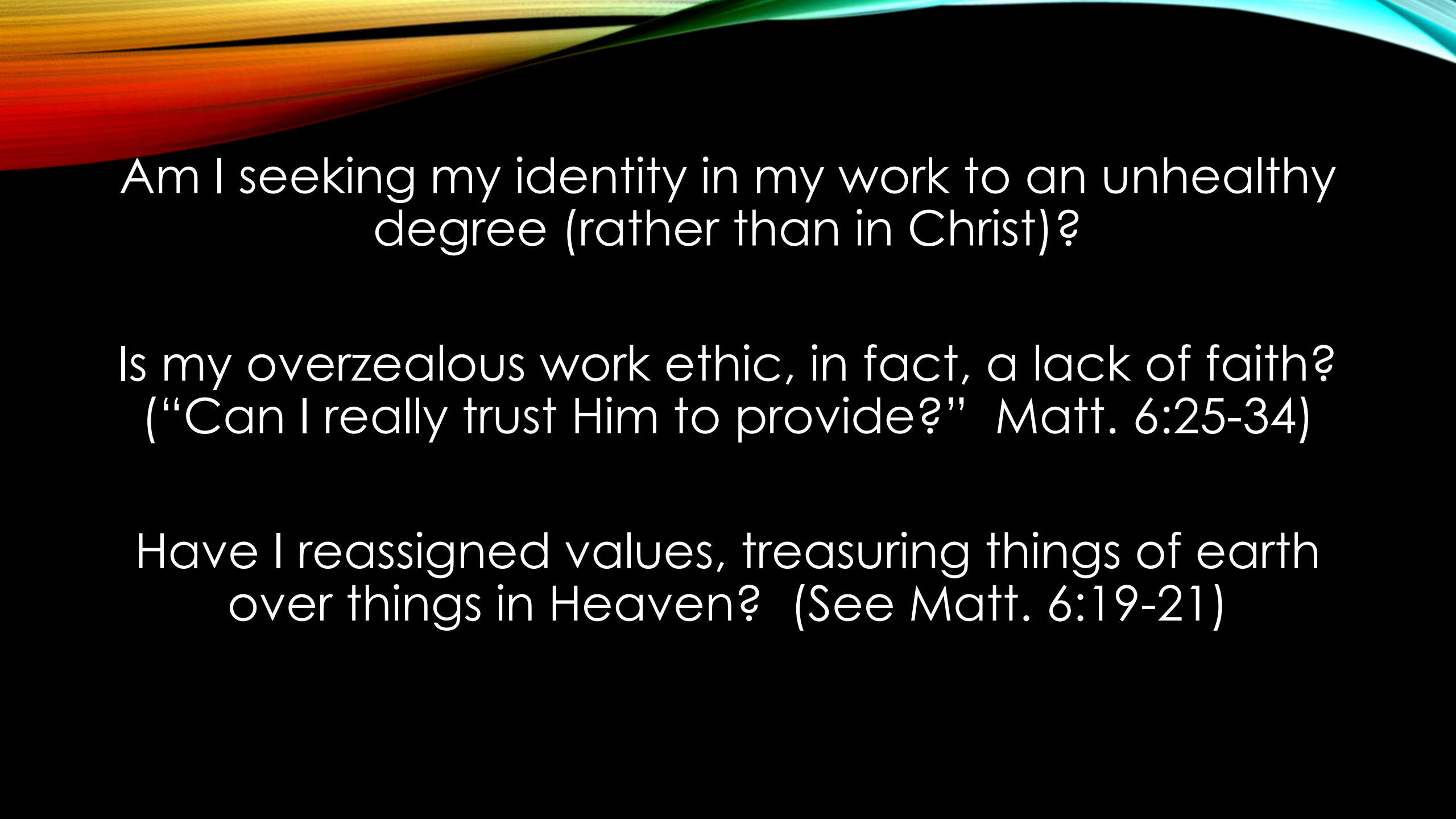
Beware workaholism.

See Gen. 1:31 – 2:3

Ex. 20:9

Regarding your work ethic, ask yourself:

Am I using work to avoid things or relationships that  
need my time or attention?



Am I seeking my identity in my work to an unhealthy degree (rather than in Christ)?

Is my overzealous work ethic, in fact, a lack of faith?  
("Can I really trust Him to provide?" Matt. 6:25-34)

Have I reassigned values, treasuring things of earth over things in Heaven? (See Matt. 6:19-21)