

Rocky: 1 Peter

When Your Work is a Workout

***But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do for it is written:
“Be holy, because I am holy. 1 Peter 1:15,16***

***You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy
priesthood. 1 Peter 2:5***

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. 1 Peter 2:9

The original words meaning holy are *qadosh* in Hebrew and *hagios* in Greek. These words mean to be set apart, sacred, and sanctified.

“Holiness is a process, something we never completely attain in this life. Rather, as we begin to conform to the will of God in one area of life, He reveals to us our need in another area. That is why we will always be pursuing—as opposed to attaining—holiness in this life.” Jerry Bridges

***“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do
all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God.”
Exodus 20:8-10***

God loves work. God designed us to work. God delights when we work.

***Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires,
which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that,
though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and
glorify God on the day he visits us. 1 Peter 2:11,12***

***For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from
yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.
Ephesians 2:8,9***

***For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God’s sight, but it is
those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. Romans 2:13***

Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?”¹⁷ “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.”¹⁸ “Which ones?” he inquired. Jesus replied, “‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, ¹⁹ honor your father and mother,’ and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’” ²⁰ “All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?”²¹ Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²² When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. Matthew 19:16-22

1. Do good when your boss is unorganized, unreasonable, and not a very good leader.

Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 1 Peter 2:13,14

For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the king. 1 Peter 2:15-17

2. Do good when you are stuck in a dead-end job and you are mistreated and even abused in your work.

Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. ¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 1 Peter 2:18-20

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the

cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” I Peter 2:21-24