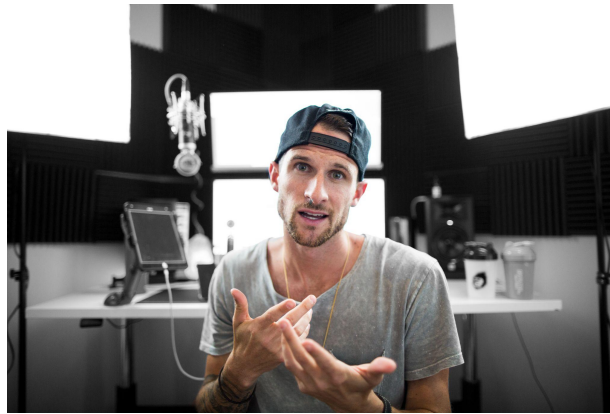


“WORK: Redeeming Our Labor” - Blog #4

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This blog series is a part of our sermon series “WORK: Redeeming Our Labor”. We hope this set of interview style blogs is encouraging to our church family as we strive to be faithful in our labors and put our vocation into the story of God, for His glory, our good, and the benefit of the world around us.

**Answers have been lightly edited for grammar and spelling.*

1. Tell us what you do and how long you've been doing it.

I record myself playing video games and post it on YouTube. I have been doing it for about 8 years.

2. What are some of the highlights or things you enjoy about your job?

I enjoy the fact that my schedule allows for me to have a little bit of flexibility, since I am my own boss. I have had the opportunity to travel to many international places to work with game developers, which is something I don't think I would have been able to do if this wasn't my job. I also enjoy getting to work with other creative people on YouTube, making videos and brainstorming strategies together.

3. What are some of the more frustrating parts of your job?

While I do work for myself, I also rely on companies to create good games and update them well. Sometimes you can feel forced to play something that gets views and helps make money even if you don't enjoy it. Staying positive in situations like this is difficult and oftentimes feels fake.

4. How do you see your work as "joining God in cultivating the world?"

I have a platform with over 2.5 million followers, and I have the opportunity to impact them with the person of Christ, whether through my actions or my words. I feel like the Lord has given me the chance to share my heart with my viewers on many occasions. I have received many messages of how my words and actions have impacted people positively and that can be super encouraging.

5. How does the gospel of Jesus impact your work?

I would say that the gospel of Jesus impacts my work the most on days that are difficult. Knowing that I don't have to impress my viewers when things might be difficult. Also when I receive negative comments and things of that sort, the gospel helps to remove weight from those statements that demean me. And when things are going well with work I am able to reflect on the gifts and blessings of Christ. The way that He provides for me on a daily basis, but also how He has provided something more worth living for. Even when things are going great with work, and are super enjoyable, I am able to reflect on the fact these things are momentary and Christ has perfect joy waiting on me in eternity.

6. What are some current prayer requests you have with your job?

I would say one of my biggest requests would be that I don't find my worth or value in the numbers of my job. It's very easy to allow views and likes to dictate worth in the job I have and I need to continue to allow Christ save me from those expectations of others.