There is one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:6
#1 Who is God?

- Nehemiah 9:6 “You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.”

- He is the All knowing, All present and All Mighty God. An unchanging God who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Hebrews 13:8
#2 Why did God create us?

- As creator, God is the owner of all of creation; humans, plants and animals, the sky, lands and waters.
- He made all of creation for His own glory and purpose.
- He made humans in His own image and gave them the responsibility of stewarding all of His creation.
- Our role was use the potential in creation to make it flourish, not just to consume the creation God entrusted to us.
Our forefathers understood that God is the Lord of all of life, faith and reason. They believed God cares about every aspect of their lives. So whatever they did, even routine household chores, was an act of worship to God.

Yet today for many Christians, this Biblical worldview has become obscured. Human philosophies have crept into our culture and educational system are influencing our thinking away from this Biblical Truth.
Do you believe that Sunday is more important than Monday through Saturday?
Do you think the only work worth doing happens in a church or ministry setting?
Do you see a sharp divide in your life between the things you do for God and the things you do everywhere else?
If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may suffer from a pervasive problem called the sacred-secular divide.
The Sacred Secular divide draws a distinction between the spiritual parts of our lives (praying, Bible reading, church attendance, evangelism) and the rest of our lives (work, chores, rest, fun).

For example the pastor who neglects his family while he spends his time on ‘ministry’ typically believes that the sacred things really are the most important where as childcare, spending time with family, house chores, farming and other daily matters are just not that important.
#6 Effect of the sacred-secular divide

- We also don’t connect our faith with our work, money or everyday lives. As a result we miss out on God’s input and a biblical understanding of all areas of life. We don’t pray about work issues or health issues.
- It also leads to guilt. If you don’t work in a church or ministry setting, you are tempted to believe that God is less pleased with you. Our relationship with God is reduced to church-related events and activities. We don’t meet work commitments because we are focused on church commitments.
- This way of thinking is a lie and opposed to the teaching of Christ and the spirit of the gospel.
Col 3:23: **Whatever you do**, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.

1 Pet 4:11: If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him, be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Ps 24:1: The earth is the **LORD’s**, and **everything in it**, the world, and all who live in it;
#8 Conclusion

- We should live every part of our life as if we are living before God’s face, bringing glory to Him in all that we do.

- Though corporate worship, Bible study, prayer and such “spiritual activities” are absolutely essential for the Christian life. God’s concern and rule is not limited to those times.

- When we understand that God cares about every aspect of our lives, we will work, play and worship differently.
#9 Application

- Think about whether you have brought every area under the Lordship of God. Do you seek to meet God’s standards in all that you do?
- What are some areas you need to bring under the Lordship of Jesus Christ? Is it your business, education, church ministry, health care, family or any other?
- Take time to pray about each area of your life – are there changes that you need to make to bring glory to God in that area?