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Working for the Lord

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. (Colossians 3:23–24, NIV)

Golf's overall reach exceeds 136 million people, according to the National Golf Foundation. More than one-third of the U.S. population over the age of five played golf (on-course or off-course), followed golf on television or online, read about the game, or listened to a golf-related podcast in 2025. This is up 43% since record-keeping began in 2016.

There is a long list of PGA Tour players, including Scottie Scheffler, Stewart Cink, and Sam Burns, who are using their God-given talents to reach this audience. They are not wrapping their identities and self-esteem in their performance on the golf course.

These men are using the marketplace of golf to speak to an idol-hungry culture by turning interviews toward their identity in Jesus Christ.

The term "marketplace ministry" was introduced to Kristin and me while we were describing our business, church, and ministry to a total stranger while having coffee at a nearby table.

For those of us balancing our marriages, family, and work, take comfort in knowing that all these things are considered ministry as long as they are done "as if working for the Lord."

From a biblical perspective, work was never meant to be a curse. God makes this clear in Genesis:

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." (Genesis 2:15)

Ultimately, work is a divine calling, not just a means to earn a living. Even if you aren't employed by a church, you can still have a mission and be a minister.

When you are using your spiritual gifts and God-given talents to fulfill the Great Commission at work or at home, you can rest assured that God is smiling down on you.

A marketplace ministry can become a form of worship, serving as motivation and inspiration for Christians to devote themselves entirely to their professions throughout the week.

Whether you are a PGA Tour pro, a club pro, a teacher, a business owner, or a construction worker, every profession can glorify God.

Imagine the impact we can make in our places of employment if we show compassion to a person with family concerns or health issues, forgive those who may not deserve it, or lead a team using the principles of Christ's leadership.

These actions can change the atmosphere and the direction of a culture that desperately needs healing and hope.

Take the lead, like these Christian PGA Tour pros, and change the culture of your golf club, home, and workplace.

Prayer: Lord, help us wake up every day praying to honor You in every way through our actions and spirit in every place we are present.

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