

RESILIENT DISCIPLES



Resilient Disciples: Practice 4 – Vocational Discipleship

GETTING STARTED

For many of us, the majority of our lives are spent at work. We study or train for years in order to do our jobs and then spend decades actually working in some way or another. And yet we often don't see this huge aspect of our lives having anything to do with our faith. A Resilient Disciple is one who follows Jesus, not just on Sunday, but every day of the week. This means that every day when we go to work, that is part of our discipleship to Jesus as well. Our work is not separate from our faith. Our faith defines how we work. Therefore, the calling on us to learn to work in such a way that glorifies God and shows the good news of Jesus.

READ THE TEXT: 1 Peter 2:13-17

¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

UNDERSTAND THE TEXT

1. What attitudes and actions are commanded in 1 Peter 2:13-18 toward authorities?
2. What is God's will for your life according to Peter?

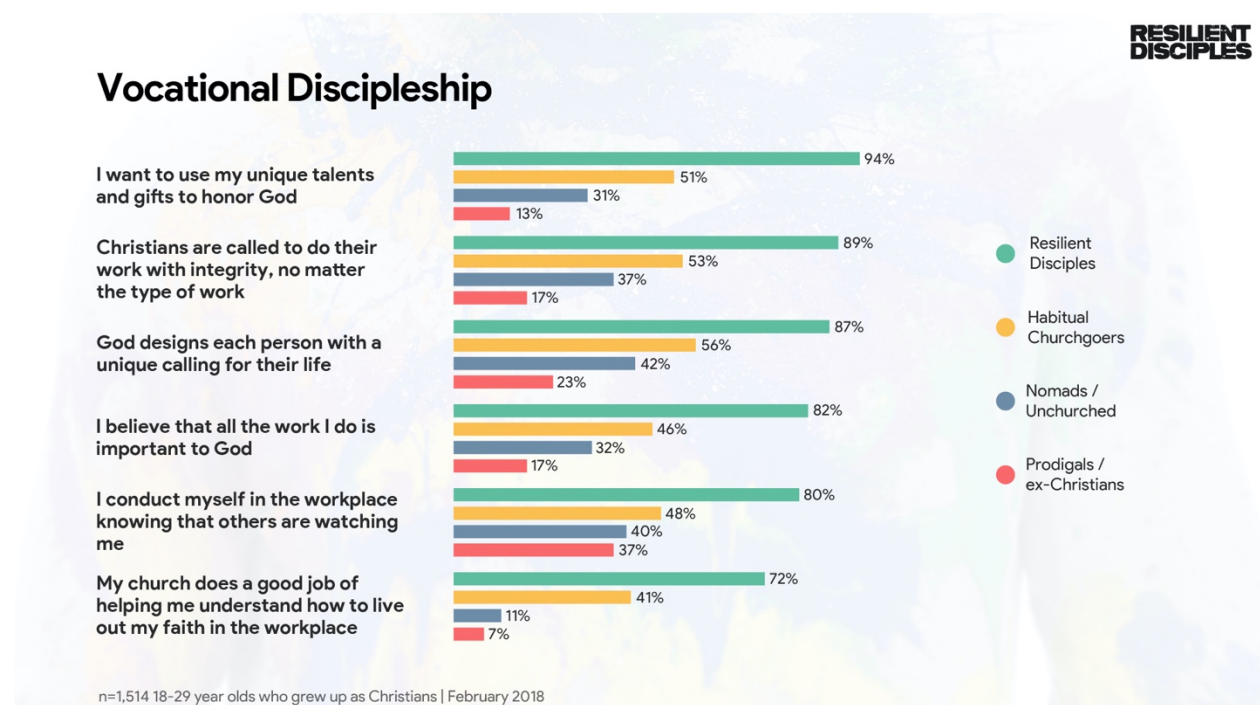


APPLY THE TEXT

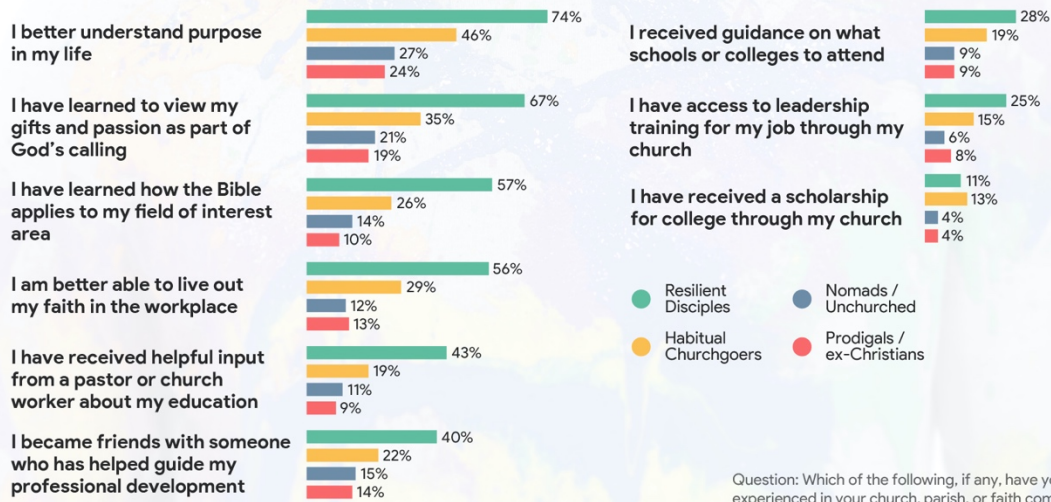
1. How does this apply to your work/vocational life?
2. Discuss each other's spiritual gifts (1 Col 12, Romans 12) and other talents and how those might relate to vocation and calling.
3. How might you discover a calling that best suits your unique gifts and allows for maximum good to others?

SHARE & PRAY

1. In light of 1 Peter 2:13-17, pray for each other as it pertains to pursuing a genuine faith in all areas of your life, including how we go to work.
1. Identify 1-3 people in your life that you could disciple or identify those that you are discipling — disciples of Jesus make disciples of Jesus — and pray for them. Pray for each other also as you seek to be used by God as resilient disciple-makers.



How Churches Shape A Sense Of Calling



n=1,514 18-29 year olds who grew up as Christians | February 2018

Question: Which of the following, if any, have you personally experienced in your church, parish, or faith community?

Please mark any that apply and if none apply, please feel free to mark that.

Connecting Desired Careers With God's Design For Work

Vocational Aspirations of Practicing Christian Teens

■ Entrepreneurial ■ Science-minded ■ Creative



Three Ways God Designed Work For Good

