The arena in which individuals experience and fulfill their vocation to the glory of God and for the good of others is that of difficult, diligent, and productive labor under the sun.

1. Because of the fall and the resulting futility of life, our labor is exhaustingly difficult (Genesis 3:17-19).

2. Nevertheless, labor is God's appointed means for provision in family, church, and state (*e.g.*, bread, tithes, and taxes).

3. Besides bare provision, labor also brings many other temporal benefits (Psalm 128, Ecclesiastes 5:12a, 18-20).

4. Therefore, we should diligently serve God, our work, and others until we die (Ecclesiastes 9:10, Colossians 3:22-24).