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- Promote the peace and prosperity of my community
- Make this world better in anticipation of the future

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Faith gives you a concept of the dignity and worth of all work, even simple work, without which work could bore you.

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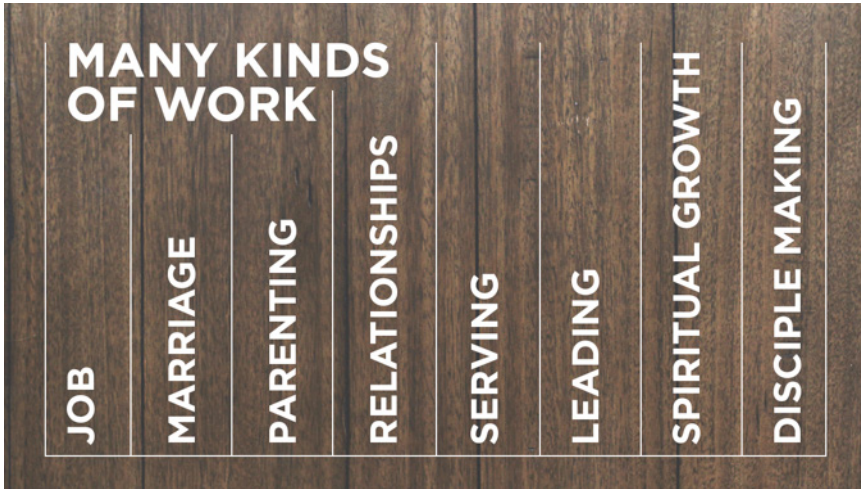
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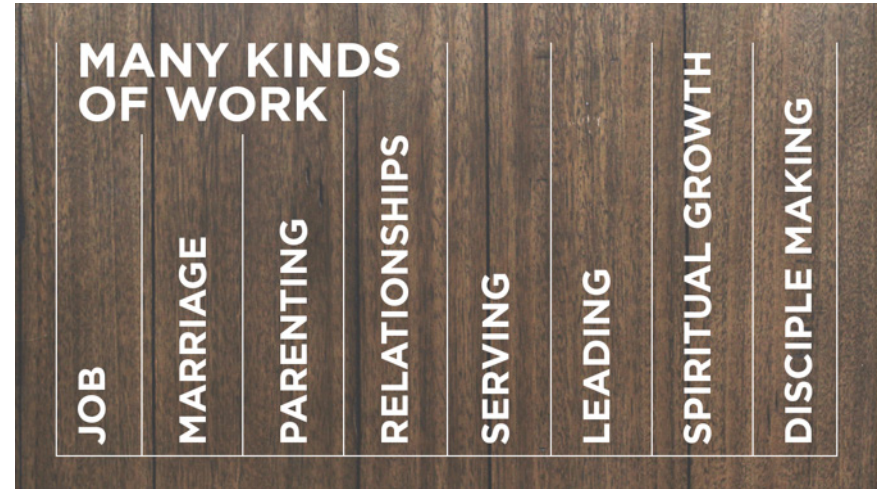
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