Work for God’s Glory
How to Create a Faith Based Career in a Saturated Job Market

Why did you choose Pharmacy?

Who loves their job?

>>Raise your hand if “yes”<<

Who wakes up excited to work?

>>Raise your hand if yes<<

Who wants to stay in their current job?

>>Raise your hand if yes<<

Who wants to find a new job?

>>Raise your hand if yes<<
Objectives

1. Learn the biblical perspective, from the story of Nehemiah, about what a career built on work glorifying God
2. Determine how you can shift away from the world’s (fear-based) perspective to a biblical based perspective
3. Formulate your action plan to a faith-based career

Objective

Create a career that glorifies God

Set the Stage

Are Pharmacy Schools Growing Too Fast?


Total Enrollment

Growth of Professional Schools
As of January 2018, there are 138 U.S.-based colleges and schools of pharmacy. One hundred and forty-two (142) colleges and schools will offer the PharmD.

Quality of Applicants

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"Participants reported a high level of dissatisfaction with current employment, with more than 50% stating that they were considering quitting their jobs."

The Questions I Receive Everyday

- How do I get out of my job?
- What jobs are out there that are interesting?
- What can I do to get noticed?
- How do I stay competitive?
- Should I leave pharmacy?

How do you create a valuable, fulfilling and secure career?
What can Nehemiah teach us about creating a Godly career?

The Persian Empire

Before Alexander the Great

Nehemiah’s Stage

Artaxerxes I

“King of Kings”
Fifth King of Persia from 465 BC to 425 BC

Nehemiah’s Stage

Artaxerxes' 20th year (446-445 BC)

Nehemiah’s People

The Hebrews are in exile
 Unable to rule themselves
 Subjected to a pagan kingdom

https://www.bible-history.com/studybible/Esther/

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Nehemiah - The Cupbearer

Profession of service
Highly trained
Highly trusted
Lucrative profession

Cupbearer
Pharmacist

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Nehemiah 1:1-3

Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire."

Does God use people in their comfort zones?
What are the needs right in front of you?

What has God placed in front of you?
- Curiosity
- Passion
- Zone of Genius

What will you do?
What does Nehemiah do when faced the needs in front of him?

As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.
Nehemiah 1:4

What Doesn’t Nehemiah Do?

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“I don’t know anyone in Jerusalem. How would I even start this?”

What Doesn’t Nehemiah Do?

“I’m too busy. I don’t have time to spend doing that. Our kids’ activities take up too much of our time.”

What Doesn’t Nehemiah Do?

“I’m unqualified to do that.”

What Do You Do?
How do you create a valuable, fulfilling and secure career?

How do you create a valuable, fulfilling and secure career that glorifies God?

What can we do to discern God’s will for our careers?

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What Does God Ask Us To Do?
Fast
Pray
Plan
"[Fasting] increases our sense of humility and dependence"
Wayne Grudem Systematic Theology

Matthew 6 - Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 6:1-4 = Giving
Matthew 6:5-15 = Praying
Matthew 6:17-18 = Fasting

Fasting highlights our need to depend on God for direction

God-directed and ordained
Monitor your attitude
Abstain from two meals a day

Pray
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
Philippians 4:6
Prayer

Come to God as a child

What Does God Ask Us To Do?

Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. - Matthew 10:16
The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty. - Proverbs 21:5
The wisdom of the prudent is to discern his way - Proverbs 14:8

Plan

Nehemiah planned for 4 months

Plan

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3
Whatever your hand finds to do, verily, do it with all your might; for there is no activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol where you are going.
Ecclesiastes 9:10

So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.
1 Corinthians 10:31

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God, Am I doing your work?

God, What have you placed in front of me?
God,
How can I use my gifts in my work to honor you?

So what happens when you go home?

Roadblocks
In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, so the king asked me, “Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart.”
I was very much afraid
Nehemiah 2:1-5

The End

Roadblocks
Nehemiah’s Fear
“I was very much afraid”
Then I prayed to the God of heaven
Nehemiah 2:4

So what happens when you go home?

Take Fear to God

What new positive thing will come into being?

What is Your Plan?

Évariste Galois
Proverbs 16:1

The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.