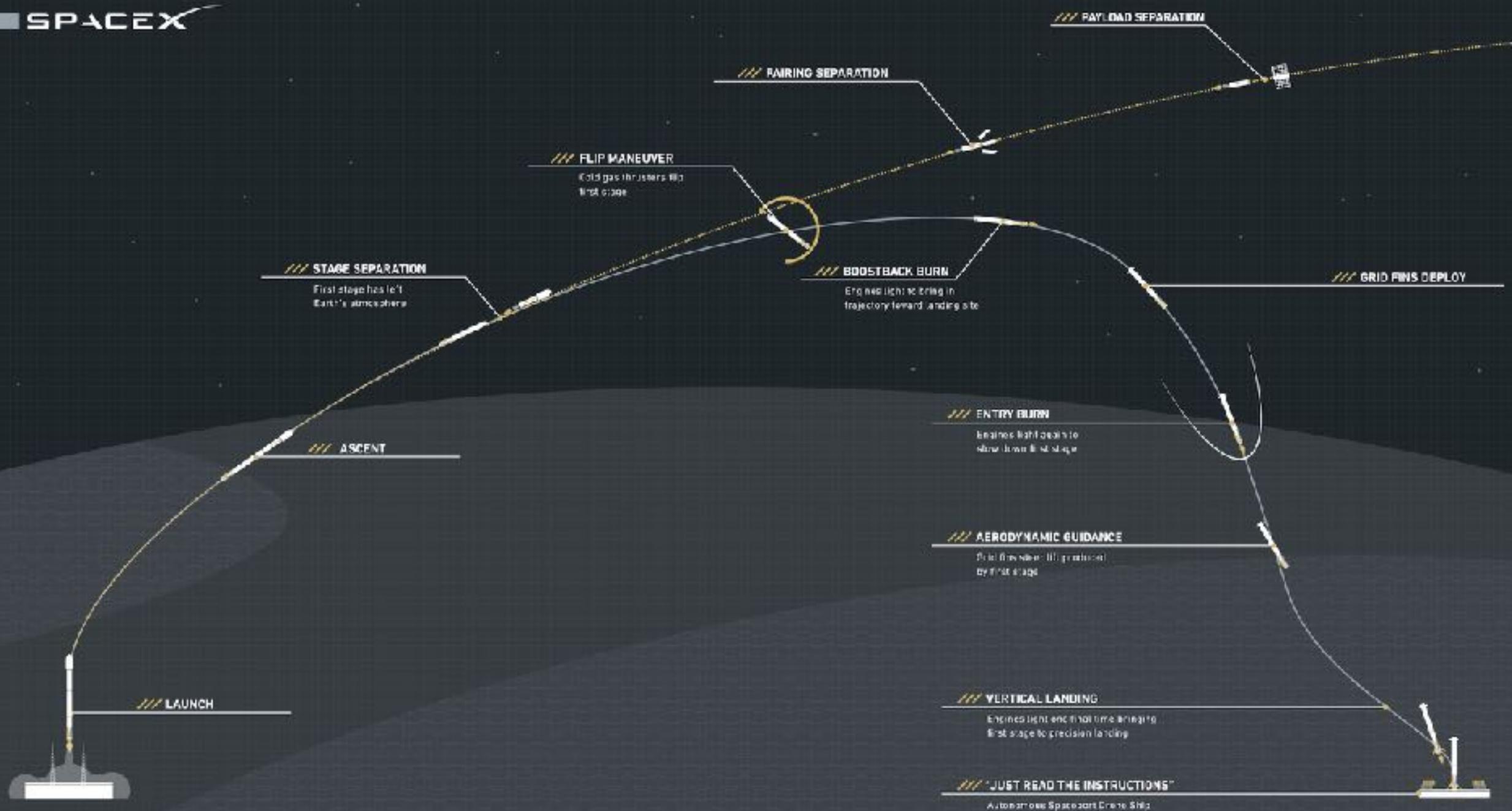




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“Work as God’s Tool” 2 Peter 1:3-8





SPACE SHUTTLE



HEIGHT

56 M (184 FT) 70 M (230 FT)

DIAMETER

8.4 M (27.5 FT) 3.7 M (12 FT)
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WIDTH

23.7 M (78 FT) 12.2 M (40 FT)

THRUST

25,000 kN
+ 5,200 kN 22,800 kN
= 30,200 kN

CAPACITY

27,500 KG 63,800 KG EXP
30,000 KG REUSE

COST

\$450 M \$90 M

\$ PER KG

\$16,363 / KG \$3,000 / KG



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Thrive@Work is a ministry center that exists to educate and empower members in the integration of their faith into their marketplace experience.

Our workplaces are one of
the **primary** avenues that
God is using to grow us to
Christian maturity.

Reasons for Dismissing the Workplace

- Spiritual Growth = Spiritual Disciplines (Prayer, Bible, Worship)
- Primary focus of spiritual activity at work should be evangelism
- Our view of God / God's view of secular work
- Church Activities emphasized over workplace activities

The Sacred / Secular Divide





A. W.
TOZER

One of the greatest hindrances to internal peace which the Christian encounters is the common habit of dividing our lives into two areas- the sacred and the secular.

As these areas are conceived to exist apart from each other and to be morally and spiritually incompatible, and as we are compelled by the necessities of living to be always crossing back and forth from one to the other, **our inner lives tend to break up so that we live a divided instead of a unified life...**



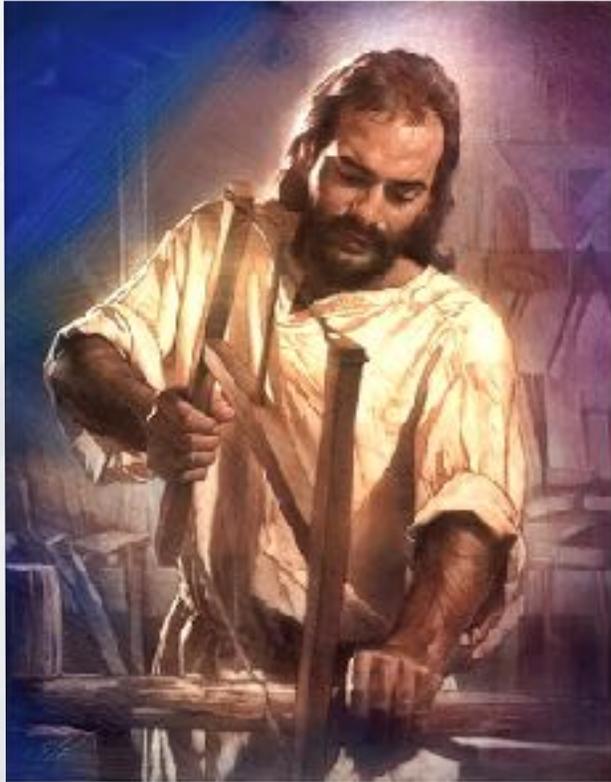
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This is the old sacred-secular antithesis. Most Christians are caught in this trap. They try to walk the tight rope between two kingdoms and they find no peace in either. I believe this state of affairs to be wholly unnecessary...

The sacred-secular antithesis has no foundation in the New Testament. **The Lord Jesus Christ himself is our perfect example, and he knew no divided life.**

The workplace was
pivotal to the spiritual
formation of Christ.

Christ as Carpenter/Builder



“Is not this the **carpenter** (**tekton**), the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon?”

(Mark 6:3)



KEN CAMPBELL

In the context of first-century Israel, the tekton was a general craftsman who worked with stone, wood, and sometimes metal in large and small building projects.....In a land of omnipresent stone and few trees, a craftsman [of Jesus' day] worked primarily in stone, and much less in wood or metal.

Such a craftsman is called a 'builder,' and he worked on all the structures mentioned by Jesus in his parables... as well as wine-presses, millstones, olive press stones, tomb stones, cisterns, farm terraces, vineyards, watch towers, house extensions, etc.

CRAIG
BLOMBERG

Jewish boys were sent to school (usually in a synagogue) if one was available, from ages five to twelve or thirteen studying the bible exclusively.

At the beginning of adolescence, education usually ended and boys learned a trade, often their father's, though sometimes they worked as an apprentice to another man.”

Work Examples in the Parables

- 32 of 37 parables (86%) of Jesus include a context of work roles and activities
- 50% of his parables were in a “business setting.”
- Jesus used a wide variety of commercial terms and imagery to convey spiritual truths, including:
 - Release from a debt or loan (Matt 6:12; 18:23-25);
 - Profit-Loss assessment in evaluating the cost of serving this world or God (Matt 16:26)
 - Wages as reward from God for serving him (Matt 6:4, 6, 18; 10:42);
 - Receipt of payment for closing an account (Matt 6:2, 5, 16; Luke 6:24)

HEBREWS
4:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

1 PETER 1:3-7

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

1 PETER 1:3-7

For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

MATTHEW
25:21

His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. **You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much.** Enter into the joy of your master.’ (ESV)

1 PETER
1:5-7

[5]For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with **virtue**, and virtue with **knowledge**, [6] and knowledge with **self-control**, and self-control with **steadfastness**, and steadfastness with **godliness**, [7]and godliness with **brotherly affection**, and brotherly affection with **love**.

PSALM
19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and
the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech, and night to
night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.



1 KINGS
4:29-34

WISDOM OF
SOLOMON

And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and breadth of mind like the sand on the seashore, so that Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt.

For he was wiser than all other men, wiser than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol, and his fame was in all the surrounding nations.



1 KINGS
4:29-34

WISDOM OF
SOLOMON

He also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005. He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of the wall. He spoke also of beasts, and of birds, and of reptiles, and of fish. And people of all nations came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

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Prayer of Presentation

Lord, I am here.

I present myself to you.

Here I am.