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(Part 2 of correspondence with my friend "George")

Hi George,

I've been thinking about your difficulties working with a driven, demeaning and abusive boss. Her perspective -- the world's view of success -- is poor soil for spiritual and emotional health, isn't it?

That view of success would have us worshiping the idol of worldly fame by focusing only on career advancement and by excessively working. In contrast, in choosing to put your wife first, you have done well.

The other side of the coin is that the Bible teaches us to work diligently, as though the Lord were our boss (*Col. 3.22-25*). My experience is that God can then lead us to the right balance for spiritual, emotional and physical health. He only asks that we remain faithful to him.

Jesus' wonderful reply about taxes, in my humble opinion, can apply also to balancing career and other aspects of life: Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and give to God what is God's.

I pray for you and your special family.

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Coffee/tea thought: For whom am I working today?

John

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(与“乔治”的第二段通信)

乔治，

我一直在思考你与你颐指气使的老板相处时遇到的难处。她对成功的追求——是灵性和情绪健康的贫土，不是吗？

世界上的成功会使我们崇拜名声，专注于事业成功和拼命工作。相反地，你选择以你的妻子为重，你选得不错。

同时，圣经也教导我们勤奋工作，像是为主做的（歌罗西书3:22-25）。我的经历是神能带领我们正确平衡灵命，情绪和生理上的健康。他只要求我们持续相信他。

耶稣对纳税这事的回应，我窃以为也能用来平衡工作和生活中的其他层面：该撒的物归该撒，神的物归给神。

为你和你的家庭祷告。

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随想：我今天是在为谁工作？

史建恩