



DEFINED

A Real Man Excels
at God's Work



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A black and white photograph of a person wearing a hoodie, holding a long wooden staff or pole. The person is standing in a field of tall, thin grass or reeds. The lighting creates strong shadows on the person's clothing.

SESSION 4

The Privilege of Work



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C. In our work, we are God's managers, sustaining and carrying out His plan for the world.

- The garden needed someone to work it. You are that "someone."

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D. Every person created in the image of God is a creative person. Anytime you apply the knowledge, ability, and skill that God has given you, you are being creative.



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