

A black and white photograph of several people working together at a table, looking at and pointing to architectural blueprints. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source coming from above, highlighting the papers and the hands of the individuals. The overall mood is professional and collaborative.

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A BetterMan Excels
at God's Work

PART 3



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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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