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I have envied bakers, librarians, florists, people in professions that seem less demanding to me compared to mine. This happens in times when I feel overwhelmed or under a lot of pressure. I watched to a video in a YouVersion Bible plan where a florist started and spent her days dejected because she felt unworthy. "I am just a florist," she kept saying. She wished she did something more important.

In the video, I saw her skill with handling flowers, arranging them attractively, enjoying how they bring a smile to people's faces. She eventually realized that she has a gift, and that her gift is important. She does her best to make flowers look beautiful for people.

I resonated with what the provider of the plan had to say on the matter. He wrote that though she never saw it, the florist's gift brightened the office, brought comfort to the grieving, enhanced a joyful occasion, and brought a smile to the lonely. Her gift also softened her hurting neighbor's heart, opening the door to a new friendship.

This florist's first mistake was comparing herself to others. Sounds familiar? The provider of the plan reiterated how God has gifted each one of us specifically for His purposes. That no gift is more important than the other. She is not "just" a florist. And you are not "just" a stay at home mom, or receptionist or mechanic. Your work matters, even if you can't see it's impact directly. God has gifted you to do it, and it pleases Him to see you flourish in it.

"Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives. That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original." Galatians 5:25-26 MSG.

Doesn't that exhortation from the Word of God to us say it all? None of our occupations is better or worse than the other. Each of us is an original, and the work we do is important in fulfilling God's purposes for ourselves and others. All work is important. Whatever your work is, it is

important and it matters.

For His Glory,

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