Priorities in a Challenging World

The following two excerpts highlight a basic challenge facing Christians. These excerpts were selected not to reflect mutually exclusive elections but to represent two ends of a continuum describing the role of a believer in a complex society.

“Worship is man’s full reason for existence. Worship is why we were born and why we are born again. Worship is the reason for our genesis in the first place and our regenesis that we call regeneration. Worship is why there is church, the assembly of the Redeemed, in the first place. Every Christian church in every country across the world in every generation exists to worship God first, not second; not tacking worship at the end of our service as an afterthought, but rather to worship God primarily, with everything else coming in second, at best. Worshiping God is our first call.” [A. W. Tozer. The Purpose of Man. Compiled and edited by J. L. Snyder. 2009]

“All his life, Bonhoeffer had applied the same logic to theological issues that his father applied to scientific issues. There was only one reality, and Christ was Lord over all of it or none. A major theme for Bonhoeffer was that every Christian must be “fully human” by bringing God into his whole life, not merely into some “spiritual” realm. To be an ethereal figure who merely talked about God, but somehow refused to get his hands dirty in the real world in which God had placed him, was bad theology. Through Christ, God had shown that he meant us to be in this world and to obey him with our actions in this world. So Bonhoeffer would get his hands dirty, not because he had grown impatient, but because God was speaking to him about further steps of obedience.” [Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr Prophet, Spy. by Eric Metaxas. 2010]

ASSIGNMENT

Select scriptural references to provide needed insight into examining the role of believers in the secular world we inhabit. Discuss the above excerpts in the context of your chosen Biblical verses.
My Scriptural Research:

Group Scriptural Research:

Decisions / Recommendations:

Primary Scriptural References: