

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT WORK?

Part 1

Helpful books used in the preparation of today's message: *"Crossroads: Navigating Your Calling and Career,"* by Colin Creel and Joe White, Crossway Books. *"Fabric of This World: Inquiries into Calling, Career Choice and the Design of Human Work,"* by Lee Hardy, Wm. B Eerdmans Publishing Company.

Ecclesiastes 3:9 –

"What does the worker gain from his toil?"

WHY IS GOD INTERESTED IN US WORKING?

1. WORK

Genesis 1:26-28 – "... so God created man in his own image... male and female ... and God said to them, '... Fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over it ...'"

Genesis 2:15 – "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."

John 5:17 [Jesus] – "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working."

2. WORK

2 Thessalonians 3:7-8 – "We were not idle when we were with you ... On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you."

2 Thessalonians 3:10 – "For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: 'If a man will not work, he shall not eat.'"

1 Timothy 5:8 – “If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

3. WORK _____

Luke 16:10-12 – “Whoever can be trusted with very little can be trusted with much ... If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you your own?”

4. WORK _____

Ephesians 4:28 – “...(We) should do something good with our hands so that they'll have something to share with those in need.” (God's Word Translation)

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1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 – “Make it your aim to live a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to earn your own living, just as we told you before. In this way you will win the respect of those who are not believers...” (Today's English)

6. WORK _____

Proverbs 22:29 – “Do you know a hard-working man? He shall be successful and stand before kings!” (Living)