

*God* @ **WORK** - Part 1  
**WHY WORK?**  
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*What do people really get for all their hard work? Ecclesiastes 3:9 (NLT)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_: **TO** \_\_\_\_\_

*The one who stays on the job has food on the table. Proverbs 12:11 (Mes)*

*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. 1Timothy 5:8 (NIV)*

*Whoever doesn't want to work shouldn't be allowed to eat. 2 Thessalonians 3:10 (GW)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_: **TO** \_\_\_\_\_

*Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper and be satisfied. Proverbs 13:4 (NLT)*

*Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows. Proverbs 13:11 (NLT)*

3. \_\_\_\_\_: **TO** \_\_\_\_\_

*Be sure to do what you should, for then you will enjoy the personal satisfaction of having done your work well, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. Galatians 6:4 (NLT)*

*A lazy life is an empty life, but 'early to rise' gets the job done. Proverbs 12:27 (Mes)*

*Well-done work has its own reward. Proverbs 12:14 (Mes)*

4. \_\_\_\_\_: **TO** \_\_\_\_\_

*Until the time came to fulfill His word, the Lord tested Joseph's character. Psalm 105:19 (NLT)*

*Live the kind of life that honors and pleases the Lord in every way. You will produce fruit in every good work and grow in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:10 (NCV)*

5. \_\_\_\_\_: **TO** \_\_\_\_\_

*Take care of your own business, and do your own work ... If you do, then people who are not believers will respect you. 1Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NCV)*

*Your light must shine before people, so they will see the good work you do and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 (TEV)*

Whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus. Colossians 3:17 (NLT)

6. \_\_\_\_\_: **TO** \_\_\_\_\_  
*...(We) must work, doing something useful with our own hands, that we may have something to share with those in need. Ephesians 4:28b (NIV)*

*I've been a constant example of how you can help the poor by working hard, and remembering the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35 (NLT)*

*Much is required from those to whom much is given. Luke 12:48 (NLT)*

7. \_\_\_\_\_: **TO** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Athletes work hard to win a crown that cannot last, but we do it for a crown that will last forever. 1 Corinthians 9:25 (CEV)*

*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? Luke 16:10-12 (NIV)*

*There is going to come a time of testing at the judgment day to see what kind of work each builder has done. Everyone's work will be put through the fire to see whether or not it keeps its value. If the work survives the fire, that person will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builders themselves will be saved, but like someone escaping a fire. 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 (NLT)*

### **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT STEPS**

- A. Read 1 chapter of Proverbs a day and write down the verses on 5x7 cards that apply to your work
- B. Start a WorkPlace Life Group - (Information in Room 110 following service)
- C. Pray and bring someone from your work to church before Christmas