

The Christian Work Ethic

Man Was Created To Work

Genesis 2:15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it is the gift of God.

Revelation 22:3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

The Lazy Man Who Refuses To Work

Proverbs 21:25 The desire of the lazy man kills him, For his hands refuse to labor.

Proverbs 22:13 The lazy man says, "There is a lion outside! I shall be slain in the streets!"

Proverbs 20:4 The lazy man will not plow because of winter; He will beg during harvest and have nothing.

Proverbs 13:4 The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

1 Timothy 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

The Waster

Proverbs 18:9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

Proverbs 12:27 The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting, But diligence is man's precious possession.

Proverbs 24:30-31 I went by the field of the lazy man, And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding; And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down.

Ecclesiastes 10:18 Because of laziness the building decays, And through idleness of hands the house leaks.

Proverbs 21:20 There is desirable treasure, And oil in the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish man squanders it.

God Commands Man To Work

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.

Hard Diligent Work Brings Profit

Proverbs 14:23 In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter leads only to poverty.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going. NKJV

Proverbs 22:29 Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men. NKJV

Use Good Tools And Good Workers

Proverbs 14:4 Where no oxen are, the trough is clean; But much increase comes by the strength of an ox.

Proverbs 26:10 Like an archer who wounds at random is he who hires a fool or any passer-by.

Do Not Try To Get Rich Quick

Proverbs 23:4-5 Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint. 5 Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

Proverbs 28:22 A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, And does not consider that poverty will come upon him. NKJV

Have Nothing To Do With Ill-gotten Income

Proverbs 20:17 Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel. NKJV

Proverbs 10:16 The wages of the righteous bring them life, but the income of the wicked brings them punishment.