

Why Work?

Work Matters, part 1
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What does the worker gain from his toil? Ecclesiastes 3:9 (NIV)

1. To Meet My _____

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.

1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)

For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “If a man will not work, he shall not eat.”

2 Thessalonians 3:10 (NIV)

2. To Accomplish His _____

Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.

Psalms 139:16 (NIV)

For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

3. To Develop In _____

What does man gain from all his labor at which he toils under the sun?

Ecclesiastes 1:3 (NIV)

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So 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 property of your own?”

Luke 16:10-12 (NIV)

4. To Have Opportunities To _____

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 (NIV)

“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven.”

Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

5. To Have Resources To _____ To Others

... (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)

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Acts 20:35 (NIV)

6. To Make An Impact On _____

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

Because we know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in His presence. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 4:14-15 (NIV)

“But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

Matthew 6:20 (NIV)