



Sunday, August 15, 2021 AVBC

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. (Colossians 3:23,24) (Proverbs 6:6-11; 24:30-34)

1. _____ your work to the Lord

Commit your work to the LORD, and then your plans will succeed. (Proverbs 16:3)

-Proverbs 15:8

2. Work _____.

Proverbs 10:4; 15:19; 31:13, 15, 17, 31

She carefully watches all that goes on in her household and does not have to bear the consequences of laziness. (Proverbs 31:27)

A lazy person is as bad as someone who destroys things. (Proverbs 18:9)

3. Work _____.

- _____ carefully (6:6-11; 10:5; 24:27)

The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but victory belongs to the LORD. (Prov.21:31)

If you are too lazy to plow in the right season, you will have no food at the harvest. [Proverbs 20:4]

- **Keep** _____ (Proverbs 13:16)

Since a dull ax requires great strength, sharpen the blade. That's the value of wisdom; it helps you succeed. (Ecclesiastes 10:10) (also Proverbs 15:22)

- **Remove** _____

“The greatest threat to the state is not faction but distraction”

Keep your eyes straight ahead; ignore all sideshow distractions. (Proverbs 4:25) (MSG) (also Proverbs 4:26-27)

4. Accept the _____

-Proverbs 14:4

5. _____ the blessing

The desires of lazy people will be their ruin, for their hands refuse to work. They are always greedy for more, while the godly love to give! (Proverbs 21:25,26)

Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor. (Proverbs 22:9)

-Proverbs 3:9-10

6. _____ on _____ on!

Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and become a slave. (Proverbs 12:24)

- **E** _____ motivation
- **I** _____ motivation
- **E** _____ motivation (Colossians 3:23,24)

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: What was your first job? Do you remember any lessons you learned at your first job that continued to help you out in future employment? If so, what were those lessons?

Q2: Who are some examples in your life of hard work? How about smart work?

Q3: Read Genesis 1:28-31 and 2:15. What do these verses teach you about work?

Q4: Pastor David said part of working wisely is the ability to accept the mess at times.

Have you ever experience work that was both productive and messy at the same time? If so, explain.

Q5: Read John 6:25-29. What work and salvation principles can you glean from this text?

Q6: What kind of work gives you satisfaction; a sense that you are doing what God made you to do? What can you do to open up more opportunities for yourself to do that kind of work?

Q7: Read Psalm 90. What does this passage say to you about working wisely?