

THE PURPOSE OF WORK

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"What do people really get for all their hard work?" Ecclesiastes 3:9 (NLT)

6 PURPOSES

1.

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

"Anyone who <u>does not provide</u> for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)

"Whoever doesn't <u>want to work</u> shouldn't be allowed to eat." 2 Thessalonians 3:10 (GW)

"Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard <u>will prosper</u>." Proverbs 13:4 (NLT)

2.

"Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well." 1 Peter 4:10 (CEV)

"Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get <u>the satisfaction</u> of a job well done, and you <u>won't need to compare</u> yourself to anyone else." Galatians 6:4 (NLT)

3.

"You spend your life working, laboring, and what do you have <u>to show for it</u>?" Ecclesiastes 1:3 (GNT)

"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 <u>someone else's property</u>, who will give you property of your own?" Luke 16:10-12 (NIV)

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities."

Matthew 25:21 (NLT)

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

"Your light must shine before people, so that they will see <u>the good things you do</u> and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 (GNT)

"<u>Whatever you do</u> or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus." Colossians 3:17 (NLT)

5.

"(We) must work, doing something useful with our own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need." Ephesians 4:28 (NIV)

"I have been a constant example of how you can <u>help those in need by working hard.</u> You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: <i>"It is <u>more blessed to give</u> than to receive." Acts 20:35 (NLT)

6.

"Be concerned <u>above everything else</u> with <u>the Kingdom of God</u> and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all the other things."

Matthew 6:33 (GNT)

"We know that God, who raised Jesus, will also raise us . . . And as God's grace <u>reaches more and more people</u>, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory." 2 Corinthians 4:14-15 (NLT)

Jesus: "Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Matthew 6:20 (NIV)

ONE DAY

"But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames." 1 Corinthians 3:13-15 (NLT)

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