

Work is a gift from God and something He is involved in- see Ecclesiastes 3:11 "He (God) has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end." "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." Vs.12-13; 7:13a "Consider the work of God;" Genesis 2:15 "Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it." V.20 God made Adam a helper. My dad quoted this one when I did not want to do some work he wanted done- 2 Thessalonians 3:10 "...if any would not work, neither should he eat."

## SLOTHFUL OR LAZY WORKER

1. Proverbs 18:9 "He who is slothful in his work is a brother to him who is a great destroyer."  
Definition: slothful Strong's 7503 a prime root; to slacken, abate, cease, consume, idle, feeble etc.
2. Proverbs 15:19 "The way of the lazy/ slothful man is like a hedge of thorns, but the way of the upright is a highway." From Strong's 6101/6102 a prime root; to lean idly, to be indolent or slack; - be slothful.
3. Proverbs 19:24 "A lazy man buries his hand in the bowl and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again. "see 26:15
4. Proverbs 21:25 "The desire of the lazy man kills him, for his hands refuse to labor."
5. Proverbs 26:14 "As a door turns on its hinges, so does the lazy man on his bed."
6. Proverbs 6:6 "Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise," see 7-11
7. Proverbs 13:4 "The soul of a lazy man desires and has nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be made rich." See Proverbs 20:4; 26:16; 19:15; Ecclesiastes 10:18; 12:24,27; 15:19; 18:9; 19:24; 21:25; 26:13-15

## PRIORITIZE THE WORK

1. Pr. 24:27 "Prepare your outside work, make it fit for yourself in the field; and afterward, build your house."  
Story: a friend setting up his library instead of evangelizing.
2. 1 Corinthians 16:2 "On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come."
3. Luke 14:28-33 "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it – v.29 lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, v.30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'"
4. John v. 2 "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."

## HONESTY IN BUSINESS

1. Pr. 16:11 "Honest weights and scales are the LORD'S; all the weights in the bag are His work."
2. 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."
3. Pr. 17:8 "A present is a precious stone in the eyes of its possessor; wherever he turns, he prospers."
4. Pr. 11:18 "The wicked man does deceptive work, but he who sows righteousness will have a sure reward." See Pr. 21:8, Ecc. 8:11

5. Pr. 20:11 “Even a child is known by his deeds, whether what he does is pure and right.”

### **OTHER KINDS OF WORKS**

6. 1 Timothy 6:18” Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share.”
7. Titus 3:8 “This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.”
8. Revelation 2:2a “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil.” V. 9 “I know your works” v. 13 “I know your works,” v. 19 “I know your works,”
9. Rev. 20:12 “And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.” V13b “And they were judged, each one according to his works.”

Last Words: Ecclesiastes 5:6 “Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger of God that it was an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands?”

Ec. 12:13-14 “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.”