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WISDOM *from* PROVERBS

Proverbs 6:6-9 Go to the ant, you

sluggard; observe its ways and be wise!

⁷ It has no commander, overseer, or ruler,

⁸ yet it prepares its food in the summer; it
gathers at the harvest what it will eat. ⁹

How long, you **sluggard**, will you lie
there? When will you rise from your sleep?

Proverbs 26:14 As a door turns on its hinges, so a **sluggard** turns on his bed.

Proverbs 19:24 The **sluggard** buries his hand in the dish; he will not even bring it back to his mouth!

Proverbs 20:4 A **sluggard** does not plow in season; so at harvest time he looks but finds nothing.

Proverbs 13:4 The **sluggard**

craves and gets nothing, but

the desires of the **diligent** are

fully satisfied.

“Money for Nothing...
Get your chicks for free.”



“Taking what their giving...
cause I’m working for a living”



“Working 9 to 5...
What a way to make a living!”



“I ain’t working here no more..”



*I owe, I owe
So off to work I go*



Why Work?



Proverbs tells us
that working
is a fundamental
ingredient in living
a fulfilled life.

Why Work?



1. You were designed to CREATE.

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being.

Why Work?



2. Choose to make a DIFFERENCE.

Genesis 12:2 and I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, **so that you will be a blessing.**

a. That means
choosing
meaningful work.

The habit of thinking about work as something one does to make money is so ingrained in us that we can scarcely imagine what a revolutionary change it would be to think about it instead in terms of the work done. I am also frightened by the phrase "after the war" – it is so often pronounced in a tone that suggests: "after the war, we want to relax, and go back, and live as we did before." And that means going back to the time when labor was valued in terms of its cash returns, and not in terms of the [meaning of the]work.



Dorothy Sayers

I see no reason why we should not sacrifice our convenience and our individual standard of living just as readily for the building of great public works as for the building of ships and tanks – but when the stimulus of fear and anger is removed, shall we be prepared to do any such thing? **Or shall we want to go back to that civilization of greed and waste which we dignify by the name of a “high standard of living”?**



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2. Choose to make a DIFFERENCE.

Genesis 12:2 and I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, **so that you will be a blessing.**

b. That means making use of your unique talents.



John Coltrane

DEAR LISTENER: ALL PRAISE BE TO GOD TO WHOM ALL PRAISE IS DUE.

During the year 1957, I experienced, by the grace of God, a spiritual awakening which was to lead me to a richer, fuller, more productive life. At that time, in gratitude, I humbly asked to be given the means and privilege to make others happy through music. I feel this has been granted through His grace.

May He help and strengthen all men in every good endeavor.

From the jacket of: "A Love Supreme"

John Coltrane

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3. Remember you're working for the KING.

Colossians 3:23-24 Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men. (HCSB)

Ephesians 6:6-7 Don't work only while being watched, in order to please men, but as slaves of Christ, do God's will from your heart. ⁷ Serve with a good attitude, as to the Lord and not to men. (HCSB)

what ever we endeavor to do... as a husband, wife, parent, vocational, socially, recreationally and with our words (like John shared last week). We should God at



Clayton Kershaw

“with this contract comes great responsibility—not only as a pitcher, but also to be a good steward of these resources. To whom much is given, much is required. Ellen & I are excited to take an undeserved blessing and Lord willing, make a difference in the lives of others.”

Clayton Kershaw

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4. You were made to REST, reflect, and enjoy life.

Genesis 2:2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. (niv)

Communion



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Matthew 26:26-28 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the[a] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (NIV)

Communion is a celebration and time to remember work too. It's just not your work. Because communion is celebrating what the work that God did for us. A work what we couldn't do for ourself. we were dead in our disobedience. He made it possible for us to be reconciled to Him through the work of Jesus.

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