

Proverbs 12:11 "Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no sense."
In what ways do you see people today "chasing fantasies" instead of doing productive work? How might this verse apply to your own life?

Proverbs 14:4 "Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty, but from the strength of an ox come abundant harvests."
This verse suggests that productive work involves some "mess." How have you experienced this truth in your own work or ministry? What "messes" are worth enduring for the harvest they produce?

Proverbs 21:5-6 "The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty. A fortune made by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a deadly snare."
How do you see the contrast between diligence and haste playing out in your workplace or daily responsibilities? What might "haste" look like in your context?

Proverbs 23:4-5 "Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle."
What are some warning signs that work is becoming your master? How might our culture's view of success contribute to this problem?

Proverbs 3:24 "When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet."
What connection do you see between trusting God and experiencing true rest? How might anxiety about work affect our ability to rest well?

Proverbs 13:4 "A sluggard's appetite is never filled, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied."

How does this verse challenge the common assumption that working less leads to greater satisfaction? Share an experience where diligence in work brought you deeper satisfaction than taking the easy path.

Proverbs 16:2 "All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the LORD."

How might this verse apply to our motivations for work? What are some ways we can examine our work motivations before God?

Ephesians 2:8-10 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

How does the gospel free us from both workaholicism and laziness? What might it look like to work from a position of being saved rather than working to be saved?

WHAT'S ONE THING YOU ARE GOING TO PRAY ABOUT
BASED ON THE SERMON?

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IN RESPONSE TO HIS WORD, WHAT IS THE NEXT
STEP GOD IS CALLING YOU TO?

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WHO ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE MOST
IMPACTED IF YOU APPLIED THIS MESSAGE?

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Work is still _____ for us and other

Work _____ be your _____

Real _____ is tied to _____ in God

Work cannot be your enemy

Our _____ does not have the _____
to undo _____

Work cannot _____ you but _____
people are _____ to _____