

# Stewardship begins with a commitment to hard work.

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## INTRODUCTION:

- Where did you get your view of money & work?
- Have you ever considered *God's plan* for your money? God is very interested in the way we view money and the role of it in our lives.
- Today we will learn a critical principle that we must believe and apply: **God's plan for the Christian and his money begins with a commitment to hard work.**

## BIBLE STUDY: The Biblical View of Work

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of work:
  - a. To \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord – Genesis 1:28
  - b. To bring \_\_\_\_\_ – Proverbs 13:11
  - c. Work brings \_\_\_\_\_ – Proverbs 14:23
  - d. The goal of work is not to get \_\_\_\_\_ – Proverbs 23:4-5
  - e. To \_\_\_\_\_ for your family – Proverbs 28:19
  - f. To provide for our household/rebuke against \_\_\_\_\_ – Proverbs 31:27
  - g. To make an honest living & to \_\_\_\_\_ others – Ephesians 4:28
  - h. To make a \_\_\_\_\_ – 2 Thess. 3:12-13
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of refusing to work:
  - a. Refusing to work = \_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12
  - b. Not providing for your family is worse than the \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Timothy 5:8
  - c. Idleness leads to other \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Timothy 5:13
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ on those who refuse to work:
  - A. Forced \_\_\_\_\_ – Proverbs 12:24
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ / Wasteful – Proverbs 18:9
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ – Proverbs 19:15
  - D. \_\_\_\_\_ – Ecclesiastes 10:18

## APPLY: Why is work valuable?

1. Through work we \_\_\_\_\_ people. Our jobs give us the wonderful opportunity to engage with others on a daily basis. This can be one of the most fruitful mission fields in our life.
2. Through work we meet our own \_\_\_\_\_. Work allows us to exercise the gifts and abilities God gives each person, whether paid or unpaid.
3. Through work we meet our \_\_\_\_\_ needs. God expects the heads of households to provide for their families.
4. Through work we earn money to give to \_\_\_\_\_. In both the Old and New Testaments, God tells us to be generous in meeting the needs of the poor and those who minister to us spiritually.
5. Through work we \_\_\_\_\_ God. When we work, we are obeying His two great commandments to love Him and love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

TO DO: What is one specific way that this week's lesson has challenged your ideas about work?