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THE WAY OF WISDOM: WORK

Proverbs 6:6-11; 16:3

A THEOLOGY OF WORK (Part 1):

1. **God is a worker** (Genesis 1:31; John 5:17) - when you and I do our work well – we are imaging God.
2. **God commissioned our work.** (Genesis 1:28; 2:15)
3. **God uses our work to provide for our needs and the needs of others.** (Genesis 3:19;1 Timothy 5:8; Acts 20:35; Ephesians 4:28)
4. **God uses our work as a means of advancing His Gospel.** (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12; Colossians 3:23)
 - a. If you do not work at your job as unto the Lord, your coworkers probably don't want to hear your evangelistic presentation.
 - b. There are people who do the minimum work necessary just to get a paycheck. Those people better not be Christians.
 - c. If you proclaim your work ethic more than you demonstrate it, then there is a problem.

PROVERBS:

Hubbard: Work is one of the chief marks of wisdom. Israel's teachers never let their students forget that. The implications of diligence and laziness form the subject of some eighteen proverbs, almost one of every twenty in the collection that runs from 10:1-22:16. They do not cluster. Four are the most to be found in any chapter, but they insist on being heard, so central is their message to all for which Proverbs stands.

1. **Consider those who are foolish with their work.** (Proverbs 6:6-11; Psalm 127)
 - a. Fools will not work but are idle.
 - b. Fools make work an idol.
 - c. Fools make work their identity.
 - d. Fools think their work makes them indispensable.
2. **Consider those who are faithful with their work.** (Proverbs 16:3; 21:25-26)
 - a. For the wise, work begins inwardly.
 - b. The wise work with integrity.
 - c. The wise use work for influence.
 - d. The wise work as God's instruments.



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A THEOLOGY OF WORK (Part 2):

- 1. With Christ's life, death, and resurrection, the greatest and most difficult work has already been accomplished on our behalf. (John 17:4)**
- 2. We are His workmanship and have the privilege of joining Him in Kingdom work. (Ephesians 2:10)**