

The Path of Hard Work

Gen. 2:15 “The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.”

Deut. 5:13-14 “Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.”

Prov. 6:6-11 “Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest. How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.”

Prov. 10:4-5 “A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. He who gathers in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame.”

Prov. 12:11 “Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense.”

Prov. 12:24 “The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor.”

Prov. 13:4 “The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.”

Prov. 14:23 “In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty.”

Prov. 16:3 “Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established”

Prov. 18:9 “Whoever is slack in his work is a brother to him who destroys.”

Prov. 20:13 “Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty; open your eyes, and you will have plenty of bread.”

Prov. 21:5 “The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.”

Prov. 22:29 “Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.”

Prov. 23:21 “for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and slumber will clothe them with rags.”

Prov. 24:30-34 “I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man lacking sense, and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction. A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.”

Prov. 26:13-16 “The sluggard says, “There is a lion in the road! There is a lion in the streets!” As a door turns on its hinges, so does a sluggard on his bed. The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; it wears him out to bring it back to his mouth. The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can answer sensibly.”

Matt. 5:16 “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Acts 20:35 “In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Gal. 6:4-5 “But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.”

Gal. 6:9 “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

Eph. 4:28 “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”

Col. 3:17 “And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Col. 3:22-24 “Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

2 Thes. 3:10-12 “For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.”

1 Tim. 5:8 “But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

Titus 2:9-10 “Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.”