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# Work Hard

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**“Proverbs is intolerant of lazy people; they are considered the epitome of folly.” -Tremper Longman**

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# The Sluggard

- Sluggards start the day lazy.



## Proverbs 6:6-11 (ESV)

Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. <sup>7</sup> Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, <sup>8</sup> she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest. <sup>9</sup> How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? <sup>10</sup> A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to



# Proverbs 6:6-11 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> rest, <sup>11</sup> and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.



## Proverbs 24:30-34 (ESV)

I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man lacking sense, <sup>31</sup> and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. <sup>32</sup> Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction. <sup>33</sup> A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding



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# The Sluggard

- Sluggards start the day lazy.
- Sluggards are full of ridiculous excuses.



# Proverbs 26:13 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> The sluggard says, “There is a lion in the road! There is a lion in the streets!”



# The Sluggard

- Sluggards start the day lazy.
- Sluggards are full of ridiculous excuses.
- Sluggards are pathetic.



## Proverbs 26:14-16 (ESV)

As a door turns on its hinges, so does a sluggard on his bed. <sup>15</sup> The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; it wears him out to bring it back to his mouth. <sup>16</sup> The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can answer sensibly.



# The Dilligent

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# Proverbs 10:4-5 (ESV)

A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. <sup>5</sup> He who gathers in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame.



# What's Up with Work?:

- **Work is God's means of provision.**



# Proverbs 27:18 (ESV)

Whoever tends a fig tree will eat its fruit, and he who guards his master will be honored.



# Proverbs 12:11 (ESV)

Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense.



# What's Up with Work?:

- **Work is God's means of provision.**
- **Work is essential to what it means to be human.**



**“[The Bible is] an album of casual photographs of laborers...A book by workers, about workers, for workers – that is the Bible.”**

**-Paul Minear**

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# Genesis 2:15 (ESV)

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.



# What's Up with Work?:

- **Work is God's means of provision.**
- **Work is essential to what it means to be human.**
- **Work is hard.**



## **Genesis 3:17-19 (ESV)**

**And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat**



# Genesis 3:17-19 (ESV)

**<sup>18</sup> the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”**



# Proverbs 21:25-26 (ESV)

The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor. <sup>26</sup> All day long he craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back.



# What's Up with Work?:

- **Work is God's means of provision.**
- **Work is essential to what it means to be human.**
- **Work is hard.**
- **Work can get better.**



# Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.



**“No matter what you do, your job has inherent purpose and meaning because you are doing it ultimately for the King. Who you work for is more important than what you do...The world will tell you that life finds its meaning in success at work, or that work is just a necessary evil on the path to leisure. All those ways of thinking are lies. You *do* work for someone beyond your boss.**



**You work for Jesus.” –Traeger and Gilbert**



**All work is spiritual.**

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**Work from your identity  
not for your identity.**

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**“The only way to be productive is to realize you don’t have to be productive...Embracing the truth that God accepts us apart from good works is the precise thing that causes us to excel in good works.” –Matt Permean**



## **Titus 3:3-8 (ESV)**

**For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of**



## **Titus 3:3-8 (ESV)**

**<sup>5</sup> works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**



## **Titus 3:3-8 (ESV)**

**<sup>8</sup> The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.**



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