



**GOD WILL BLESS  
THE WORKS  
OF OUR HANDS**

📖 Deuteronomy 28:8

- ⊕ The Lord will command his blessing to all that we set our hands to
- ⊕ If we don't set our hands to something and start working, we can't expect any blessing

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*The Bible says – Deuteronomy 28:8 (NKJV)*

*“The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you”*

When we become active then the Lord will also get involved and command his blessing to flow through our hands.

So God's blessing is dependent on us being active.



**ACTION  
AND WORK**

Prayer answers are dependent on our actions and work

- ⊕ When we move
- ⊕ God moves with us, in us, through us, and for us



To become what God intended us to become, hard work is inevitable, whether we are to become ministers or businessmen/woman.



**HARD WORK  
CAN'T BE AVOIDED**

- ⊕ The yoke of Jesus
- ⊕ Diligence and a high work ethic is part of the character that God wants to create in us

💬 *God is not lazy in his nature, so how can we as his followers be*

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Some have the notion that if God calls them to something, the road to it will be so easy and smooth that they won't have to put in any big effort, because they have learned that the yoke of Jesus is mild and easy.

- Yes, it is, but not in a lazy way!
- It just means that there is joy and favor from God in what we do.

*“My Father has been working until now, and I have been working”  
(John 5:17)*

## HARD WORK

- ⊕ Hard, honest work has always been a trait for New Testament believers.
- ⊕ Man was given a calling to work from the very beginning of his existence
- ⊕ Work was not a cursed consequence that came after the fall of man, but a divine calling from the very beginning



We are not called to an eternal vacation but to produce and accomplish tasks God has given us on earth.



## DESTRUCTIVE THINKING

An idle life will invite destructive thinking and behavior



**The great reformer Martin Luther said:**

“work will promote health and wealth and will make many sins undone”

But after a good and hard day's work you will feel satisfied and happy.

It was after a full day's work for Adam that God came in the cool late afternoon to the garden of Eden to share fellowship with him (Gen 2: 8)

## HARD WORK WILL PAVE THE WAY TO PROSPERITY

📖 Prov 10:4    📖 Prov 13:4

- ⊕ There is a difference between just work and hard work
- ⊕ Just doing the work produces what is acceptable
- ⊕ Hard work produces what is excellent



*The bible says – Prov 10:4 (NKJV)*

*“He who has a slack hand becomes poor, but the hand of the diligent makes rich”*

*The bible says – Prov 13:4 (NKJV)*

*“...The soul of the diligent shall be made rich”*

There is a difference between just work and hard work. Only diligence and excellence will promote you to prosperity and abundance in business.

## WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE?

HEART, PASSION, ENERGY



- ⊕ You do excellent work when you don't just do what you have to do, but also put your heart and passion into the work
- ⊕ Committing yourself to the work will help you find the necessary energy for excellence

♥ Heart
♥ Passion
⚡ Energy

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## HARD WORK WILL PROMOTE YOU

📖 PROV 12:24



- ⊕ Hard, diligent work will make you stand out from the crowd
- ⊕ It will give you that little extra that will make people notice you

🎓 Example - Joseph

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*The Bible says – Prov 12:24 (NKJV)*

*“The hand of the diligent will rule”*

Even if people don't notice you at once, in due time God will see to your hidden diligence and promote you in the open.

## WORK AS YOU ARE SERVING CHRIST

📖 COL 3:22-25



- ⊕ To have a job gives your life structure, builds character and gives purpose to your everyday life.
- ⊕ To first be employed is the best preparation for starting your own business.

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*The bible says – Col 3:22-23 (The Message)*

*“Servants, do what you're told by your earthly masters. And don't just do the minimum that will get you by. Do your best. Work from the heart for your real Master, for God, confident that you'll get paid in full when you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you're serving is Christ. The Sullen servant who does shoddy work will be held responsible. Being a follower of Jesus doesn't cover up bad work. “*

## EVERYBODY HAS TO WORK

📖 EPH 4:28

📖 2 THES 3:10-12

All of us should work so that we can both provide for ourselves and contribute to others in need

Only diligent work can enable us to create enough material resources so we can help others who are in need

The Lord has called us to minister to others both spiritually and materially



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*The bible says – Ef 4:28 (NKJV)*

*“Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need”*

*The bible says – 2 Tess 3:10-12 (NKJV)*

*“For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all but are busybodies. Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread”*

## NO ONE SHOULD LIVE ON SOMEBODY ELSE'S MONEY

All of us have a personal responsibility to do what is right and work for our own bread

If it is hard to find a job, we must believe God to show us how to generate incomes and actively seek opportunities to provide ourselves and not become lazy and passive

🎓 Success comes from within and can be created by us



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There is always a way to make money if you are innovative.  
That kind of wisdom often comes from God.



DEVELOP  
YOUR  
SKILLS

📖 Prov 22:29



*The bible says – Prov 22:29 (NKJV)*

*“Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before unknown men”*

- One aspect of working smarter is to **achieve the same** in less time as you have done earlier or do more **in the same time.**

## HOW CAN WE EXCEL IN OUR WORK?

WHEN YOU NOT ONLY WORK HARD BUT ALSO WORK SMART

### IMPROVE YOUR WAY OF WORKING

- ⦿ Do more in less time
- ⦿ Use tools to get more efficient
- 🎓 *Constantly ask yourself how can I do this better than I have done it up until now?*



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When you perform better than your competitors, your service and products will be asked for and you will start to do a journey from the outskirts to the center of your society.

### LAZINESS

LAZINESS IS PART OF OUR FALLEN HUMAN NATURE



- ⦿ All of us are lazy in different parts of our life
- ⦿ Some people are very diligent in one area but lazy in another

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The area where we are diligent will prosper and enjoy peace and order, but the area which is neglected will be chaotic and suffering.

Some are working hard at their homes and jobs like Martha in the bible, but her spiritual life was not flourishing.

Her sister Mary had the opposite problem. She nourished her spiritual life but was weak in the practical area.

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We have to daily crucify our laziness and excuses for not taking responsibility for the area that the Lord has granted us in the family, the business, our church or whatever other area.

- Just do it!

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A lazy man is stupid, not because of lack of intellectual capacity but just because of his laziness. He doesn't understand that laziness will destroy his life and deprive him of all the good things he desires.



## ON EVERY FIELD WE PUT OUR...

...effort into and start to work on will begin to yield results

 Prov 24:30-34



Every field we put our effort into and start to work on will begin to yield fruit, but the one neglected will be overgrown.

*The bible says – Prov 24:30-34 (NKJV)*

*“I went by the field of the lazy man, and by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding; and there it was, all overgrown with thorns; its surface was covered with nettles; its stone wall was broken down. When I saw it, I considered it well; I looked on it and received instruction: a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest; so shall poverty come like a prowler, and your need like a armed man”*



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## HOW TO OVERCOME LAZINESS



- ⊖ Admit that you are lazy!
- ⊖ Create good routines!
- ⊖ Set goals and make deadlines!
- ⊖ Make yourself accountable to others!
- ⊖ Stop making excuses!
- ⊖ Do it now!
- ⊖ Be diligent!

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The goal of having a trouble-free life is not a vision, but a neglect of the talents and opportunities God has given us.

Often the lack of vision is the reason to laziness. A lazy person is a person without true vision for his/her life.

When you don't have a vision that has captured your heart, then there is no energy charging our whole being either.