



# **BLOCK 7**

## **THE CHARACTER OF A BUSINESSMAN**



### **HARD WORK – THE WAY TO PROSPERITY**

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# 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
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# 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



# 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*



# 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







# DESTRUCTIVE THINKING

An idle life will invite  
destructive thinking  
and behavior

# 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



# 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



# 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

# 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.

# 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






# 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



**HEY!!!**

**DO**

**YOU GET**

**THIS**

**MESSAGE?**

## **DISCUSS WITH A FELLOW STUDENT!**

- ➔ In which way is laziness a problem in our society?





# DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS

 Prov 22:29



# 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?*



# 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

# THE AREA WHERE WE ARE DILIGENT WILL PROSPER AND ENJOY PEACE AND ORDER



but the area which is neglected  
will be chaotic and suffering



# WE ALWAYS HAVE TO FIGHT OURSELVES

The only way to overcome laziness is to admit that we are lazy

Start to subdue our inner resistance to prepare, get started and finish what we ought to do

🎓 *We have to daily crucify our laziness and excuses for not taking responsibility*





# ON EVERY FIELD WE PUT OUR...

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

 Prov 24:30-34



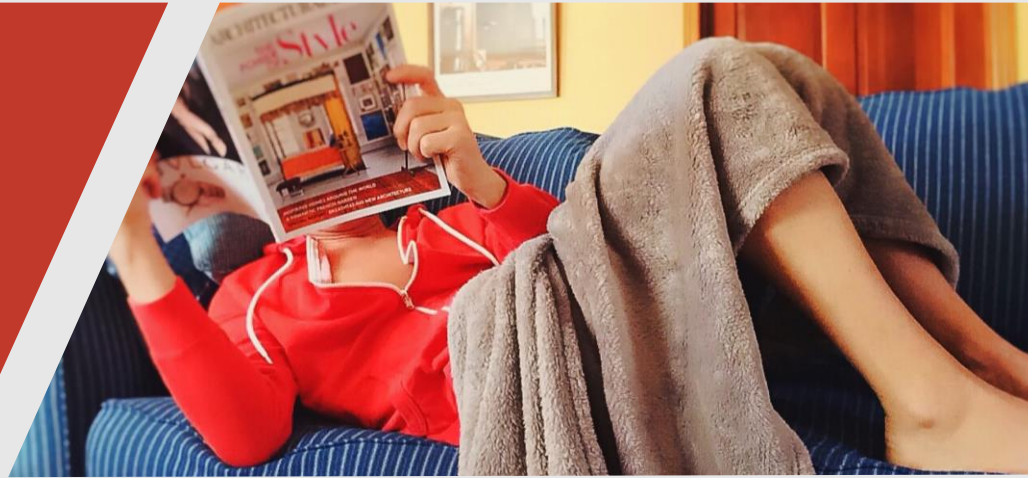


# **BUT THE ONE NEGLECTED**

... will be overgrown!



# 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!

**HOMEWORK**

**NOW**

**WHAT**

**ABOUT**

**ME?**

**HOME  
WORK**

- ➔ Answer the questions  
in the Assignment Form

**THANK**  
**YOU GUYS**  
**THAT'S ALL FOR THIS MOMENT**