

Culture Shock Part 7 - Sunday

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- Work Was Modeled by GOD

Genesis 2:1, *Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. 2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.*

Psalm 19:1, *The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.*

- Work Is Part of God's IMAGE

Genesis 1:27, *So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

- **Work Preceded the FALL**

Genesis 2:15, *The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.*

- Work Became Harder After SIN

Genesis 3:17, *... "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. 18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food..."*

- Work Benefits Us and OTHERS

Leviticus 23:22, *"When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the LORD your God."*

1 Timothy 5:8, *Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and*

especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

2 Thessalonians 3:7, *For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, 8 nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. 9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."*

Biblical Thoughts on Success at Work:

1 Corinthians 10:31, *So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*

1) Hard Work PAYS OFF

Proverbs 14:23, *All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.*

Proverbs 18:9, *One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys.*

Proverbs 12:11, *Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no sense.*

2) Skilled Work Gets NOTICED

Proverbs 22:29, *Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank.*

Proverbs 12:24, *Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in forced labor.*

3) Committed Work Secures BLESSINGS

Proverbs 16:3, *Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.*

Proverbs 10:4, *Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.*

Matthew 5:16, *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*