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WORK MATTERS TO GOD

Colossians 3:23, *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

“What is the Christian understanding of work?... [It] is that work is not, primarily, a thing one does to live, but the thing one lives to do. It is, or it should be, the full expression of the worker’s faculties... the medium in which he offers himself to God.”

- **Tim Keller, Every Good Endeavor**

The LAZY Fool

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

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

Proverbs 6:6, *Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! 7 It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, 8 yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. 9 How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? 10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest - 11 and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.*

Proverbs 13:4, *A sluggard’s appetite is never filled, but the desires*

of the diligent are fully satisfied.

Proverbs 21:17, *Whoever loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and olive oil will never be rich.*

Proverbs 26:16, *A sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven people who answer discreetly.*

Proverbs 24:30, *I went past the field of a sluggard, past the vineyard of someone who has no sense; 31 thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins. 32 I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw. 33 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest - 34 and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.*

The GREEDY Fool

Proverbs 15:16, *Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil. 17 Better a small serving of vegetables with love than a fattened calf with hatred.*

Proverbs 11:24, *One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. 25 A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. 26 People curse the one who hoards grain, but they pray God's blessing on the one who is willing to sell.*

Proverbs 28:25, *The greedy stir up conflict, but those who trust in the Lord will prosper.*

The PURPOSELESS Fool

Proverbs 16:2, *All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord. 3 Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.*

Proverbs 3:5, *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.*

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

“FEAR GOD AND WORK HARD.”

- David Livingstone