

HOW IS YOUR WORK?

How Is Your Soul? Part 3

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So what do people get in this life for all their hard work?

Ecclesiastes 2:22 NLT

The Lazy Worker

The fool sits back and takes it easy, His sloth is slow suicide.

Ecclesiastes 4:5 MSG

The Workaholic

I have noticed something else in life that is useless. Here is someone who lives alone. He has no son, no brother, yet he is always working, never satisfied with the wealth he has. For whom is he working so hard and denying himself any pleasure? This is useless too and a miserable way to live. Ecclesiastes 4:8 GN

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT WORK

1. God Designed Me With Talents, Gifts, And Interests That He Wants Used _____.

"We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

2. If Christ Isn't _____, Then He Really Isn't Lord Of My Life.

For followers of Christ, work is an act of worship.

Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service and pleasing to Him. This is the true worship you should offer. Romans 12:1 GN

HOW CAN I WORSHIP GOD THROUGH WORK?

1. By Working As Though I'm _____.

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

Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.

Rom 12:11 NLT

2. By Having _____ As My #1 Motive For Work.

Do all your work in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14 GN

1. _____ others unconditionally.

Accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. Rom. 15:7 NLT

2. _____ others continually.

Encourage one another and build each other up... 1 Thess. 5:11

3. _____ others willingly.

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. 43 But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:42-45 NLT

Matt 16:25 NIV

Whoever loses his life for me will find it.

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*