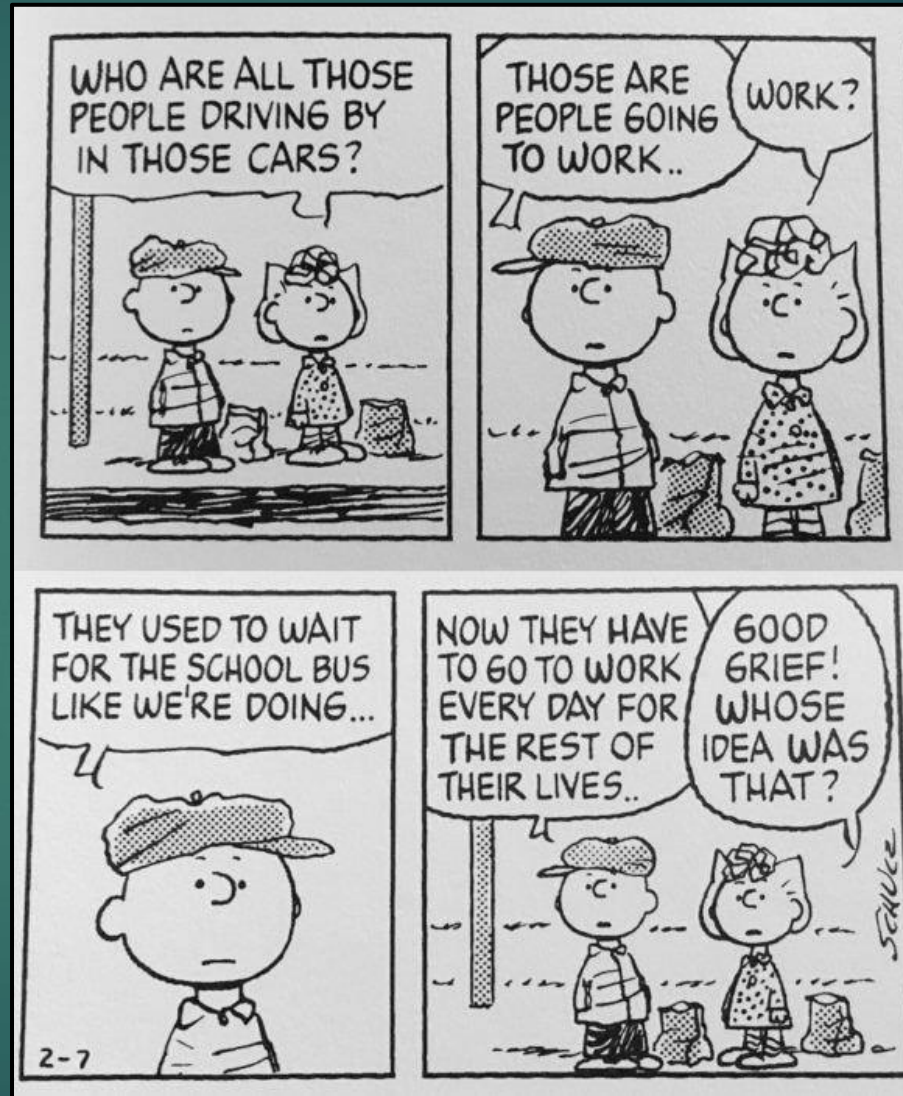


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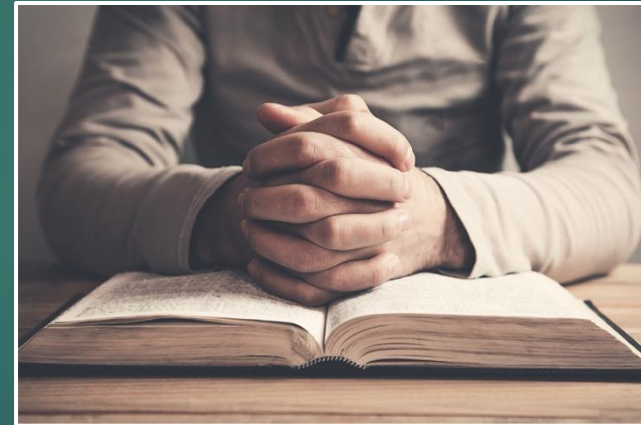
1 TIMOTHY 6:1-2A

Charlie Brown and Sally



The First Affirmation ...

- ▶ Work is an important component of who we are and what makes life meaningful.



Genesis 2:15

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

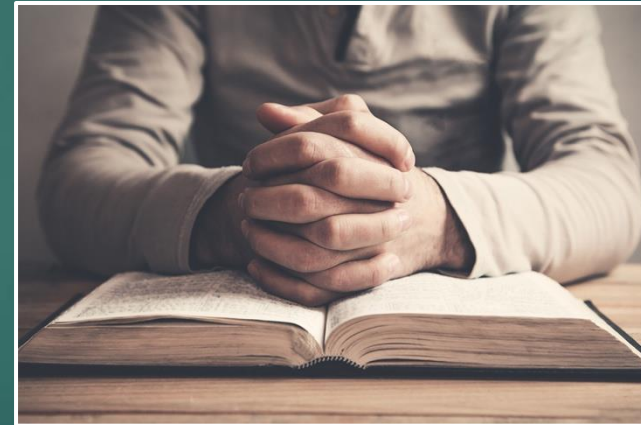
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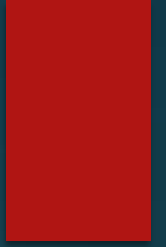
²⁸ And God blessed them.

And God said to them, “Be fruitful (go to work and be productive) and multiply (have babies) and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

The Second Affirmation ...

- ▶ Our need to work is rooted in the character of God.





Genesis 1:31

³¹ And God saw everything that he had made (the work of His hands over the six days of creation), and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

John 5:17

¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”



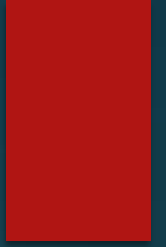
Mark 10:43b-45

43b But whoever would be great among you must be your servant (someone who works and serves others), **44** and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.
45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

The Third Affirmation ...

- ▶ Work is good for us.





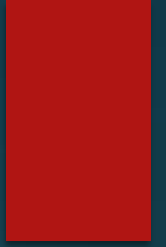
Why is work good for us?

- ▶ Provides opportunity to create and build
- ▶ Learn new skills
- ▶ Build relationships
- ▶ Learn teamwork
- ▶ Gain financial independence
- ▶ Gain the financial ability to bless others

The Fourth Affirmation ...

- ▶ Work is required by God.





Exodus 34:21

²¹ “Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest. In plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-11

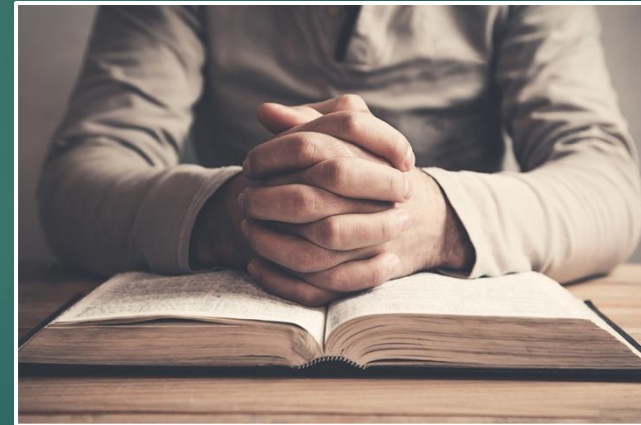
¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies.

1 Timothy 5:8

⁵ But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

The Fifth Affirmation ...

- ▶ The fall made work challenging and sometimes difficult.



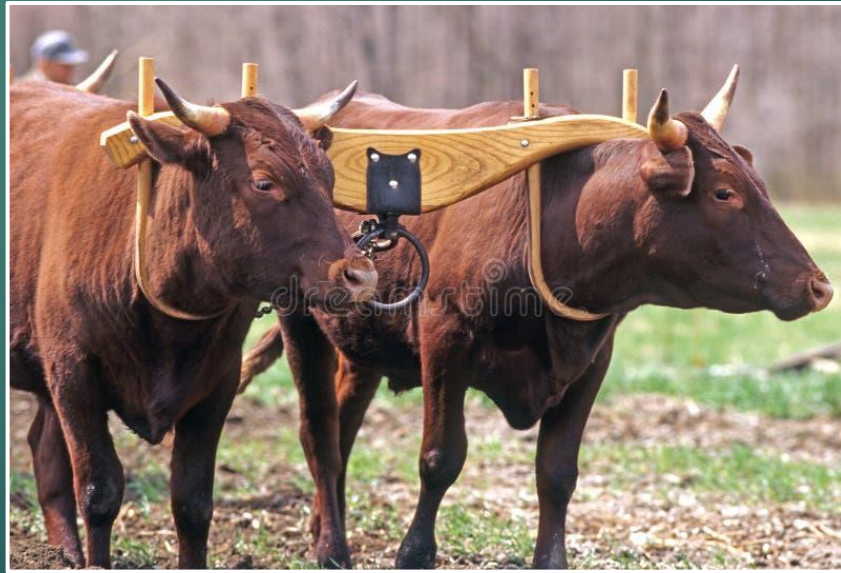
Genesis 3:17-19

¹⁷ And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

1 Timothy 6:1a

¹ Let all who are under a yoke as bondservants regard their own masters as worthy of all honor, ...



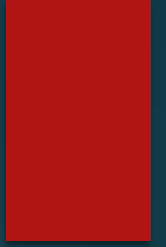
The Importance of a Good Education



The Sixth Affirmation ...

- ▶ Satan seeks to distort and sabotage God's view of work.



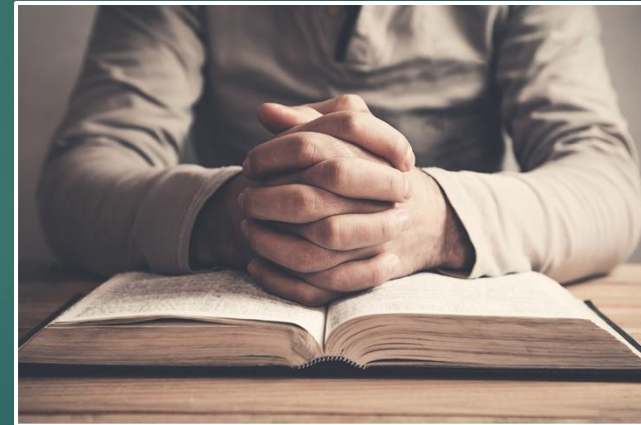


Satanic Ideology

- ▶ Work is a necessary evil.
- ▶ A life of leisure is best.
- ▶ Retire as soon as you're able.
- ▶ Force others to work for you.
- ▶ Oppress the helpless to your advantage.
- ▶ Push economic systems that diminish personal responsibility and reward.

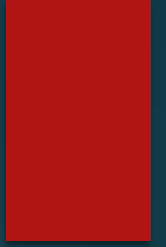
The Seventh Affirmation ...

- ▶ Both masters and workers are to treat one another with respect and honor.



1 Timothy 6:1b

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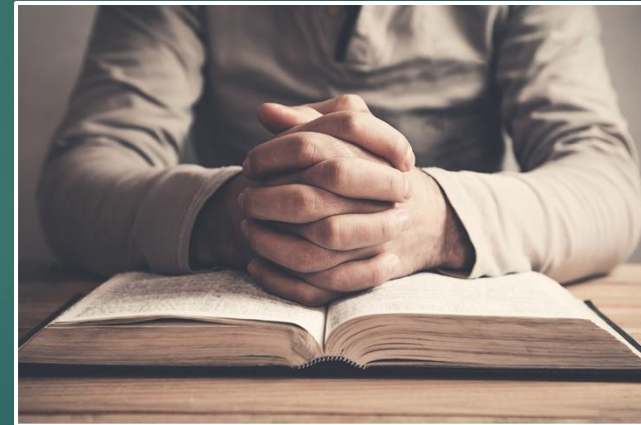


How might we show honor?

- ▶ Show up on time.
- ▶ Have a good servant-like attitude.
- ▶ Aim to please.
- ▶ Don't complain and criticize.
- ▶ Exceed expectations.

The Eighth Affirmation ...

- ▶ Our work ethic is a reflection on God and the truths of God's Word.

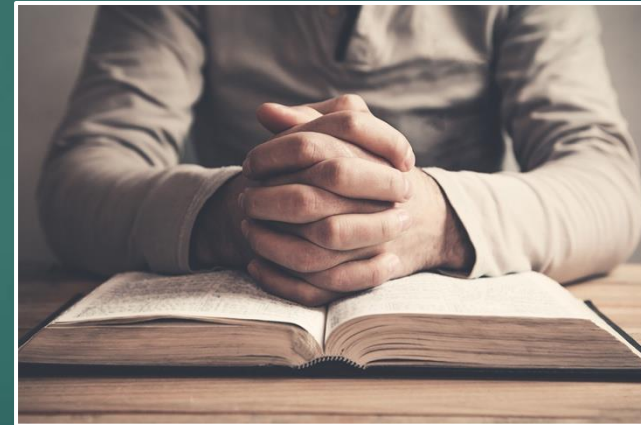


1 Timothy 6:1c

¹ Let all who are under a yoke as bondservants regard their own masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be reviled.

The Ninth Affirmation ...

- ▶ If one's master is a brother or sister in Christ, they deserve an extra measure of respect and honor.



1 Timothy 6:2

² Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful on the ground that they are brothers; rather they must serve all the better since those who benefit by their good service are believers and beloved.

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