

God's Wisdom: More Valuable Than Gold

“Be Wise About Work”

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Proverbs 6:6-12

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- A. Whose idea is it that we should have _____ and be _____? _____ (Gen. 3:17b-19; 2:15).
- B. Rather than seeing work as a _____, we should thank God we have _____ to do and are _____ to do the work.
- C. Proverbs has a lot to say about the _____ of working (Pr. 10:4-5; 14:23).
- D. Proverbs encourages us to keep a balance in our lives and to not _____ too much and not to seek too much _____ (Pr. 23:4-5).
- E. Rather than warning us about the danger of working too _____, the majority of the Proverbs warn about working too _____.
- F. Let's keep in mind that there are some people who are _____ and who literally cannot work for a living.
- G. The Proverbs that address laziness do not apply to those who _____ work, but focus on those who _____ work.
- H. The “slacker” or “sluggard” is described in Proverbs 26:13-16 in these ways:
1. He always has an _____ for why he can't work—like a lion in the road.
 2. He is so lazy all he does is turn in his _____ like a _____ on its hinges.
 3. He is so lazy he can't even bring his hand from the _____ to his _____.
 4. Most dangerous of all: He thinks he is _____ than everyone else.
- I. The slacker has _____ and ambitions, but just doesn't have the _____ to realize them (Pr. 13:4; 20:4).
- J. The wise teacher of Proverbs offers a _____ for the slacker (Pr. 6:6-11).
1. He points to the _____ and says to follow their example in being _____ and _____.
- K. The laziness of the slacker results in an untended _____ and a broken down _____ (Pr. 24:30-34).
- L. Paul taught the Thessalonians two reasons to work: (1) so they wouldn't be _____, and (2) to leave a good impression on _____ (1 Thess. 4:9-12).
- M. In his second letter to the Thessalonians, Paul said that no Christian should be _____ or a _____ (2 Thess. 3:6-12).
- N. When a person becomes a Christian, they must live by a new _____ (Eph. 4:27).
- O. When it comes to life and work, there is a _____ way and an _____ way, but the _____ way becomes the _____ way, and visa versa.
- P. The illustration of Harlan _____ and _____.
- Q. God has called us to the hard way of _____ and _____ work.
- R. Our most important work is God's _____.

Answer Key: A. work, workers, God. B. curse, work, able. C. importance. D. work, money. E. much, little. F. disabled. G. can't, won't. H.1. excuse. H.2. bed, door. H.3. bowl, mouth. H.4. smarter. I. dreams, motivation. J. solution. J.1. ant, self-motivated, forward-thinking. K. field, wall. L. dependent, outsiders. M. idle, busybodies. N. ethic. O. hard, easy, easy, hard. P. Sanders, Kentucky, Fried, Chicken. Q. honest, faithful. R. kingdom, business.