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Wisdom to be Productive - Jan. 31

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2. Read Proverbs 6:6-11. What lesson does the author want us to learn from the ants?
3. Consider your “work” right now (whether you earn an income, or whether you are a stay-at-home parent, student, volunteer, etc).
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 - b. Do you tend to think about how your work contributes to God’s dream for society or do you primarily think about how your work contributes to *your* life?
 - c. Based on the definition of “calling” from the message, would you say that you are living out your calling?
4. Read through the Proverbs listed in the Sequoia Notes for each of the three characteristics of productive workers (diligence, integrity, and God-dependence). Then, for each characteristic discuss the following:
 - a. Do you see this characteristic or its opposite lived out in your place of work (business, school, neighborhood, home, etc)?
 - b. Do you currently find this characteristic challenging to live out? Why or why not?
 - c. Give a practical example of how you could intentionally practice this characteristic in your work this coming week.
5. What do you sense God is saying to you about how you view and do your work, and what will you do in response?
6. Read Matthew 11:28-30. Jesus promises rest to His followers. But not a complete *stop* from everything. We still to have a “yoke” to wear--work to do. But Jesus promises that when we do it *His* way, it will not lead to exhaustion or heavy burden. If you feel weary and carry heavy burdens from your work these days, receive this invitation of Jesus. Go to Him, ask Him to teach you and receive the rest for your soul that He promises.



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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...



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With Aaron Richert
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January 31, 2016

Proverbs 6:6-8

- ⁶ Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones.
Learn from their ways and become wise!
- ⁷ Though they have no prince
or governor or ruler to make them work,
- ⁸ they labor hard all summer,
gathering food for the winter.

A biblical understanding of WORK:

Work is GOOD.

Genesis 2:9-10, 15
Genesis 1:27-28
Ephesians 2:10

All work MATTERS.

Genesis 2:1-3, Mark 6:2-3

When choosing work, consider two things:

1. How you can contribute to God's KINGDOM DREAM.
(Matthew 6:10, 33)
2. Your CALLING.

Work is to be done WELL.

Colossians 3:17 (NIV) "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

Productivity is not simply about getting MORE DONE.

Productivity is about getting the RIGHT THINGS DONE in the RIGHT WAY.

Biblical wisdom for being productive in your work:

Work with DILIGENCE, not LAZINESS.

Proverbs 6:6-8

Proverbs 13:4

Proverbs 14:23

Work with INTEGRITY, not DISHONESTY.

Proverbs 16:8

Proverbs 28:20

Work with GOD-DEPENDENCE, not SELF-DEPENDENCE.

Proverbs 16:3

Proverbs 19:21

Big Idea: To be truly productive, do your work with diligence, integrity, and God-Dependence.

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service
are from the New Living Translation(NLT).*