

2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

Warning Against Idleness

Work was God's idea and part of His plan from the beginning. God worked for 6 days finishing all his work that he had done in creation and then He rested on the 7th day. God first established both work and rest.

“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.”

Genesis 2:1-3 ESV

<https://bible.com/bible/59/gen.2.1-3.ESV>

“These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.”

Genesis 2:4-8 ESV

<https://bible.com/bible/59/gen.2.4-8.ESV>

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.”

Genesis 2:15 ESV

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God formed man, planted a beautiful garden and gave him a job to do to work it and keep it! We were created to work tending and guarding God's creation.

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:10 ESV

<https://bible.com/bible/59/eph.2.10.ESV>

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Colossians 3:17 ESV

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“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.”

Colossians 3:23-25 ESV

<https://bible.com/bible/59/col.3.23-25.ESV>

“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.”

1 Timothy 5:8 ESV

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“For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.”

1 Thessalonians 2:9 ESV

<https://bible.com/bible/59/1th.2.9.ESV>

“But we urge you, brothers...aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.”

1 Thessalonians 4:10-12 ESV

<https://bible.com/bible/59/1th.4.10-12.ESV>

“And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with

me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'””

Acts 20:32-35 ESV

<https://bible.com/bible/59/act.20.32-35.ESV>

There is a difference between being content, resting and trusting in the Lords provision and being idle.

We seek to be a people after Gods own Heart! His love should be the motivation of our hearts in all we do. To love him more and more and love one another.

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

John 14:27 ESV

<https://bible.com/bible/59/jhn.14.27.ESV>