

Wisdom in the Workplace
Pro Tips Message Series Week 4

Proverbs

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Why We Work

(Ephesians 2:10; Ecclesiastes 5:18-20, 12:13)

- Work was established by God before the fall of man.
- The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

Genesis 2:15, ESV

Wise Workers Have a Strong Work Ethic

(Proverbs 28:19, 21:5, 13:11, 6:6-11, 18:9, 13:22;
2 Thessalonians 3:10)

- Ethics: moral principles that govern a person's behavior or the conducting of an activity.
- “Those who wish even to focus on the problem of a Christian ethic are faced with an outrageous demand from the outset...they must give up, as inappropriate to this topic, the very two questions that led them to deal with the ethical problem: 'How can I be good?' and 'How can I do something good?' Instead they must ask the wholly other, completely different question: 'What is the will of God?'”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Wise Workers Acknowledge Jesus in All They Do
(Proverbs 16:11, 22:29)

- Whether an employer or employee...we all work for someone.
- Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. 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.
Colossians 3:22-24, ESV
- Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.
Proverbs 3:27, ESV
- Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
Matthew 11:28-30, ESV