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The Importance of Diligent Work
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A. The Importance of Diligent Work

1. (Prov. 10:4-5; 12:11, 24, 27; 13:4, 11 all NLT) One of the primary causes of lack and poverty according to the proverbs is laziness, an unwillingness to work.
2. (Eph. 2:10 AMP/NLT) There's more to your work than just a paycheck. You are God's workmanship (masterpiece) created to do His good works.
    a. (Matt. 5:13-16 MSG; 2 Cor. 5:20 AMP) the Big picture – our work is for more than just making a living it's part of representing the kingdom.
3. (Gen. 2:1-2 NLT; John 5:16-17 NLT) God works and we are made to do some type of work. You cannot succeed if you don't work!
    a. (Acts 18:1-3; 2 Thess. 3:6-15) If you don't work you're not supposed to eat!
    b. (1 Tim. 5:[7-8 NKJV], [9-18 NLT]) widows and pastors.
4. The proverbs repeatedly teach the importance and value of diligent, hard work.
    a. (Prov. 24:27 AMP) prepare your work before you start a family and build a home.
    b. (Prov. 18:16 NKJV; Eccl. 3:11-13 AMP; Prov. 19:21 AMP) Identify your gifts. Your gifts coincide with your purpose.
    c. Do work that is in sync with your gifts and work hard at it.
        - (Prov. 6:6-11 NLT)
        - (Prov. 10:26 NLT)
        - (Prov. 14:23 NKJV)

- (Prov. 15:19 NLT)
- (Prov. 16:26 NIV)
- (Prov. 18:9 AMP)
- (Prov. 19:15, 24 NLT)
- (Prov. 20:4, 13 NLT)
- (Prov. 21:5 NLT, 25-26 AMP)
- (Prov. 22:13, 29 NLT)
- (Prov.23:4-5 NKJV)
- (Prov. 24:30-34 NLT)
- (Prov. 26:13-16 NLT)
- (Prov. 27:18 NLT)
- (Prov. 28:19 NLT)
- (Prov. 31:13-27 NLT)