

JESUS IS COMING SOON... NOW WHAT?
THE CHRISTIAN WORK ETHIC
2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-18
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“Work is an act of worship.”

What we need to know about a Christian and Work

- 1) Those who are able to _____, should _____. God commands all _____ to _____.
Genesis 2:15, Hebrews 10:24-25, 1 Peter 4:10-11, Romans 12:4-8, Ephesians 4:11-16, Galatians 5:13
- 2) Work like _____ is your _____. He is!
Colossians 3:23-24, 1 Corinthians 10:31
- 3) _____ is a dangerous sin! It damages both the individual and the church.
 - ✓ Some are lazy.
 - ✓ Laziness leads to other sins – like meddling in other people’s business.2 Thessalonians 3:10-12, Colossians 3:23-24, 1 Timothy 5:8, Matthew 25:14-30, Proverbs 6:6-11, 10:4, 13:4, 15:19, 21:25-26
- 4) Focus on _____! Focus on the things of God!
- 5) _____ and _____ work brings glory to Christ.
 - ✓ Those who honor Christ focus on what they need to do.
- 6) Take time to _____ and _____.
Exodus 20:8-10
- 7) In all things, make sure _____ is at the _____.

Bible Study Notes Based Upon 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 August 2, 2026

How do we spend our time? OUR TIME BELONGS TO GOD.

*****Is our time being used productively for our LORD, or are we wasting our time and testimony?**

GOD CREATED US TO WORK, - Work is not a punishment, it is part of God's good design, before sin entered the world, Adam was given meaningful work. – See Genesis 2:15

GOD HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE NEED TO BE A GREAT WORKER FOR HIS GLORY, AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF HIS FAMILY. God has given every believer gifts, skills, abilities, and opportunities to glorify Him through honest labor.

This week as we consider how we spend our time, consider 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12, Ephesians 4:28, 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, Colossians 3:23-24, Proverbs 14:23

Think about some of the reasons why Christians should work and be known as hard and honest workers.

- ✓ **Honor God** (Colossians 3:23-24)
- ✓ **Provide for our families** (1 Timothy 5:8)
- ✓ **Help those in need** (Ephesians 4:28)
- ✓ **Earn the respect of unbelievers** (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)
- ✓ **Avoid idleness and disorder** (2 Thessalonians 3:6-13)
- ✓ **Be a faithful steward of God's gifts** (Matthew 25:14-30)

What would the world say about our work ethic?

As followers of Christ, are we known as – Faithful, Honest, Dependable, Industrious, Excellent in our work, Grateful for the opportunity to serve and Willing to help others

Our workplace is often our greatest mission field.

Remember...Our job may be our occupation, but our calling is to glorify Christ.

Whether you are a teacher, mechanic, nurse, farmer, student, retiree, business owner, factory worker, stay-at-home parent, volunteer, etc. your work matters to God.

"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." —1 Corinthians 10:31

Thought for the week:

People should see Jesus not only in what we say, but also in how faithfully and diligently we work.